

An Introduction to the Lexile Framework for Reading: Webinar Links and Resources

Lexile® and Quantile® Measures in Illinois

The Lexile Framework® for Reading, commonly referred to as the Lexile Framework, has been linked with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in English Language Arts for grades 3-8. Similarly, the Quantile Framework® for Mathematics has been linked with the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in Mathematics grades 3-8. Students in Illinois also may be receiving Lexile and Quantile measures from a variety of different tests and programs used by local schools. With Lexile and Quantile measures, educators and parents can spur and support student learning.

What Is a Lexile Measure?

There are two kinds of Lexile measures: Lexile reader measures and Lexile text measures. Lexile reader measures describe how strong a student's reading is. Lexile text measures describe how difficult, or complex, a text like a book or magazine article is. Lexile measures are expressed as numbers followed by an "L" (for example, 850L), and range from below 0L for beginning readers and text to above 1600L for advanced readers and text. Comparing a student's Lexile measure with the Lexile measure of what they are reading helps gauge the "fit" between a student's ability and the difficulty of text.

- For a quick, two-page overview of the Lexile Framework, and the two types of Lexile measures, see the [Lexile Educator Guide](#)
- To see the full **Lexile map** shown on the slides visit: [Lexile Map](#)
- For a **full list** of all assessments and instructional programs that report Lexile student measures, please visit: [Assessments and Instructional Programs with Lexile student measures](#)
- For more information about Lexile measures and **beginning readers (BR)**, visit: [Lexile for beginning readers](#)
- Other curricular websites with FREE, Lexile-measured texts:

-- Smithsonian TweenTribune: www.tweentribune.com/

-- ReadWorks: www.readworks.org/

-- ReadingVine: www.readingvine.com

-- COMMONLIT: www.commonlit.org/en

-- Newsela: www.newsela.com

And, here is a short "explainer" (with some suggested text for sharing with other teachers) for how these resources can be accessed and how they might be used:

[Resource Use Guide](#)

- Lexile & Quantile Hub: <https://hub.lexile.com>
- Collectively, the 16 tools in the Lexile & Quantile Hub allow users to accomplish three, overarching goals:
 - (1) Educators can monitor the progress of students against the reading and mathematical demands of college and career;
 - (2) Classroom teachers can access resources and materials to plan instruction; and

(3) Families and communities can access resources for learning outside of the school walls tailored to each student's unique ability.

- For help getting started with each of the tools within the Lexile & Quantile Hub, please see our “Getting Started” chart. This chart includes links to the Quick Start Guide for each tool: [Getting Started Chart](#)