

A Word about Lexiles

Some of selections in the summer reading lists are accompanied by Lexile measures, also known simply as Lexiles. Lexiles are indicators of readability, of how easy or difficult it is to read a particular text, and are based on two factors: word frequency and sentence length. Lexiles increase with the level of reading skills required to comprehend the text; the higher the Lexile measure, the more difficult the text.

You can find additional Lexile ratings for other books for your child using the book locator that can be found at the [Lexile Framework for Reading](#). The book locator will allow you to specify authors, areas of interest, and Lexile ranges to develop a list of books that are both interesting and accessible to your child. Please, note: lexile.com does not screen for content or age-appropriateness of material: it only provides measures of readability. You should, as always, assist your child in making appropriate choices for their reading material.

Also, parents should understand that while Lexiles are a helpful tool in helping children succeed at reading and improve their skills, they are just that – a tool. They are not a substitute for interest or enthusiasm, and children of all ages should be encouraged at times to just pick up a book that looks interesting, open the cover...and read.