

The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading

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Linking Assessment With Instruction



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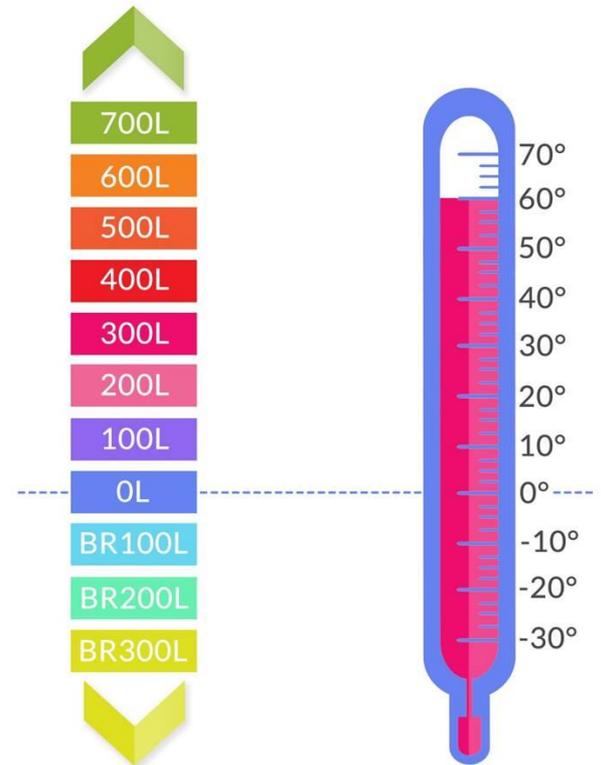
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What is The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading?

An educational tool – *a scale* – that links reading material and readers under a common metric – the Lexile[®].

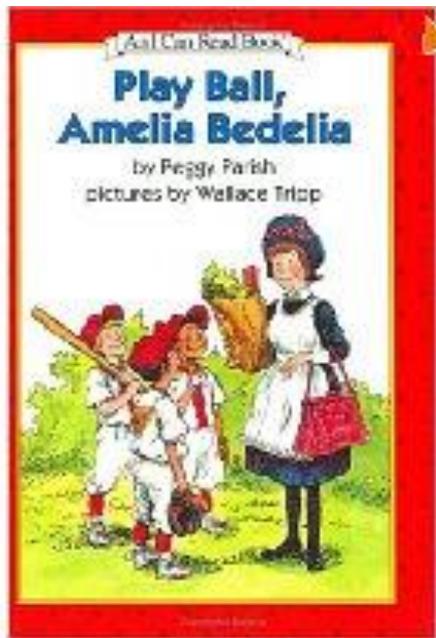
- Measures the complexity of reading material
- Measures the reading skill of individual readers



