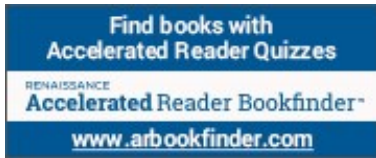


Resources for Parents



Find a Book

<http://lexile.com/fab/GA>



www.arbookfinder.com

More information on Lexile can also be found on the school website:

www.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Before you leave today, ask your child's teacher for his/her Lexile range and record it below!

My child's Lexile range is: _____

*The information in this guide has been taken from a power point presentation off of the Georgia Department of Education website. To see the full power point presentation and more information about Lexile, please visit www.gadoe.org.

Lexile

What?

An informational guide for Parents about the Lexile Framework and how to use Lexile at home



What is the Lexile Framework?

The Lexile Framework is an educational tool that links text and readers under a common metric (measuring system) known as Lexiles. The Framework allows educators to forecast the level of comprehension a reader is expected to experience with a particular text. It is the most commonly used reading measure. Over 19 million students receive Lexile scores through commercial and state assessments. Over 100,000 books and tens of millions of articles have Lexile measures.

What is the Lexile Scale?

Lexiles typically range from 200 for beginning readers to 1700 for advanced readers. A Lexile text below 200L (the L stands for Lexile) represents beginning-reader (BR) material. The Lexile Scale applies to both reader ability and text difficulty. When reader and text measures are the same, the student is expected to read with 75% comprehension. In other words, when your child is reading within his/her correct Lexile range, then he/she should be able to understand at least 75% of what they are reading. The Lexile Scale can also be used to track reading growth over time.

How do you use Lexiles?

It is recommended that readers choose texts within their Lexile range. A Lexile range is 50L above and 100L below your child's reported Lexile measure. For example, if your child has a Lexile measure of 700L they should choose books between 600L and 750L. When your child chooses a book for pleasure reading, it not only should be within their Lexile range, but it should also be based on their interests. Your child should practice with a variety of texts that includes both fiction and nonfiction selections. Lexiles should also be used to set reading goals.

Can parents use Lexiles too?

Absolutely! When parents understand the use of Lexiles, it promotes a family-school connection. It is important to know your child's Lexile measure AND their Lexile range. Remember, the Lexile range is 50L above and 100L below their Lexile measure. This range represents the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading material for your child and the hardest level at which he/she can read successfully. Ensure that your child reads every day. As the parent, you should read to set a good example. Reading newspapers and magazines will show your child that reading is a wonderful pastime as well as a window to the world of learning. You can ask your school or library for a book list that is within your child's Lexile range. Remember, your child's interests should play a part in book selection. Visit the public library often, and be sure to participate in summer reading programs.

How can parents use Lexile to help improve their child's reading?

When a reading assignment proves to be too difficult for your child, you can provide adult-directed assistance. Review words and definitions from the glossary or dictionary. Review questions at the end of the chapter before your child reads the text. Pair-share read; You and your child can alternate reading the text. Stop, discuss, and ask questions along the way to see that your child understands what he/she is reading. Return to the end of the chapter questions and glossary to make sure your child understands the material. Also, celebrate your child's reading accomplishments! Set goals for your child such as the number of books read, the variety of books read, and stretching to books at a higher Lexile level.