The Lexile Framework® for Reading

How Schools In Georgia Can Use Lexiles to Measure and Foster Authentic Yearly Progress

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I. Lexile Development



What is a Lexile?

<u>Big Idea:</u> Lexiles provide a single measure of... *Reader Ability and Text Readability*



An Analogy: Lexiles are like inches...

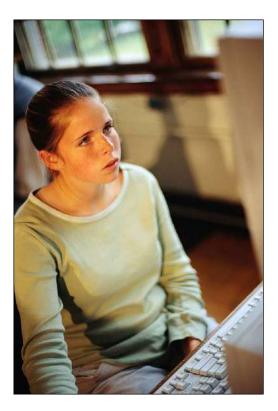


- A universal, accurate measurement system
- Used to measure a student's current "size" and growth over time
- Not grade specific students come in different sizes and grow at different rates

The Lexile Framework® for Reading

Allows us to...

- Measure reader ability and text readability with a common metric: Lexiles
- Forecast the level of comprehension a reader is expected to experience with a particular text





II. Lexiles Today



As a Measure of Text Readability

- Approximately 115,000 books with Lexile measures are available at www.Lexile.com
- Tens of millions of articles with Lexile measures are available through database-services partners (EBSCO and Pro-Quest)
- NCES White Paper
 - Assessing The Lexile Framework: Results of a Panel Meeting http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2001/200108
- NAEP
 - A Content of the NAEP and PIRLS Fourth-Grade Reading Assessments In measuring text difficulty, the paper states, "Lexiles provide a more accurate measure of grade appropriateness" (Binkley 13). http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/200310.pdf
 - NAGB
- Student Readiness for Postsecondary Options http://www.lexile.com/DesktopDefault.aspx?view=re&tabindex=3&tabid=48&ta bpageid=239



As a Measure of Reader Ability Commercial Test Publishers

CTB/McGraw-Hill

• TerraNova Assessment Series (CAT/6, CTBS/5)

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- SAT-9, SAT-10, SDRT-4,
- MAT-8, Aprend3 (in field)
- Northwest Evaluation Association
 - Achievement Level Tests (ALT),
 - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- Pearson Progress Assessment Series
 - PASeries Reading, PASeries Mathematics
- Scholastic
 - Scholastic Reading Inventory and SRI-Interactive
- The Riverside Publishing Company
 - Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test (GMRT-4)
 - The Iowa Tests (ITBS, ITED)



As a Measure of Reader Ability

State Assessments

- California Department of Education
 - California Standards Test (CST)
- Georgia
 - Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests Tests (NCEOG) (CRCT) and High School Graduation Test (HSGT)
- Hawaii
 - State Assessment
- Illinois
 - Illinois Standards Achievement Tests
- Idaho
 - Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)
- Mississippi
 - Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT)
- Missouri



*Over 26 Million Students **Receive Lexile Scores***

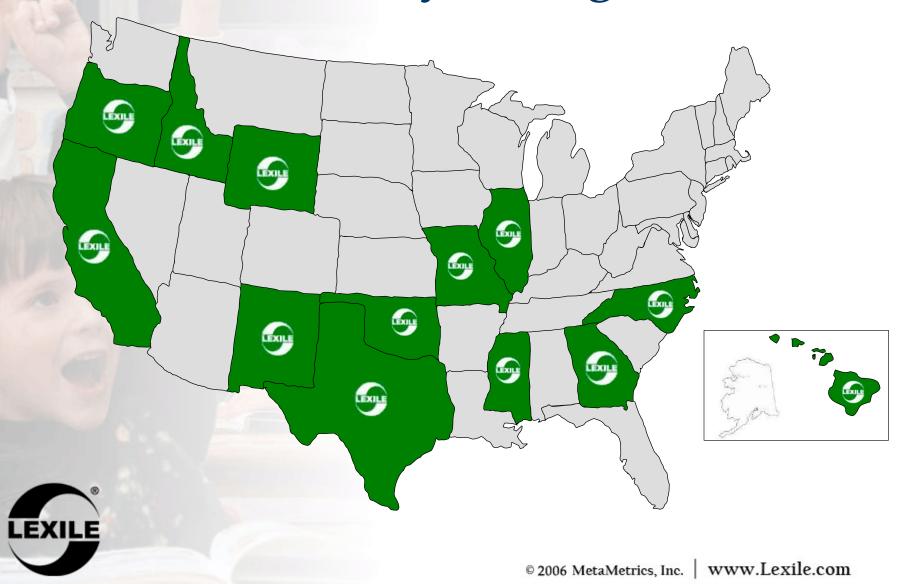
 North Carolina Departments of Public Instruction

