What is a Lexile®

The Lexile® 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.

Please see www.lexile.com for more information.