

# Leveling Guide

Scholastic has provided this leveling guide to help you align TRIO with your existing curriculum with the goal of matching your readers to the appropriate text for successful growth in 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: Lexile Levels, Guided Reading Levels, and DRA Levels.

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The TRIO™ Library contains books at the “just-right” levels, including a span of ranges in each set to meet the needs of the diverse student levels in today’s classroom.

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.

**TRIO book levels serve as a guide and can be altered according to the needs of your students.** These books have been leveled using scales that teachers know and are comfortable with – Lexile, Guided Reading and DRA. Since each leveling tool measures text in a different way, the two scales may sometimes rate the relative difficulty level of a pair of books differently and appear to have been placed out of order. The Scholastic Editors have used their best judgment when placing books in the below-, on-, and above-level categories. An individual teacher may choose to reassign a book to a different individual or group of students based on his or her own judgment.

## 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.

## 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.

\*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)

## 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.

\*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*.

### Set 2

<u>Social Studies</u>	Lexile Level	Guided Reading Level	DRA Level
<i>Family History</i>			
The Blue Mittens (Rachel Mann)	BR	K	20
A Birthday Basket for Tia (Pat Mora)	400	L	24

The Hickory Chair (Lisa Rowe Fraustino)	700	O	34
<b>Community Workers</b>			
Firefighters (Christopher Mitten)	330	M	28
Fire! Fire! (Gail Gibbons)	540	M	28
Fire Fighters (Robert Maass)	740	N	30
<b>Underground Railroad</b>			
Harriet Tubman (Philip Abraham)	200	F	10
Harriet Tubman (Wil Mara)	370	H	14
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky (Faith Ringgold)	760	M	28
<b>Famous Americans</b>			
Martin Luther King Jr.	450	F	10
George Washington: Our First President (Garnet Jackson)	350	K	20
A Picture Book of Eleanor Roosevelt (David A. Adler)	680	M	28
<b>Science</b>			
<b>Volcanoes</b>			
Boom! (Howard Gutner)	360	M	28
Volcanoes (Lily Wood)	540	M	28
The Magic School Bus® Blows Its Top (Gail Herman)	540	P	38
<b>Life Cycles</b>			
Penguins (Janet Reed)	260	K	20
The Emperor's Egg (Jenkins)	570	M	28
Penguins! (Gail Gibbons)	610	O	34
<b>Sound</b>			
Beat It! (Ellen Tarlow)	130	K	20
Sounds All Around (Wendy Pfeffer)	510	O	34
Hearing Sounds (Sally Hewitt) It's Science	680	P	38
<b>Plants</b>			
From Acorn to Oak Tree (Jan Kottke)	410	H	14
Fall Leaves Change Colors (Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld)	500	I	16
A Tree Is Growing (Arthur Dorros)	790	M	28

<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>	<b>Lexile Level</b>	<b>Guided Reading Level</b>	<b>DRA Level</b>
<b><i>Fables</i></b>			
Three Fables (Maryann Dobeck)	150	I	16
City Mouse-Country Mouse (John Wallner)	400	J	18
Aesop's Fables (Ann McGovern)	780	K	20
<b><i>Multicultural Tales</i></b>			
The Very Big Potato (Janelle Cherrington)	140	F	10
Tikki Tikki Tembo (Arlene Mosel)	BR	L	24
The Legend of the Bluebonnet (Tomie dePaola)	630	O	34
<b><i>Variant Tales</i></b>			
Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Melissa Stuart)	70	I	16
Goldilocks and the Three Bears (James Marshall)	570	L	24
Leola and the Honeybears (Rosales)	800	O	34
<b><i>Grade 2 Favorites</i></b>			
Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia (Peggy Parish)	220	L	24
Henry and Mudge and the Long Weekend (Cynthia Rylant)	340	J	18
Shipreck Saturday (Bill Cosby)	490	K	20

