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

What Are Lexile Measures?
Lexile measures are represented by a number followed by an “L” (such as “800L”) and range from below 0L for beginning readers and texts to above 1600L for advanced readers and texts. With Lexile measures, you can connect students with reading materials at the right challenge level.

Match Readers With Texts on the Lexile Scale
A Lexile reading measure describes a student’s reading ability. Connecting students with books in their Lexile range – 100L below to 50L above their reported Lexile measure – provides an ideal level of reading challenge.

A Lexile text measure tells you how challenging a text is to comprehend. Over 100 million books, articles and websites have Lexile text measures.

LEXILE TEXT MEASURE
- 1300L TO BE COLLEGE-AND CAREER-READY
- 1140L COLD MOUNTAIN
- 950L BUD, NOT BUDDY

LEXILE READING MEASURE
- 700L
- 600L
- 500L
- 400L
- 300L
- 200L
- 100L
- OL
- BR100L
- BR200L
- BEGINNER

“THESE BOOKS ARE TARGETED TO MY READING ABILITY:
The BFG 720L
Charlotte’s Web 680L
Twister on Tuesday 570L

“MY LEXILE MEASURE IS 670L AND MY LEXILE READING RANGE IS FROM 570L TO 720L”

Beginning Reader (BR) is a code given to readers and texts that are below OL on the Lexile scale. Learn more at Lexile.com/beginning-readers.
HOW LIBRARIANS USE LEXILE MEASURES

Connect Students With Just Right Reading
Knowing the Lexile measure of a book and the Lexile measure of a student’s reading ability can help identify reading materials at the right level of challenge. It’s a good place to start, but nothing can substitute for your expertise as a librarian and your knowledge of the student.

How Lexile Measures Compare to Grade Levels
More precise than age or grade level, Lexile measures describe a student’s reading comprehension ability. There is no direct correspondence between grade levels and Lexile measures. However, this chart offers a sense of how a student’s Lexile measure compares to Lexile measures for students in each grade.

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Analyze Text to Fit Individual Student Needs
The text passages below both offer information about geckos, but at different levels of difficulty as measured by the Lexile Text Analyzer. Use the Lexile Analyzer to determine text readability by getting an estimated Lexile measure for text. In addition, you can view text characteristics along with challenging words and their definitions.

ABOUT GECKOS 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.

ABOUT GECKOS 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.

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