



Leveling Guide

Scholastic has provided this leveling guide to help you align our Fluency Formula Library books to your existing reading program with the goal of matching your readers to the appropriate text for successful growth in fluent reading.

At Scholastic, we know that teachers across the country use multiple systems to level their books when matching books to readers. The levels included in this guide are:

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Using Leveled Books To Build Fluency

To build fluency, teachers should choose books at the student's independent reading levels. An independent level is one at which students can read text with 95% accuracy. This means that the level is comfortable enough so that children don't stumble on individual words.

The Fluency Formula Library contains books at just the right levels, including a span of ranges in each grade level library to meet the needs of the diverse student levels in today's classroom. These book levels serve as a guide and can be altered according to the needs of your students.

Grade-Level Equivalencies

A grade-level equivalent score of 2.5 means that the text can be fluently read and understood by readers with an average middle-of-the-year, 2nd grade reading ability. Teachers generally say that a book with a level of 2.5 would be appropriate for an average student in the 5th month of 2nd grade.

Fluency Formula™ Library Book Levels

Grade	Level Range
1	0.1–1.5
2	0.5–2.5
3	1.5–3.5
4	2–4.5
5	3–5.5
6	4–6.5

Grade 1

Range: 0.1–1.5

Book	Level
Run, Hen, Run	0.3
I Like Cats!	0.2
Dan's Big Hats	0.3
Lots of Dots!	0.5
Can You Hop?	0.5
Let's Go	0.4
What's Inside	0.8
Swing, Swing, Swing	1.0
I Will Win!	0.4
What Do You Like?	0.4
There's a Hole in My Pocket	0.5
Dots! Dots! Dots!	1.0
Miss Mary Mack	1.2
Jen Cat at Camp	0.8
Let's Get the Rhythm	1.2
What's That Sound?	1.0
Dots and Spots	1.0
Buzz Said the Bee	1.4
I'm a Caterpillar	1.0
The Picnic	1.4
Cinderquacker	1.5
Three Billy Goats Gruff	1.5
Three Pigs and a Wolf	1.2
Stone Soup	1.5

Grade 2

Range: 0.5–2.5

Book	Level
Sled Dogs	1.5
The Lion's Song	1.1
Boom!	2.1
The Gingerbread Boy	1.3
Three Fables	0.5
The Very Big Potato	0.5
Stage Door	2.2
Fruit Riddles	0.5
Neat Pete	0.7
Tell Me a Story	2.3
Sports Day	0.5
Not for Me	1.0
The Big "M"	0.9
The Elves and the Shoemaker	1.4
Bats	1.7
Food Court	1.4
Our Flag	1.5
The Mural	1.5
Spiders	1.6
The Journey	1.8
Firefighters	2.5
Rainforest	1.6
Beat It!	1.1
The Vet	1.4

Grade 3

Range: 1.5–3.5

Book	Level
Attic Treasures	2.0
What a Great Idea!	2.6
Eye Foolers	2.6
Fire and Wind	2.4
Science Fair Friends	2.4
At Work in a Museum	3.5
Crossing Bridges	2.9
Llamas	2.6
Up a Tree	2.3
One and One Is Too Much	2.3
California or Bust!	1.9
The Story Weaver	2.6
Cowboys	2.9
Frogs	2.4
Weather or Not	2.7
Solve It!	1.5
On Their Way	2.0
A Wise Wish	2.2
At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	3.5
Laura	2.7
Open Wide!	2.2
Justin Time	2.3
Teacher of the Year	2.2
My Reading Buddy	2.5

Grade 4

Range: 2–4.5

Book	Level
Inventions	2.7
The Tortoise Shell and Other African Stories	2.1
Weather	2.7
City Tales	2.2
Hiwutsup!	2.2
Found Underground	3.0
The Thingamajig	2.4
Demeter and Persephone	2.5
Kater Kids	2.4
The Camera	2.0
Native American Art	2.9
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	2.5
Riding Lessons	2.4
Famous Fliers	2.8
The Eagle Has Landed	2.7
Times Have Changed	2.3
Storytellers	2.6
The Narrative of Frederick Douglass	2.5
Frankenstein	3.5
In the Rainforest	2.4
King Arthur	2.5
Donner Party	2.5
Moby Dick	4.5
John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt	2.7

