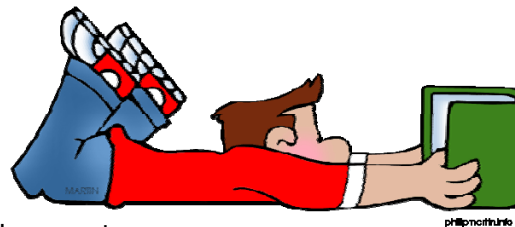


What is a Lexile Range?

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A Lexile range allows educators and parents to find books, periodicals, and other reading material that are appropriately challenging for each student. When a Lexile text measure (based on sentence length and vocabulary) matches a Lexile reader measure (from the MAP test), this is called a "targeted" reading experience. The reader will likely encounter some level of difficulty with the text, but not enough to get frustrated. This is the best way to grow as a reader—with text that's not too hard but not too easy.

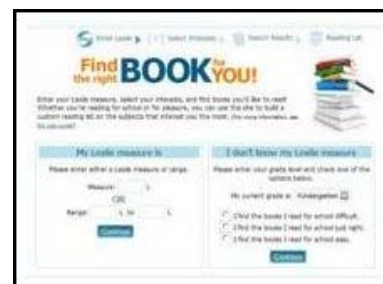
Books on the low end of a student's Lexile range are ideal for independent reading and will build reading fluency and speed. Unknown words begin to make sense on their own, because of the many known words that surround them. Books on the higher end of the Lexile range will likely contain enough unfamiliar words that they should be read and discussed with parents, teachers or peers to stretch a student's reading skills - especially in the areas of vocabulary and comprehension.

It is also important to remember that a student's Lexile range should not be the only consideration when selecting a book. Even though a student may be able to read books at a certain Lexile, the content or theme of the text may not be appropriate for that particular student. Also, a student may be able to read more difficult content if it is an area of interest for that child, since he or she may already be familiar with some of the vocabulary necessary to comprehend the text.

If a student tackles reading material *above* his or her Lexile range, it's important to consider what additional instruction or support might be needed. Ask the student to keep track of unknown words, and look them up together. Or take turns reading aloud to each other to chop up the reading experience into smaller portions.

For students with very high Lexile scores (850 or above) selection is often limited, particularly for fiction. In the library, we instruct these students to challenge themselves in other ways – reading longer, more complicated books and a wider variety of books, including plenty of non-fiction.

[Find a Book](http://www.Lexile.com) (at www.Lexile.com) is the quickest and easiest way to search for titles in your child's Lexile range. This free resource can help you build a custom reading list based on your child's Lexile range, age, and interests.



[Concord's online library catalog](#) (with at-home access via the Media Center webpage) can also be a valuable tool. Students in grades 3-5 have been taught to use the Lexile filter to locate books within their Lexile range, so ask your child for a demonstration. Complete directions for searching the online catalog by Lexile are also posted under Parent Resources on the Media Center webpage.

Examples of Lexile measures for commonly known books:

Green Eggs and Ham (30L)

Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping (110L)

Magic Tree House: Dolphins at Day Break (350L)

Because of Winn-Dixie (610L)

The Harry Potter series (ranging from 880L to 1060L)

Little Women (1300L)