



LEXILE FRAMEWORK FOR READING

Lexile measures provide a scientific approach to improve reading.

FEATURED FREE TOOLS

The **FIND A BOOK TOOL** (fab.lexile.com) matches interests and reading level to help find “just right” books and create booklists.

The **LEXILE POWERV® VOCABULARY TOOL** (Lexile.com/educators/powerv) generates vocabulary lists from over 125,000 popular books identifying up to 10 challenging words in each book.

For more information, visit Lexile.com.

The Lexile Framework® for Reading is a scientific approach to reading that places both readers and texts on the same measurement scale. About half of all U.S. students receive Lexile® measures from national, state and local assessments.

Lexile measures are represented by a number followed by an “L” (such as “800L”) and range from below OL for beginning readers to above 1600L. Research shows that 1300L or above is the target Lexile measure for students to be ready for college and career in reading.

Currently, more than 300,000 books from publishers, online booksellers and education programs, and over 100 million websites and online books and articles have Lexile text measures. More than 600 publishers have Lexile measures for their titles, and the nation’s largest periodical database services provide Lexile measures for newspaper and magazine articles.

Using Lexile measures can help you to:

- **Connect** students with reading materials at the right challenge level.
- **Communicate and engage** with students regarding reading choices and progress.
- **Collaborate** with other educators to develop special collections and support student reading.
- **Analyze and develop** the library’s collection to meet the needs of each student.



The Lexile Analyzer®

Use this free tool to get an estimated Lexile measure for texts and passages that have not been measured.

VISIT [LEXILE.COM/EDUCATORS/
THE-LEXILE-ANALYZER](https://www.lexile.com/educators/the-lexile-analyzer)

Here are two sample passages measured by the Lexile Analyzer:

TEXT PASSAGE AT 380L

Geckos are lizards. They can be found all over the world. They usually live in warm areas. Most geckos sleep during the day. They are awake at night. Birds, snakes, and other animals hunt geckos. Geckos must be careful. They have a few ways to get away. Geckos can lose their tails. Geckos can do this to get away from another animal. The other animal grabs a gecko's tail. It thinks it has caught the gecko, but it has really only caught its tail. The gecko gets away. Later, the gecko will grow a new tail.

SIMILAR TEXT PASSAGE AT 1020L

Geckos are found all over the world, usually in tropical and temperate climates. These lizards, most of which are nocturnal, have unique abilities that enable them to protect themselves from predators. Perhaps their most valuable defense is their detachable tail. When a gecko is captured, it can shed its tail, providing enough of a distraction for it to escape.

CONNECT STUDENTS WITH "JUST RIGHT" READING

Lexile measures provide you with valuable information about students' abilities as well as text difficulty. Using Lexile measures, students can be matched with reading materials more precisely than grade or age indicators allow. Within a classroom, there will be a wide range of students' Lexile measures ([Lexile.com/educators/grade-range](https://www.lexile.com/educators/grade-range)).

TYPICAL READER MEASURES BY GRADE

GRADE	LEXILE READER MEASURES
1	BR120L to 295L
2	170L to 545L
3	415L to 760L
4	635L to 950L
5	770L to 1080L
6	855L to 1165L
7	925L to 1235L
8	985L to 1295L
9	1040L to 1350L
10	1085L to 1400L
11 & 12	1130L to 1440L

When a text's measure matches a reader's measure, there is an expected 75 percent comprehension rate. For example, a reader with a Lexile measure of 1000L is expected to comprehend approximately 75 percent of a 1000L book. At a 75 percent comprehension rate, readers should not be frustrated by the text's difficulty, but should encounter new vocabulary and sentence structures that promote reading growth.

You can check the expected comprehension rates of books for a particular student on Find a Book (fab.lexile.com) by using the "For a Particular Reader" calculator on a book's detail page. Although a Lexile text measure is based on text complexity alone, the Find a Book tool incorporates subject matter, age and a reader's interests to further enhance book selection. The Lexile measure of a learner or of a text should not be the only consideration in selecting reading material.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BEGINNING READERS

The Lexile scale has been extended for beginning readers and texts. A Beginning Reader (BR) code is given to readers and texts that have measures below OL on the Lexile scale. A Lexile measure of BR100L indicates that the Lexile measure is 100 units below OL. Just like -10 degrees is higher (warmer) than -30 degrees on a thermometer, a BR100L book is more complex than a BR300L book. Find out more about beginning readers and the Lexile scale at [Lexile.com/beginning-readers](https://www.lexile.com/beginning-readers).

COMMUNICATE & ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS & PARENTS

Lexile measures make it easier for you to partner with students and parents in pacing and tracking progress. Parents can use their child's Lexile measures to connect them to reading materials and resources at [Lexile.com/parent-resources](https://www.lexile.com/parent-resources).