Grade 5

Range: 3–5.5

Book	Level
News and Chews	3.3
The Tall Tale of John Henry	3.5
Draw Me a Story	3.2
Selena	3.0
Summer Exchange	3.3
Folktales from China	3.0
City Lights	3.5
Crazy for Chocolate	3.5
The British Are Coming!	3.0
Torch Runner	3.0
Songs My Grandpa Sang	3.6
The Peace Bridge	5.1
The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top	4.0
The Skull Man and Other People With Cool Jobs	3.0
Harriet Tubman	4.5
Destination: Everest	4.5
Bessie Coleman	3.4
In the Time of War	3.1
Score! The Greatest Athletes of All Time	5.5
Meet Jane Addams	4.7
Sir Arthur	4.0
Let Freedom Sing	5.5
The Chicago Fire	3.8
Oregon, At Last!	3.1

Grade 6

Range: 4–6.5

Book	Level
A Just Reward	4.0
After School	4.6
Hoax	4.0
Homeroom	4.2
Alive!	4.1
This Teacher Is Tops!	5.4
Friends	4.4
Spare the Mare!	4.7
Kids & Co.	4.0
Where Are the Wolves?	5.0
The Painter King	4.6
Golden Games	5.8
Help Is on the Way	4.0
Treasure Island	4.0
So Scary!	4.0
Mesa Verde	4.2
The Amazon	4.3
Great Explorations	6.5
Saving the Animals	5.6
Under Wraps	6.3
Titanic	5.5
The Story of Levi's	5.0
Eleanor Roosevelt	4.8
Little Rock Nine	5.8

Lexile Levels

The Lexile measure is a number indicating the reading demand of the text in terms of the semantic difficulty (vocabulary) and syntactic complexity (sentence length). The Lexile scale ranges from 200 to 1700 Lexiles, although actual Lexile measures can range from below zero to above 2000 Lexiles.

To help you understand the codes: *Beginning Reading (BR)* A text designated as "BR" is any text that has a Lexile measure of one hundred or below. The measure is shown only as "BR" without the number appearing.

Non-Prose (NP) A text designated as "NP" is any book whose content is at least 50% nonstandard prose, like poems, plays, and songs.

Fluency Formula™ Library Book Levels

Grade	Lexile Level
1	BR – 330
2	90 – 350
3	200 – 610
4	290 – 640
5	310 – 740
6	370 – 850

Grade 1

Range: BR – 330

Book	Lexile Level
Run, Hen, Run	BR
I Like Cats!	BR
Dan's Big Hats	BR
Lots of Dots!	BR
Can You Hop?	BR
Let's Go	BR
What's Inside	BR
Swing, Swing, Swing	BR
I Will Win!	BR
What Do You Like?	BR
There's a Hole in My Pocket	BR
Dots! Dots! Dots!	BR
Miss Mary Mack	NP
Jen Cat at Camp	120
Let's Get the Rhythm	BR
What's That Sound?	BR
Dots and Spots	200
Buzz Said the Bee	120
I'm a Caterpillar	120
The Picnic	120
Cinderquacker	220
Three Billy Goats Gruff	260
Three Pigs and a Wolf	260
Stone Soup	330

Grade 2

Range: 90 – 350

Book	Lexile Level
Sled Dogs	350
The Lion's Song	120
Boom!	280
The Gingerbread Boy	140
Three Fables	150
The Very Big Potato	140
Stage Door	350
Fruit Riddles	210
Neat Pete	140
Tell Me a Story	130
Sports Day	140
Not for Me	250
The Big "M"	90
The Elves and the Shoemaker	90
Bats	220
Food Court	190
Our Flag	190
The Mural	200
Spiders	300
The Journey	140
Firefighters	330
Rainforest	300
Beat It!	130
The Vet	170

