



What are the two types of Lexile® measures?

The two types of Lexile measures are reader measures and text measures. A Lexile reader measure is a score from a reading test indicating a student's level of reading ability. A Lexile text measure is a value produced from a software analysis of a body of text, such as a book or an article, indicating that text's reading level of difficulty.

What do Lexile measures look like?

A Lexile measure is a number followed by the letter "L." Lexile measures are in the range 0L or below to 1700L or higher. A higher number indicates reading ability at a higher level.

The interpretation of a Lexile text measure for some texts, such as those with many illustrations, requires more than a numeric value. Those Lexile text measures are preceded by the codes: AD, NC, HL, IG, GN, BR or NP. For an explanation of these codes, click [here](#).

Are there Lexile reader and text measures for Spanish?

Lexile reader and text measures are produced independently for English and Spanish. Lexile text measures for the English and Spanish versions of the same text typically differ from each other. For more information on this topic, click [here](#).

I know what grade my child is in. Why do I need a Lexile measure?

When you buy shoes for your child, the shoe-store clerk does not determine the correct shoe size by asking your child's age. Different children, all of the same age, wear differently sized shoes. So too, students in a given grade have differing levels of reading proficiency. Grade level alone does not determine the level of reading achievement.

How can I find my child's current Lexile reader measure?

TEA provides a reading TAKS test for students in grades 3-11. The reading test results include a Lexile reader measure, which can be found on your child's TAKS Confidential Student Report in the lower left corner of Reading or English Language Arts section. For additional information on this topic, click [here](#). For help understanding the TAKS Confidential Student Report, click [here](#).

How can I best use Lexile measures for my child?

Lexile measures can help parents improve their child's reading ability. By comparing a child's Lexile reader measure to a given book's Lexile text measure, parents can determine whether a text is too easy or too challenging for their child.

Parents should view Lexile measures as ranges rather than as an exact number. The sweet spot for a Lexile text measure is about 100 units below to 50 units above a child's Lexile reader measure. Texts in that range encourage growth in a child's reading ability. For more information on this topic, click [here](#).

How can I find Lexile text measures for specific books?

A Lexile search site is available [here](#) for those publishers who obtain a Lexile text measure for their books. Librarians may also have access to Lexile text measures for books in their collection.

For those with access to an internet browser with Macromedia Flash installed, you can find a useful introduction to Lexile measures by clicking [here](#).

Click [here](#) for the home page of the Lexile Framework for Reading.

Click [here](#) for the TEA site on Lexile Measures.