



Research behind the Science of Reading identifies the explicit, systemic, and cumulative use of phonics instruction as a key factor in student success. It is no wonder that decodable texts are heavily used in reading instruction for early elementary students. However, finding texts can be difficult and time consuming. That's why we created a list of decodable passages for educators to use with early readers. The texts in this list are ready to use and all available for free online. We have also included Lexile® text measures to match your early readers with appropriate texts. Happy reading!



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SHORT VOWELS

TITLE

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LEXILE MEASURE

SHORT A

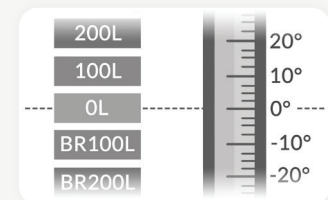
<u>Cam and Sam</u>	BR140L
<u>A Bat</u>	BR50L
<u>Bam</u>	60L
<u>Mad Dad</u>	190L
<u>Tan Cat and Fat Rat</u>	100L
<u>Sad Lad</u>	270L

SHORT E

<u>The Red Hen</u>	140L
<u>Lex</u>	100L
<u>Peg the Hen</u>	60L
<u>Dez</u>	80L
<u>The Pet</u>	320L
<u>The Wet Hen</u>	210L

ABOUT LEXILE CODES

Beginning Reader (BR) is a code given to students and texts that have measures below OL on the Lexile scale. The higher the number after the BR code, the less complex the text.



Non-Conforming (NC): Good for high-ability readers who still need age-appropriate content.

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LEXILE MEASURE**SHORT I**

<u>The Big Hit</u>	70L
<u>Kit and Kim</u>	200L
<u>Vic</u>	50L
<u>Sid the Pig</u>	140L
<u>Tim and Sid</u>	160L

SHORT O

<u>Tod the Dog</u>	210L
<u>Trot, Trot</u>	60L
<u>Can I See Tom?</u>	BR20L
<u>Hop and Jog</u>	100L
<u>Jon and Ron</u>	160L
<u>Rod the Cop</u>	170L
<u>The Mop</u>	110L
<u>The Ox and Fox</u>	50L

SHORT U

<u>Tubs</u>	20L
<u>Gus the Bug</u>	160L
<u>Gus the Duck</u>	20L
<u>Mutt and the Bug</u>	150L
<u>Rus</u>	40L
<u>Russ and Muff</u>	200L

LONG VOWELS**TITLE**

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LEXILE MEASURE**LONG A**

<u>Jade</u>	90L
<u>Jake's Tale</u>	80L
<u>Zain</u>	50L

LONG E

<u>Dee</u>	BR10L
<u>Deep Beneath</u>	470L
<u>Eve</u>	50L
<u>My Family</u>	200L
<u>Pete's Sheep</u>	140L
<u>Teal</u>	80L
<u>The Queen's Feast</u>	480L

LONG I

<u>Ike</u>	80L
<u>Jive</u>	220L
<u>Pied</u>	70L
<u>Sky Ride</u>	270L
<u>White</u>	310L


LONG O

<u>Jove</u>	120L
<u>Ode</u>	10L
<u>Robot and Mr. Mole</u>	130L
<u>Soap Boat</u>	180L
<u>Zoad</u>	40L

LONG U

<u>Dune Buggy</u>	290L
<u>Hue</u>	20L
<u>Ute</u>	50L

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CONTROLLED
VOWELS

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LEXILE
MEASURE

-AR

Art and Clark	340L
Art the Guard	500L
Bart and Mark's Jar	490L
Bart, Mark and Lark	320L
Bart's Arm	510L
Car Race	220L
Mark and Lark's Scar	270L
Snarl in the Barn	360L
Spark at the Marsh	420L


-ER, -IR, -UR

A New Shirt	500L
Burt, Fern and Vern Play	290L
Derk's Cat	400L
Fern and Kirk	310L
Lurch the Cook	500L
Nurse Curt	500L
Surfer Girl	190L

-OR


A New Sport for Mork	430L
Mork	370L
My Horse Glory	320L
Stork	310L
The Horse	430L
The Shore	410L

CONSONANT DIGRAPHS

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LEXILE
MEASURE

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Spring](#) NC590L

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[Mr. Sanchez and the
Kickball Champ](#) NC470L

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[The Twins THIS
and THAT](#) 520L

[Find a Book](#)

[Interesting
Elephants](#) NC550L

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His Wish](#) NC480L

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