



Lexile Measures in the Classroom



“Lexile measures” defined

The Lexile Framework[®] for Reading is a scientific approach to measuring student reading ability and the difficulty of text. The Lexile Framework places both student and texts on the same developmental scale to accurately match each student with appropriately challenging materials. A Lexile[®] measure for either students or texts is a simple number followed by an “L” (for example, 850L). The Lexile scale ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and materials to above 1700L for advanced readers and materials. Both the Lexile measure and Lexile scale are integral parts of the Lexile Framework.

How Lexile measures work

Many standardized reading tests and instructional programs report student reading scores as Lexile measures. The Lexile measure then allows educators to match individual students with books and articles at the same Lexile measure with the confidence that these materials will provide an appropriate level of challenge for the student, while maintaining interest and learning. Lexile measures can be used both to promote reading progress and to assign the right level of reading materials in other curriculum areas. Lexile measures are flexible enough to be used as part of any reading program.

Manage students’ reading comprehension

Lexile measures allow educators to manage comprehension. Matching a student’s Lexile measure to a text with the same Lexile measure leads to an expected 75% comprehension rate—not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to be challenging and to encourage reading progress. Educators can further adjust anticipated comprehension simply by choosing more or less difficult texts within a student’s Lexile range, which spans 50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure.

Track progress on a day-to-day basis

Lexile measures help educators manage day-to-day work in the classroom by using the same consistent measure to provide students with interim assessment and feedback. Educators use students’ Lexile measures to set measurable goals, monitor and evaluate reading programs, and easily track progress without additional testing.



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Apply Lexile measures across the curriculum

More than 150 publishers have Lexile measures for their titles, enabling educators to link all the different components of the curriculum. With students' Lexile measures, educators can connect them with tens of thousands of books (available at www.Lexile.com) and tens of millions of newspaper and magazine articles (through popular periodical databases) that also have Lexile measures.

Using Lexile measures in the classroom

- Develop individualized reading lists that are tailored to provide appropriately challenging reading.
- Enhance thematic teaching by building a bank of titles at varying levels that not only support the theme, but provide a way for all students to successfully participate in the theme.
- Use as an additional organizing tool when sequencing materials and scheduling reading assignments. For example, educators might choose one book a month for students to read. In addition to considering the topic, educators could increase the difficulty of the books throughout the year. This approach also is useful when utilizing a core program or textbook that is set up in anthology format. (Educators may need to rearrange the order of the anthologies to best meet the students' needs.)
- Choose texts lower in a student's Lexile range when factors make the reading situation more challenging, threatening or unfamiliar. Choose texts at or above a student's Lexile range to stimulate growth when a topic is of interest to the student or when additional support, such as background teaching or discussion, is available.
- Use "Find a Book" (at www.Lexile.com) to support book selection and create booklists within a student's Lexile range to help the student make informed choices when selecting texts.



The Lexile Framework for Reading

The Lexile Framework is an indispensable part of any type of reading program. Lexile measures give educators the confidence to choose materials that can improve student reading skills and take the guesswork out of matching readers with appropriate texts. When educators know a student's Lexile measure, they can tell with a great deal of accuracy which books best fit the student's reading ability.



For more information, and to search for books at your students' Lexile level, visit www.Lexile.com.



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MetaMetrics[®], Inc., an educational measurement organization, develops scientifically based measures of student achievement that link assessment with instruction, foster better educational practices and improve learning by matching students with materials that meet and challenge their abilities. MetaMetrics' renowned psychometric team developed the widely adopted Lexile Framework for Reading; El Sistema Lexile para Leer, the Spanish-language version of the Lexile Framework; The Quantile Framework[®] for Mathematics; and The Lexile Framework for Writing. For more information, visit www.MetaMetricsInc.com.

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