

What is a Lexile?

A student gets his or her **Lexile reader measure** from a reading test or program. For example, if a student receives an 880L on her end-of-grade reading test, she is an 880 Lexile reader. Higher Lexile measures represent a higher level of reading ability. A Lexile reader measure can range from below 200L for beginning readers to above 1700L for advanced readers. Readers who score at or below 0L receive a BR for Beginning Reader.

Teachers and parents can best serve a student's literacy needs when they treat him or her as a unique individual, rather than as a test score or a grade-level norm or average. The reading abilities of young people in the same grade at school can vary just as much as their shoe sizes. However, grade-leveling methods commonly are used to match students with books.

Below is a chart that relates your child's RIT score to a certain Lexile Range.

Reading Status Norms (RIT Values and Lexile Levels)			
Grade	Beginning-of-Year		Lexile Range
	RIT	RIT	
K	147.6	156.3	
1	160.2	171.9	25-325
2	179.7	189.6	350-525
3	191.6	199	550-675
4	200.1	205.8	700-775
5	206.7	211.1	800-875
6	211.6	214.8	900-950
7	215.4	217.9	975-1025
8	219.0	221.2	1050-1075
9	220.9	222.6	1100-1125
10	223.9	225.4	1150-1175
11	225.2	225.6	1200+

Parents: Convert your child's reading score to the box below. Refer to the chart above to find your child's appropriate grade-level ability and Lexile Range. For more information on lexile levels and book lists that are appropriate for your child please go to www.lexile.com

MAP READING SCORE _____ = Grade Level _____ Lexile Level _____