## Set 3

<b><u>Social Studies</u></b>	<b>Lexile Level</b>	<b>Guided Reading Level</b>	<b>DRA Level</b>
<b><i>Immigrant Stories</i></b>			
On Their Way (Meish Goldish)	200	N	30
If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island (Ellen Levine)	800	Q	40
Coming to America (Betsy Maestro)	890	L	24
<b><i>Native American Culture</i></b>			
Native American Art (Motil)	640	Q	40
American Indian Festivals (Jay Miller)	700	M	28
Totem Pole (Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith)	860	N	30
<b><i>Our Country</i></b>			
Our Flag (Cynthia Rothman)	360	J	18
The Story of the White House (Kate Waters)	710	S	40
The Statue of Liberty (Patricia Ryan Quiri)	740	P	38
<b><i>American Inventors</i></b>			
What a Great Idea! (Liane Onish)	360	J	18
Five Notable Inventors (Wade Hudson)	620	P	38
A Picture Book of Thomas Alva Edison (David A. Adler)	730	P	38
<b><u>Science</u></b>			
<b><i>Deserts</i></b>			
Desert Life (Rachel Mann)	610	O	34
Cactus Hotel (Brenda Z. Guiberson)	700	K	20
One Day in the Desert (Jean Craighead George)	860	P	38
<b><i>Solar System</i></b>			
The Sun's Family of Planets (Fowler)	470	I	16
The Magic School Bus® Lost in the Solar System (Joanna Cole)	480	P	38
A Book About Planets and Stars (Betty Polisar Reigot)	700	O	34
<b><i>Weather</i></b>			
Weather or Not (Maryann Dobeck)	420	N	30
Thunderstorms (Paul P. and Diane M. Sipiera)	490	M	28
Can It Rain Cats and Dogs? (Melvin and Gilda Berger)	710	N	30
<b><i>Dinosaurs</i></b>			
At Work in a Museum (Robin Bromley)	380	N	30
A Dinosaur Named Sue (Fay Robinson)	690	N	30
Apatosaurus (Elaine Landau)	770	L	24
<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>			
<b><i>Pourquoi Tales</i></b>			
How Chipmunk Got His Stripes (Joseph and James Bruchac)	260	L	24
A Wise Wish (Anne Miranda)	300	L	24

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears (Verna Aardema) 770/N	770	N	30
<b>Multicultural Tales</b>			
It Takes a Village (Jane Cowen-Fletcher)	390	N	30
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses (Paul Goble)	670	M	28
One Grain of Rice (Demi)	830	M	28
<b>Mysteries</b>			
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones (David A. Adler)	490	L	24
The Boxcar Children: The Haunted Cabin Mystery (Getrude Chandler Warner)	630	O	34
Encyclopedia Brown Takes the Cake! (Donald J. Sobol)	880	Q	40
<b>Grade 3 Favorites</b>			
Doctor De Soto (Walter Steig)	560	M	28
Fourth Grade Rats (Jerry Spinelli) 340/M	340	M	28
Charlotte's Web (E. B. White)	680	Q	40

