



The Lexile Framework®

The Lexile Framework® is a research-proven system for measuring students' reading levels and matching readers to text. The Lexile Framework® is unique because it uses a common metric—a Lexile® measure—to evaluate both reading ability and text difficulty. By placing both reader and text on the same scale, the Lexile Framework® allows educators to forecast the level of comprehension a student will experience with a particular text, and to evaluate curriculum needs based on each student's ability to comprehend the materials.

The best way to determine a student's Lexile® level is to administer the Scholastic Reading Inventory™, which provides a direct Lexile® measure. Scholastic Reading Inventory™ (SRI) is a reading comprehension assessment that's available in both a print and interactive version. It uses authentic text passages drawn from fiction and nonfiction material to test students' comprehension. After they read each passage, students answer a fill in the blank statement that assesses their understanding of what they read. In addition to SRI, other tests have been linked to the Lexile Framework® and therefore can be administered to assess a student's Lexile® measure. For more info on Scholastic Reading Inventory™ (SRI) visit www.scholastic.com/sri. *Using SRI along with Scholastic Reading Counts! will ensure that your students are reading and achieving!*

Lexile Framework® Facts

The Lexile Framework® was developed by MetaMetrics, an independent education company based in Research Triangle Park, NC, after 15 years of research funded by the National Institutes of Health. More than 44,000 books and 40 million articles have a Lexile® measure, and major standardized tests can report student reading scores in Lexiles®. As the most widely adopted reading measure in use today, Lexiles® are found in the reading and testing programs of states, school districts, and the U.S. Department of Education's "America Reads" program. In 2003, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) chose the Lexile Framework® as its measure of text difficulty.

Connect to High-Stakes Tests

The Lexile Framework® for Reading has been linked to many national and state norm-referenced assessments, including the SAT-10, SAT-9, SDRT-4, MAT-8, TerraNova Assessment Series (CTBS/5 and CAT/6), and the Iowa Tests (ITBS and ITED), as well as state tests, including the California STAR Reading Program, the North Carolina End-of-Grade Tests (NCEoG), and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) among others. By utilizing the Lexile Framework®, SRI provides educators with the unique opportunity to bridge

the gap between high-stakes assessment and instruction, and indicates future performance on such tests.

Adopted Nationwide

States and districts throughout the U.S.—including California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, North Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming—have adopted the Lexile Framework as a critical part of the reading curriculum.

Why did Scholastic choose the Lexile Framework®?

Scholastic Reading Inventory was developed in partnership with MetaMetrics. Scholastic chose to use the Lexile Framework® after an intensive study of all the readability measures that exist. This important decision was made due to the research and validity behind the Lexile® Framework's effectiveness in matching students with text.

For more information on The Lexile Framework® for Reading, please visit www.lexile.com.

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