Grade 3

Range: 200 – 610

Book	Lexile Level
Attic Treasures	390
What a Great Idea!	360
Eye Foolers	401
Fire and Wind	460
Science Fair Friends	320
At Work in a Museum	380
Crossing Bridges	620
Llamas	520
Up a Tree	390
One and One Is Too Much	370
California or Bust!	460
The Story Weaver	440
Cowboys	610
Frogs	440
Weather or Not	420
Solve It!	280
On Their Way	200
A Wise Wish	300
At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	380
Laura	480
Open Wide!	420
Justin Time	260
Teacher of the Year	530
My Reading Buddy	410

Grade 4

Range: 290 – 640

Book	Lexile Level
Inventions	400
The Tortoise Shell and Other African Stories	360
Weather	440
City Tales	300
Hiwutsup!	360
Found Underground	NP
The Thingamajig	360
Demeter and Persephone	330
Kater Kids	330
The Camera	330
Native American Art	640
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	280
Riding Lessons	350
Famous Fliers	310
The Eagle Has Landed	470
Times Have Changed	290
Storytellers	470
The Narrative of Frederick Douglass	400
Frankenstein	300
In the Rainforest	350
King Arthur	360
Donner Party	330
Moby Dick	410
John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt	440

Grade 5

Range: 310 – 740

Book	Lexile Level
News and Chews	370
The Tall Tale of John Henry	570
Draw Me a Story	650
Selena	450
Summer Exchange	380
Folktales from China	470
City Lights	640
Crazy for Chocolate	430
The British Are Coming!	330
Torch Runner	520
Songs My Grandpa Sang	450
The Peace Bridge	650
The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top	460
The Skull Man and Other People With Cool Jobs	520
Harriet Tubman	450
Destination: Everest	450
Bessie Coleman	600
In the Time of War	310
Score! The Greatest Athletes of All Time	740
Meet Jane Addams	570
Sir Arthur	460
Let Freedom Sing	460
The Chicago Fire	450
Oregon, At Last!	680

Grade 6

Range: 370 – 850

Book	Lexile Level
A Just Reward	600
After School	600
Hoax	440
Homeroom	630
Alive!	520
This Teacher Is Tops!	700
Friends	750
Spare the Mare!	580
Kids & Co.	440
Where Are the Wolves?	680
The Painter King	590
Golden Games	640
Help Is on the Way	370
Treasure Island	440
So Scary!	NP
Mesa Verde	630
The Amazon	610
Great Explorations	730
Saving the Animals	660
Under Wraps	700
Titanic	790
The Story of Levi's	630
Eleanor Roosevelt	450
Little Rock Nine	850

Guided Reading Levels

According to Fountas and Pinnell, guided reading is a small group instructional process in which a teacher works directly with students of the same reading level.

Building fluency requires individualized reading practice in materials that are at the student's independent reading level. This means students are reading the selected text with a 95% accuracy rate.

To help you understand guided reading levels: The levels, identified by the letters A - Z are organized along a continuum of increasing difficulty. Levels are assigned based on different factors including, book length, layout, illustrations, internal text structure, content, and theme. *

Fluency Formula™ Library Book Levels

Grade	Guided Reading Level
1	B – H
2	F – M
3	J – N
4	M – S
5	N – U
6	N – W

The guided reading levels that follow have been assigned by expert educators based on the following resource guides, and have not been officially sanctioned by the authors:

- Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, *Matching Books to Readers, Using Leveled books in Guided Reading K-3* (Heinemann, 1999)
- Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, *Guided Readers and Writers Grades 3-6* (Heinemann 2001)

Grade 1

Range: B – H

Book	Guided Reading Level
Run, Hen, Run	B
I Like Cats!	B
Dan's Big Hats	B
Lots of Dots!	B
Can You Hop?	B
Let's Go	B
What's Inside	C
Swing, Swing, Swing	B
I Will Win!	C
What Do You Like?	D
There's a Hole in My Pocket	C
Dots! Dots! Dots!	C
Miss Mary Mack	D
Jen Cat at Camp	E
Let's Get the Rhythm	D
What's That Sound?	E
Dots and Spots	E
Buzz Said the Bee	D
I'm a Caterpillar	E
The Picnic	H
Cinderquacker	F
Three Billy Goats Gruff	G
Three Pigs and a Wolf	F
Stone Soup	H