## Set 4

<b><u>Social Studies</u></b>	<b>Lexile Level</b>	<b>Guided Reading Level</b>	<b>DRA Level</b>
<b><i>U.S. Explorers</i></b>			
In Their Own Words: Lewis and Clark (George Sullivan)	710	R	40
Lewis and Clark (Andrew Santella) [Watts Library]	710	S	40
Sacajawea (Joseph Bruchac)	840	Y	-
<b><i>Famous Americans</i></b>			
A Picture Book of Helen Keller (David A. Adler)	660	M	28
The Story of George Washington Carver (Eva Moore)	700	N	30
Indian Chiefs (Russell Freedman)	1030	S	40
<b><i>The Old West</i></b>			
California or Bust! (Judith Stamper)	460	M	28
The Legend of Freedom Hill (Linda Jacobs Altman)	680	P	38
Rachel's Journal (Marissa Moss)	930	Q	40
<b><i>The 50 States</i></b>			
Look What Came From the United States (Kevin Davis)	NL	P	38
Fabulous Facts About the 50 States (Wilma Ross)	690	Q	40
State Flags (Sue R. Brandt)	NL	P	38
<b><u>Science</u></b>			
<b><i>Inventions</i></b>			
Inventions (Meish Goldish)	400	O	34
The Kids' Invention Book (Arlene Erlbach)	760	O	34
Incredible Inventions (Nick Griffiths)	1020	P	38
<b><i>Wild Weather</i></b>			
Weather (Julian Fleisher)	440	P	38
Do Tornadoes Really Twist? (Melvin and Gilda Berger)	770	N	30
Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms (Patricia Lauber)		P	38
<b><i>Rocks</i></b>			
The Magic School Bus® Inside the Earth (Joanna Cole)	500	P	38
Rocks and Minerals (Edward R. Ricciuti)	730	M	28
A Look at Rocks (Jo S. Kittinger)	NL	W	44
<b><i>Rain Forest</i></b>			
In the Rain Forest (Dina Anastasio)	450	P	38
Exploring the Rain Forest (Mattias Klum and Hans Odoo)	770	S	40
Life in the Rainforests (Lucy Baker)	980	N	30
<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>			
<b><i>Grade 4 Favorites</i></b>			
School Days (Laura Ingalls Wilder)	520	M	28
Encyclopedia Brown Sets the Pace (Donald Sobol)	660	P	38
Beezus and Ramona (Beverly Cleary)	780	O	34

<b>Poetry</b>			
Sidewalk Chalk: Poems of the City (Carole Boston Weatherford)	NP	NL	N/A
A Pizza the Size of the Sun (Jack Prelutzky)	NP	NL	N/A
Plum (Tony Mitton)	NP	NL	N/A
<b>Tall Tales</b>			
The Tall Tale of John Henry (David Neufeld)	570	T	44
McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm (Sid Fleischman)	630	O	34
American Tall Tales (Mary Pope Osborne)	970	Q	40
<b>African-American Biographies</b>			
Let Freedom Sing (Kay Livorse)	460	T	44
Duke Ellington (Andrea Davis Pinkney)	800	L	24
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson (Barry Denenberg)	930	V	44



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<b><i>World War II</i></b>			
In the Time of War (Daniel Ahearn)	310	R	40
Memories of Anne Frank (Alison Gold)	890	X	-
A Place to Hide (Jayne Pettit)	1120	X	-
<b><i>American Revolution</i></b>			
The British Are Coming! (Capers White)	330	R	40
American Revolution (Joy Masoff)	910	V	44
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? (Jean Fritz)	1000	R	40
<b><i>Escape to Freedom</i></b>			
Harriet Tubman (Dina Anastasio)	450	R	40
Two Tickets To Freedom (Florence B. Freedman)	1030	S	40
Freedom Train (Dorothy Sterling)	910	U	44
<b><i>Immigration</i></b>			
Journey to Ellis Island (Carol Bierman)	750	R	40
Ellis Island (R. Conrad Stein)	810	S	40
The Journal of Otto Peltonen (William Durbin)	1010	W	44
<b><u>Science</u></b>			
<b><i>Outdoor Scientists</i></b>			
Destination: Everest (Karen Glenn)	450	L	24
Destination: Antarctica (Robert Swan)	900	X	-
Mountain Survivor's Guide (Rory Storm)	1140	Z	-
<b><i>Oceans</i></b>			
Do Whales Have Belly Buttons? (Melvin and Gilda Berger)	730	N	30
What Makes an Ocean Wave? (Melvin and Gilda Berger)	870	O	34
Life in the Oceans (Lucy Baker)	940	T	44
<b><i>Solar System</i></b>			
Solar System (Gregory Vogt)	580	M	28
Seeing Earth From Space (Patricia Lauber)	890	Y	-
The Usborne Book of Space Facts (Struan Reid)	1080	Z	-
<b><i>Learning From Stone</i></b>			
Mesa Verde (Meish Goldish)	630	N	30
Limestone Caves (Roy Gallant)	1010	N	30
Stories in Stone (Jo S. Kittinger)	1050	U	44
<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>			
<b><i>Historical Fiction</i></b>			
A Ballad of the Civil War (Mary Stolz)	680	T	44
Abraham's Battle: A Novel of Gettysburg (Sara Harrell Banks)	750	NR	44

