



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](http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-codes/).

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 given the differences in the two languages with respect to vocabulary and grammar. For more information on this topic, click [here](#).

Where is a student's current Lexile reader measure reported?

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](#).

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. Your campus librarian may also have access to Lexile text measures for books in their collection.

How should I apply Lexile measures in a student's reading program?

Teachers 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 student's Lexile reader measure. Texts in that range encourage growth in a student's reading ability. For more information on this topic, click [here](#).

How can I best use Lexile measures to support differentiated instruction?

Students in a class have different Lexile reader measures. In addition, how each student feels about reading will differ. Some may be struggling readers while others are reluctant readers or enthusiastic readers. Teachers should employ different strategies for all the various types of readers in their classroom. For an overview of techniques to apply with different types of students to encourage development in their reading ability, click [here](#).

Should I keep students from reading a text outside their Lexile range?

It is important not to discourage students from reading books in which they express an interest. While the guideline of staying within a range of 100 units or 50 units above a student's Lexile reader measure is sensible, it is not an absolute rule. For additional practical advice on handling situations where students are reading material significantly below or above their Lexile range, click [here](#).

Should I allow students to do their own Lexile text measure searches?

Some struggling student readers may find shelves of books intimidating. The online Find a Book tool found [here](#) can help such students find reading materials that interests them. The same tool, however, is highly appropriate for all student readers once they understand how to use it. Some younger students may require assistance in using the tool.

Can I obtain a Lexile text measure for items such as articles or my tests?

A Lexile Analyzer for text is available online [here](#) for registered users. You must register to use the Lexile Analyzer. There is a 1000-word limit for new users; however, educators can request an upgrade for free to the Professional Lexile Analyzer.

How can I use Lexile text measures in my classroom applications?

Teachers are encouraged to use the Lexile Analyzer for their test materials to ensure that they are written at an appropriate Lexile text measure for their students. Teachers may also wish to

use the Lexile Analyzer on supplementary articles of interest they might hand out in class to determine whether pre-teaching some vocabulary may be necessary. Teachers can find commonly occurring scenarios and practical advice to apply in their classroom applications [here](#).

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 a glossary of Lexile terminology.

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