Grade 2

Range: F – M

Book	Guided Reading Level
Sled Dogs	I
The Lion's Song	H
Boom!	M
The Gingerbread Boy	I
Three Fables	I
The Very Big Potato	F
Stage Door	M
Fruit Riddles	I
Neat Pete	G
Tell Me a Story	I
Sports Day	I
Not for Me	K
The Big "M"	H
The Elves and the Shoemaker	I
Bats	K
Food Court	I
Our Flag	J
The Mural	J
Spiders	I
The Journey	J
Firefighters	M
Rainforest	J
Beat It!	K
The Vet	J

Grade 3

Range: J – N

Book	Guided Reading Level
Attic Treasures	J
What a Great Idea!	J
Eye Foolers	K
Fire and Wind	K
Science Fair Friends	L
At Work in a Museum	N
Crossing Bridges	M
Llamas	M
Up a Tree	K
One and One Is Too Much	L
California or Bust!	M
The Story Weaver	L
Cowboys	N
Frogs	K
Weather or Not	N
Solve It!	L
On Their Way	N
A Wise Wish	L
At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	M
Laura	N
Open Wide!	N
Justin Time	M
Teacher of the Year	L
My Reading Buddy	M

Grade 4

Range: M – S

Book	Guided Reading Level
Inventions	O
The Tortoise Shell and Other African Stories	R
Weather	P
City Tales	M
Hiwutsup!	Q
Found Underground	R
The Thingamajig	M
Demeter and Persephone	R
Kater Kids	Q
The Camera	N
Native American Art	Q
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Q
Riding Lessons	M
Famous Fliers	O
The Eagle Has Landed	P
Times Have Changed	R
Storytellers	S
The Narrative of Frederick Douglass	S
Frankenstein	N
In the Rainforest	P
King Arthur	N
Donner Party	O
Moby Dick	S
John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt	R

Grade 5

Range: N – U

Book	Guided Reading Level
News and Chews	R
The Tall Tale of John Henry	R
Draw Me a Story	R
Selena	Q
Summer Exchange	Q
Folktales from China	Q
City Lights	R
Crazy for Chocolate	P
The British Are Coming!	R
Torch Runner	P
Songs My Grandpa Sang	N
The Peace Bridge	U
The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top	P
The Skull Man and Other People With Cool Jobs	O
Harriet Tubman	R
Destination: Everest	P
Bessie Coleman	S
In the Time of War	R
Score! The Greatest Athletes of All Time	T
Meet Jane Addams	S
Sir Arthur	U
Let Freedom Sing	T
The Chicago Fire	S
Oregon, At Last!	Q

Grade 6

Range: N – W

Book	Guided Reading Level
A Just Reward	O
After School	V
Hoax	W
Homeroom	P
Alive!	P
This Teacher Is Tops!	Q
Friends	P
Spare the Mare!	Q
Kids & Co.	O
Where Are the Wolves?	T
The Painter King	O
Golden Games	U
Help Is on the Way	N
Treasure Island	N
So Scary!	N
Mesa Verde	N
The Amazon	N
Great Explorations	U
Saving the Animals	S
Under Wraps	V
Titanic	V
The Story of Levi's	T
Eleanor Roosevelt	P
Little Rock Nine	S

DRA Levels*

The Developmental Reading Assessment was created for primary classroom teachers to assess their students' reading progress and to identify their instructional needs.

DRA levels are intended to guide teachers' ongoing observations of children's progress within a literature-based reading program.

Fluency Formula™ Library Book Levels

Grade	DRA Level
1	2 – 24
2	10 – 28
3	18 – 30
4	28 – 40
5	30 – 44
6	30 – 44

*These levels are based on the conversion of Guided Reading levels, and sanctioned by the research of E. Jane Williams, Ph.D. in *Preliminary Validation of the Developmental Reading Assessment*.