- North Carolina End-of-Grade
- New Mexico
 - New Mexico Standards Based

Assessment (NMSBA)

- Oklahoma
- Oregon Department of Education
- Oregon Reading/Literature Knowledge and Skills Test
 - Texas Education Agency
- Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS)
 - •Wyoming
- Performance Assessment for Wyoming Students (PAWS)

States Currently Using Lexiles



State of the Union - Today

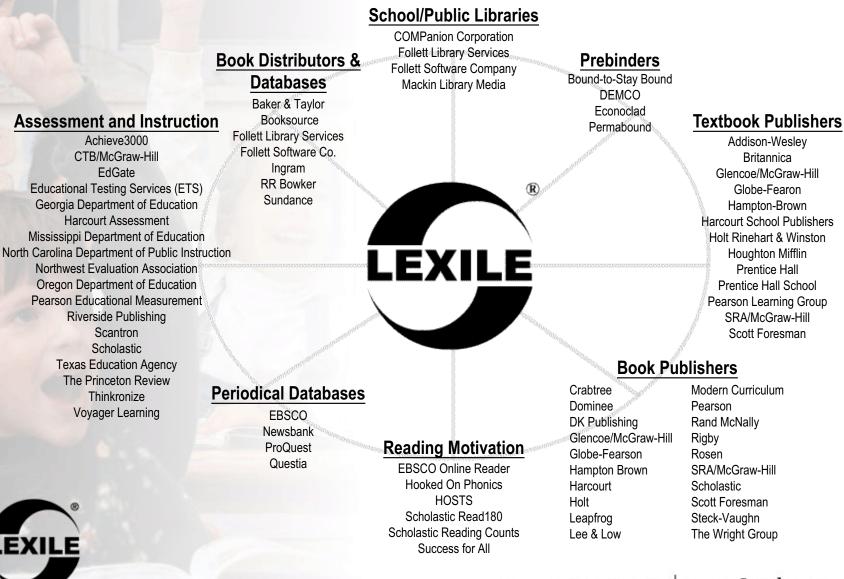
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 - —Allow educators to supplement textbook instruction and reading with periodicals, newspapers, reference books & transcripts
 - -EBSCO: 8M Lexiled, www.ebsco.com
 - —ProQuest: 60M Lexiled, <u>www.proquest.com</u>
 - -Questia: 50,000 Lexiled, www.questia.com

-Newsbank: www.newsbank.com

—Follett Library Services: Library MARC records can be updated with Lexile measures, info at <u>www.fsc.follett.com</u>



The Unification of Reading



A Nonproprietary Standard

- Many ways (linking technologies) to place a student on the scale
- Many publishers have adopted the standard
- "Connects the year-to-year with the day-to-day."



III. Lexile Overview and Theory



Two Underlying Concepts of the Lexile Framework®

Reader Ability

—The ability of readers to construct meaning from text (as measured on tests)

Text Readability

—The difficulty of reading materials (based on dimensions or characteristics of the text)

Based on the relationship between Reader Ability and Text Readability, it is possible to...

- —Predict Reading Comprehension
- Differentiate Instruction
- Measure Reader Progress and Growth

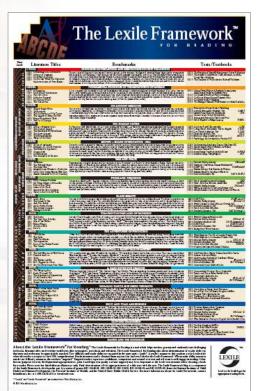


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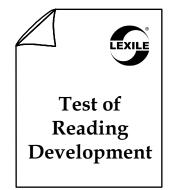
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Lexile Map



