THEN vs NOW
The Evolution of the Lexile Analyzer®

See how the science behind measuring text complexity has advanced through the years...

LEXILE®

Lexile Analyzer Developed
First version of the Lexile Analyzer is developed using The American Heritage Word Frequency Book (Carroll et al, 1971).

1986

1997

Corpus Expanded
Corpus of words is updated to 5 million.

Spanish Analyzer Developed
Spanish Analyzer is developed and books written in Spanish receive Lexile measures.

1998

2001

Lexile Codes Introduced
Lexile Codes are offered to provide more information about a book that relates to its developmental appropriateness and common or intended usage.

Corpus Expanded
Corpus of words is updated to 540 million words.

2004

2008

Corpus Updated
Lexile Analyzer is updated to include British spelling conventions. The Corpus for the Spanish Lexile Analyzer is updated to 30 million words.

BEGINNING READER ENHANCEMENTS
Scale is extended below 0L for more precise measurement of early-reading books. Lexile Analyzer is enhanced to include a 9-variable model to better measure materials read in the early grades.

Infrastructure Improvements
Infrastructure improvements are made including more than doubling words in corpus to 1.4 billion words and expanding coverage of British spelling conventions.

2017

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