Grade 1

Range: 2 – 14

Book	Level
Run, Hen, Run	2
I Like Cats!	2
Dan's Big Hats	2
Lots of Dots!	2
Can You Hop?	2
Let's Go	2
What's Inside	3
Swing, Swing, Swing	2
I Will Win!	3
What Do You Like?	4
There's a Hole in My Pocket	3
Dots! Dots! Dots!	3
Miss Mary Mack	4
Jen Cat at Camp	6
Let's Get the Rhythm	8
What's That Sound?	4
Dots and Spots	6
Buzz Said the Bee	6
I'm a Caterpillar	8
The Picnic	14
Cinderquacker	10
Three Billy Goats Gruff	12
Three Pigs and a Wolf	10
Stone Soup	14

Grade 2

Range: 10 - 28

Book	Level
Sled Dogs	16
The Lion's Song	14
Boom!	28
The Gingerbread Boy	16
Three Fables	16
The Very Big Potato	10
Stage Door	28
Fruit Riddles	12
Neat Pete	16
Tell Me a Story	16
Sports Day	20
Not for Me	20
The Big "M"	14
The Elves and the Shoemaker	16
Bats	20
Food Court	16
Our Flag	18
The Mural	18
Spiders	16
The Journey	18
Firefighters	28
Rainforest	18
Beat It!	20
The Vet	18

Grade 3

Range: 18 - 30

Book	Level
Attic Treasures	18
What a Great Idea!	18
Eye Foolers	20
Fire and Wind	20
Science Fair Friends	24
At Work in a Museum	30
Crossing Bridges	28
Llamas	28
Up a Tree	20
One and One Is Too Much	24
California or Bust!	28
The Story Weaver	24
Cowboys	30
Frogs	20
Weather or Not	30
Solve It!	24
On Their Way	30
A Wise Wish	24
At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	28
Laura	30
Open Wide!	30
Justin Time	28
Teacher of the Year	24
My Reading Buddy	28

Grade 4

Range: 28 - 40

Book	Level
Inventions	34
The Tortoise Shell and Other African Stories	40
Weather	38
City Tales	28
Hiwutsup!	40
Found Underground	40
The Thingamajig	28
Demeter and Persephone	40
Kater Kids	40
The Camera	30
Native American Art	40
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	40
Riding Lessons	28
Famous Fliers	34
The Eagle Has Landed	38
Times Have Changed	40
Storytellers	40
The Narrative of Frederick Douglass	40
Frankenstein	30
In the Rainforest	38
King Arthur	30
Donner Party	34
Moby Dick	40
John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt	40

Grade 5

Range: 30 - 44

Book	Level
News and Chews	40
The Tall Tale of John Henry	40
Draw Me a Story	40
Selena	40
Summer Exchange	40
Folktales from China	40
City Lights	40
Crazy for Chocolate	38
The British Are Coming!	40
Torch Runner	38
Songs My Grandpa Sang	30
The Peace Bridge	44
The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top	38
The Skull Man and Other People With Cool Jobs	34
Harriet Tubman	40
Destination: Everest	38
Bessie Coleman	40
In the Time of War	40
Score! The Greatest Athletes of All Time	44
Meet Jane Addams	40
Sir Arthur	44
Let Freedom Sing	40
The Chicago Fire	40
Oregon, At Last!	40

Grade 6

Range: 30 - 44

Book	Level
A Just Reward	34
After School	44
Hoax	44
Homeroom	38
Alive!	38
This Teacher Is Tops!	40
Friends	38
Spare the Mare!	40
Kids & Co.	34
Where Are the Wolves?	44
The Painter King	34
Golden Games	44
Help Is on the Way	30
Treasure Island	30
So Scary!	30
Mesa Verde	30
The Amazon	30
Great Explorations	44
Saving the Animals	40
Under Wraps	44
Titanic	44
The Story of Levi's	44
Eleanor Roosevelt	38
Little Rock Nine	40