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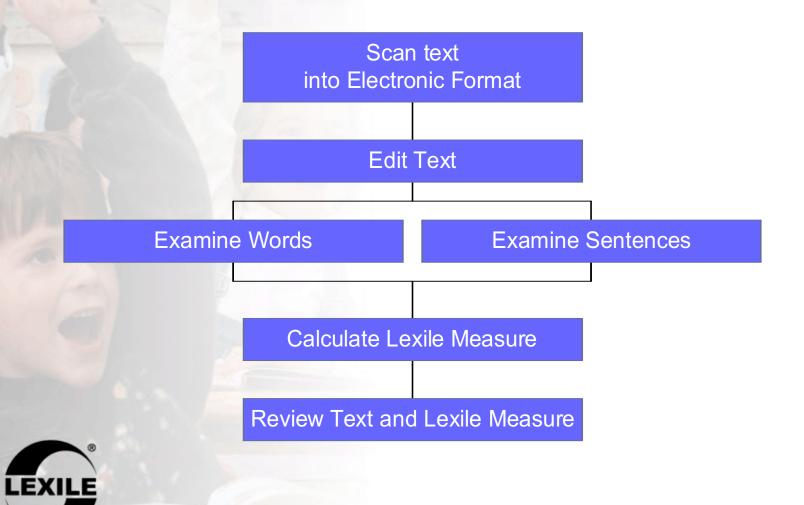


Determining Text Difficulty

- Syntactic Complexity
 - —The number of words per sentence
 - —Longer sentences are more complex and require more short-term memory to process
- Semantic Difficulty
 - —The frequency of the words in a corpus of written text
 - —Corpus has over 600-million words



Placing Texts on the Map



Limitations of Lexile Measures What Lexiles <u>don't</u> address

- Text Characteristics
 - Age Appropriateness of Content
 - Text Support
 - Text Quality



- Reader Characteristics
 - Interest and Motivation

— Background Knowledge

 Reading Context and Purpose

✦Lexiles only measure text readability.



Therefore, input from readers, parents, teachers, and librarians is always necessary.



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Text Demand Level by Grade

Grade	Typical Text Demand (from Lexile English Map)
1 st Grade	200L to 400L
2 nd Grade	300L to 500L
3 rd Grade	500L to 700L
4 th Grade	650L to 850L
5 th Grade	750L to 950L
6 th Grade	850L to 1050L
7 th Grade	950L to 1075L
8 th Grade	1000L to 1100L
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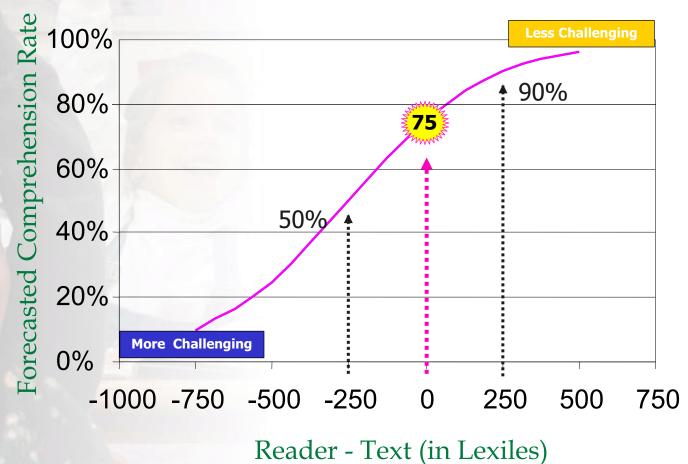


Lexile[®] Calculator

- Forecasted Comprehension
 - —The relationship between a reader and a text
 - —How well the reader will comprehend the material in the text
- Can perform:
 - —The rate at which a student is expected to comprehend the text
 - —The reading ability a reader is expected to need in order to comprehend the text at a specific level



Lexile Calculator





Why 75% Comprehension?

Years of MM research suggests that at 75%...

- A reader can have a successful reading experience without frustration or boredom
- A reader can achieve "functional comprehension" of the text
- A reader will be sufficiently challenged (by vocabulary and syntax) to improve

75% is the "right amount of challenge"



Managing Comprehension

Readers can experience frustration when... —Text readability is 100L+ above their Lexile level
Readers can experience ease when... —Text readability is 50-100L below their Lexile level

- Readers can experience growth when...
 - —Text readability is within their Lexile range

General Reading Recommendation:

Targeted text range of **100L below to 50L above** the student's Lexile level

Note: This range may vary based on text type, reading context and purpose, reading strategies and support, and reader motivation.



Lexile Calculator

Can help you better deliver instruction by knowing in advance which students:

Are likely to need extra help with a lesson
Will understand the material on their own
Are likely to need more challenge in a lesson.