The Journal of James Edmond Pease (Jim Murphy)	1070	V	44
<b>Autobiography</b>			
26 Fairmount Ave. (Tomie DePaola)	760	P	38
Knots in My Yo-yo String (Jerry Spinelli)	980	U	44
Under the Royal Palms (Alma Flor Ada)	1070	T	44
<b>Grade 5 Favorites</b>			
Crazy For Chocolate (Frieda Wishinsky)	520	O	34
The Borrowers (Mary Norton)	780	S	40
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (C. S. Lewis)	940	T	44
<b>Author Study</b>			
Smiffy Blue: Ace Crime Detective (Walter Dean Myers)	540	O	34
Somewhere in the Darkness (Walter Dean Myers)	750	Y	-
The Greatest: Mohammed Ali (Walter Dean Myers)	1030	W	-

## Set 6

<b><u>Social Studies</u></b>	<b>Lexile Level</b>	<b>Guided Reading Level</b>	<b>DRA Level</b>
<b><i>Ancient Civilizations</i></b>			
Archaeology (Dennis Fradin)	700	O	34
Ancient Greece (Susan Altman and Susan Lechner)	NP	NL	44
City: A Story of Roman Planning and Construction (David Macaulay)	1100	Z	-
<b><i>Ancient World Leaders</i></b>			
Confucius: The Golden Rule (Russell Freedman)	1080	W	-
Hannibal (Robert Green)	980	T	44
Cleopatra (Robert Green)	1060	X	-
<b><i>The Titanic</i></b>			
Titanic (Howard Gutner)	790	V	-
Exploring the Titanic (Robert D. Ballard)	980	Q	40
Voyage on the Great Titanic (Ellen Emerson White)	1090	W	-
<b><i>Civil Rights</i></b>			
Little Rock Nine (Carolyn Clark)	850	S	40
Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court (Deborah Kent)	900	S	40
The Day Martin Luther King, Jr., Was Shot (Jim Haskins)	1140	Y	-
<b><u>Science</u></b>			
<b><i>Wildlife Conservation</i></b>			
Saving the Animals (James Marlett)	660	S	40
Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay (Jennifer Owings Dewey)	900	U	44
Sea Otter Rescue: The Aftermath of an Oil Spill (Roland Smith)	1160	W	-
<b><i>Ecology</i></b>			
Spare the Mare! (Robert Lawson)	580	Q	40
Listening to Crickets (Barbara Ransom)	930	T	44
50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth (The Earthworks Group)	900	S	40
<b><i>Mummies</i></b>			
Under Wraps (Meish Goldish)	670	W	-
Mummies Bones & Body Parts (Charlotte Wilcox)	900	V	-
Mummies, Tombs, and Treasure (Lila Perl)	1090	Z	-
<b><i>Natural Disasters</i></b>			
The Chicago Fire (Howard Gutner)	450	S	40
Volcano (Patricia Lauber)	830	T	44
Blizzard! (Jim Murphy)	1080	Y	-
<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>			
<b><i>Thrillers</i></b>			
Frankenstein [based on the novel by Mary Shelley] (Terry M. West)	300	NL	-
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (Robert Louis Stevenson)	990	Z	-
Eight Tales of Terror (Edgar A. Poe)	1340	Z	-

<b>Classics</b>			
Moby Dick [based on the novel by Herman Melville] (Terry M. West)	410	NL	24
Gulliver's Stories (Edward Dolch) [retold from Jonathan Swift]	800	P	38
Around the World in Eighty Days (Jules Verne)	1070	Z	-
<b>Grade 6 Favorites</b>			
Bluish (Virginia Hamilton)	460		
Sounder (William H. Armstrong)	900	U	44
Brian's Winter (Gary Paulsen)	1140	T	44
		R	40
<b>Myths</b>			
Demeter and Persephone (Trina Robbins)	250	Q	40
Favorite Greek Myths retold by(Mary Pope Osborne)	870	N	30
The Adventures of Ulysses (Bernard Evslin)	860	Z	-