

# The Lexile Framework for Reading\*

## What Is It?

The Lexile Framework<sup>®</sup> for Reading is a reading measurement that matches readers to text. Two Lexile<sup>®</sup> measures form The Lexile Framework for Reading:

- Lexile reader measure
- Lexile text measure

The reader measure shows a person's reading performance on the Lexile scale. A higher Lexile reader measure represents a higher level of reading comprehension and vice versa.

The text measure shows the reading difficulty of a selected text on the Lexile scale. The lower a book's Lexile measure, the easier it will be to comprehend and vice versa.

Lexile text measures are available for most books your child reads. These may be found at [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) or on the Scholastic Reading website. You may also find books at your local library according to these numbers.

## How Are Lexile Measures Determined?

A Lexile measure is based on two strong predictors of how difficult a text is to comprehend:

- Word frequency
- Sentence length

A Lexile measure also evaluates factors such as font size and clarity as well as the amount of white space on the page.

## Measurement

A Lexile measure will be between a low of **0L** or **BR** (for beginning reader) to a high of **2000L** (L for Lexile).

An individual reader's **Lexile range** is **100L** below to **50L above** his Lexile measure.

- Example: A reader with a Lexile measure of 1000L would have a Lexile range of 900L–1050L.

## Why Is This Useful?

When the reader and text measures are both used, a teacher or parent may do the following:

- Choose independent reading material that is at an appropriate difficulty level.
- Estimate how well a student will comprehend a certain textbook or other printed material.
- Determine how a certain textbook or other printed material will contribute to the growth of a reader.
- Encourage the growth of reading skills by providing content based on the complementary Lexile reader and text measures.
- Choose “just right” books based on your child's Lexile measure.

# Typical Reader Measures, by Grade

([www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com))

Grade	Reader Measures, Mid-Year 25th percentile to 75th percentile (IQR)
1	Up to 300L
2	140L to 500L
3	330L to 700L
4	445L to 810L
5	565L to 910L
6	665L to 1000L
7	735L to 1065L
8	805L to 1100L
9	855L to 1165L
10	905L to 1195L
11 and 12	940L to 1210L