IV. Lexiles in Education



Lexiling Your Library

- Web site www.Lexile.com (http://educators.lexile.com)
 - —Free
 - -Continuously updated
- Library Software Services
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Resources to Help Implement the Lexile Framework in the Classroom





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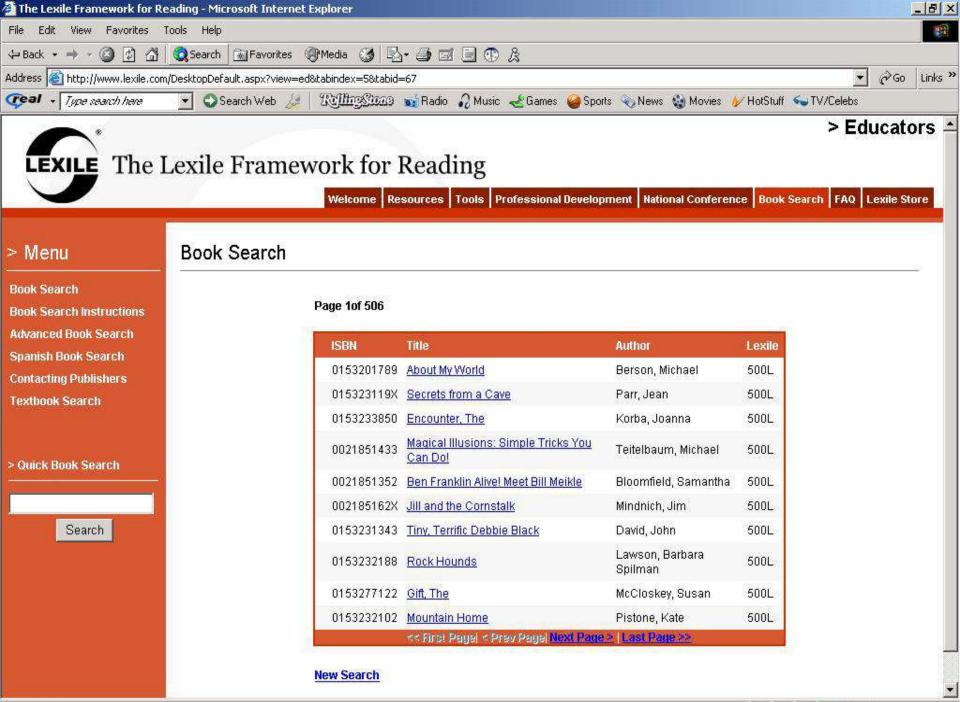
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Lexile Analyzer

Steps for using Lexile Analyzer®

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Tools

The Lexile Framework for Reading makes a variety of powerful tools available to educators and families. Use these tools to get a better understanding of a text's difficulty, calculate the forecasted comprehension a reader will have with a particular text, or search for an English or Spanish book in our extensive database.

This section offers tools designed to meet instructional, assessment, training and forecasting needs:

- Lexile Book Database is useful to find books that are similar to the student's reading level. This database contains tens of thousands of
 English and Spanish fiction and non-fiction trade-book titles from over 450 publishers. All titles are processed with whole-text measurement
 using the Lexile Analyzer.
- Lexile Analyzer allows you to analyze text, literature and supplementary materials. This service is available to licensed users only, is
 designed for use with English text only, and may not be used for commercial use without a contractual agreement.
- Lexile Calculator is a tool for examining the comprehension rate between a reader and a text. Using the Lexile Calculator, you can calculate
 the rate at which a student is expected to comprehend a text, as well as the reading ability a reader is expected to need in order to
 comprehend a text at a given level.
- Lexile Power Vocabulary is a systematic and individualized approach to vocabulary development that enables teachers to assist students in grades 2 through 12 to improve their reading comprehension skills.
- Lexile Reading Pathfinders support educators and parents in their efforts to select books that students can read independently -- both at school and home. By using Lexile Reading Pathfinder lists, readers can select texts relating to particular topics and at their reading level.



