

## *What is a Lexile<sup>®</sup>*

The Lexile<sup>®</sup> Framework is a tool for connecting the reading ability of a student (based on a student's Lexile score) with reading materials (list of books) that have a suitable level of difficulty for the student — that is, material that is challenging, but not frustrating. Lexile scores are measured for both students and reading texts. They are reported as a number followed by a capital "L" (Lexile) and range in value from below 0 to above 2000L. The higher the Lexile reader measure, the higher the level of reading comprehension.



In theory, a student with a lexile measure of 600L who is given a 600L reading text is expected to have a 75% comprehension rate.

## *How are Lexile Measures Determined?*

Lexile measures are based on word frequency and sentence length. They also evaluate factors like font size and clarity as well as the amount of white space on the page.

## *Why are Lexiles Useful?*

Teachers and parents can best serve a student's literacy needs by treating them as unique individuals, rather than as a test score or a grade-level norm. When a Lexile text measure and a Lexile reader measure are used, a parent or teacher is able to:

- ❖ Choose reading material for the student that is at an appropriate difficulty level.
- ❖ Estimate how well a student might comprehend reading materials
- ❖ Encourage the growth of reading skills with a "targeted" reading approach — using text that is not too hard but not too easy.

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