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 Estimate requisite reading ability to achieve a readingcomprehension rate



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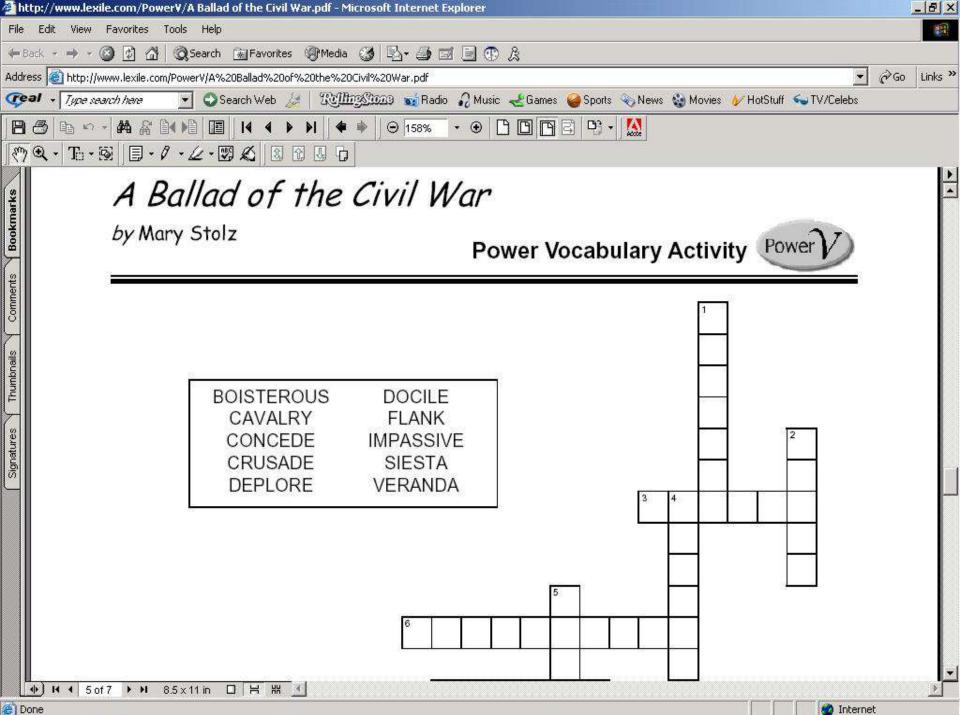
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Lexile Analyzer	both at school and home. By using Lexile Reading Pathfinder lists, readers can select texts relating to particular topics and at their reading level. There are two types of Subject Pathfinder lists: those organized "by series" and those organized "by topic."							
Lexile Calculator	Parents and students will find the Lexile Reading Pathfinder lists organized "by series" useful. For example, the Encyclopedia Brown series ranges							
Lexile Power Vocabulary	from 560L to 880L. This information can assist the reader in deciding which books in the series to read first because they are written at an easier							
Lexile Reading Pathfinders	level.							
	Teachers will find the Lexile Reading Pathfinder lists organized "by topic" useful. These lists address the task of differentiating instruction for the wide range of ability levels found within a classroom. For example, "Action Sports" contains books with Lexile measures from 630L to 900L. By							
> Quick Book Search	using this information, teachers can match students in the class with a book near his or her actual reading level. Now, all of the students in your class can read supplementary material about the unit they are studying in class, while at the same time reading material that is appropriate for their							
	individual reading levels.							
	Lexile Reading Pathfinder lists have been developed for students in grades 2 through 12, organized "by series" and "by topic:"							
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	"American Girls Collection"- This series is written for elementary and middle school readers and describes the lives of American girls from different time periods and backgrounds. Books range from 550L-790L.							
	"The Baby Sitter's Club" by Ann M. Martin. This series is written for readers in elementary school. Amusing series about the friendship of a group of							
	young girls who provide a baby-sitting service. Books range from 650L-850L.							

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Growing as a School or District... Implications and Challenges

What teachers need and need to know about Lexiles

OHow **Lexile products** complement a systemwide use of Lexiles

OHow parents can "buy in" as partners
OHow leaders support and manage the growth of Lexile literacy



What teachers need to know

How to:

- Use Lexiles as a reading measurement system
- Profile students, predict comprehension, and match readers to text
- Access and use online resources
- Develop and use tiered reading/resource lists to support differentiation
- Understand, chart, and explain patterns of Lexile growth



What all teachers need...

- Classroom reports of their students' Lexile scores
 - —Fall (to profile, group, and match text)
 - —Spring (to chart and celebrate growth)
- Lexile levels for their textbooks and books in their classrooms and library
- Access to the Internet and to resources such as lexile.com, online databases, and other search tools
- Opportunities to collaborate and develop tiered reading/resource lists



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