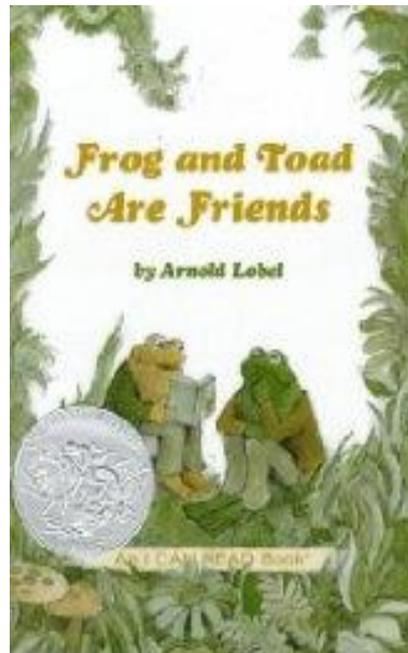
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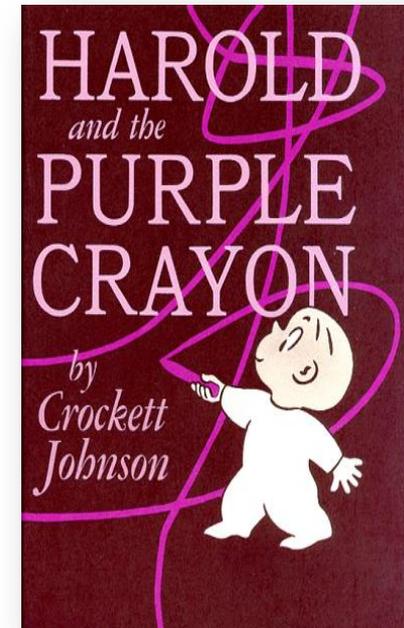
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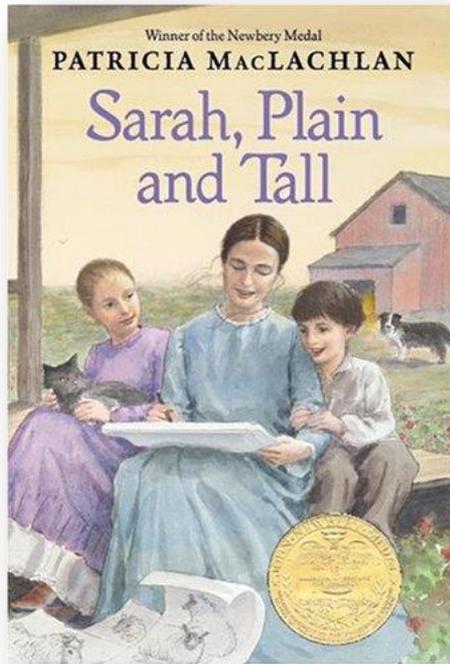
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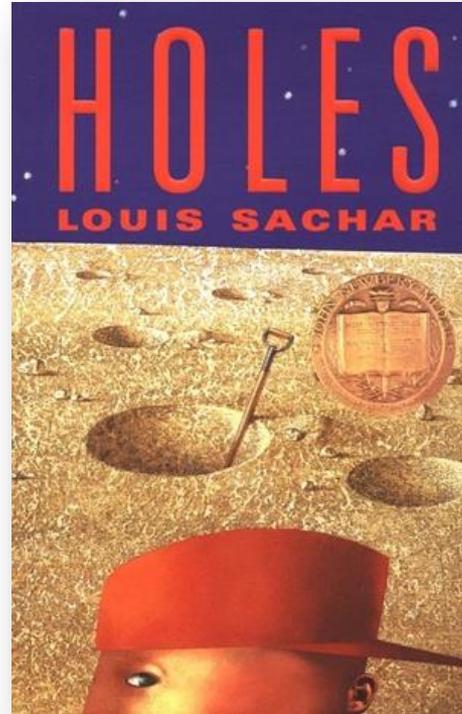
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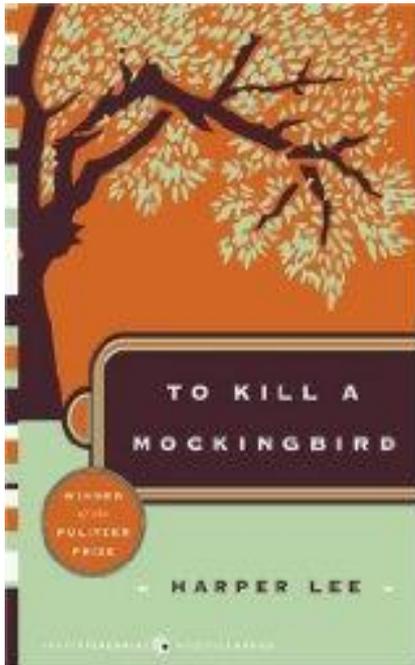
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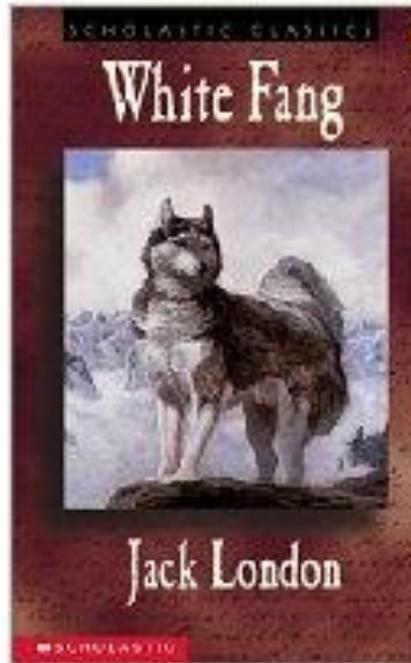
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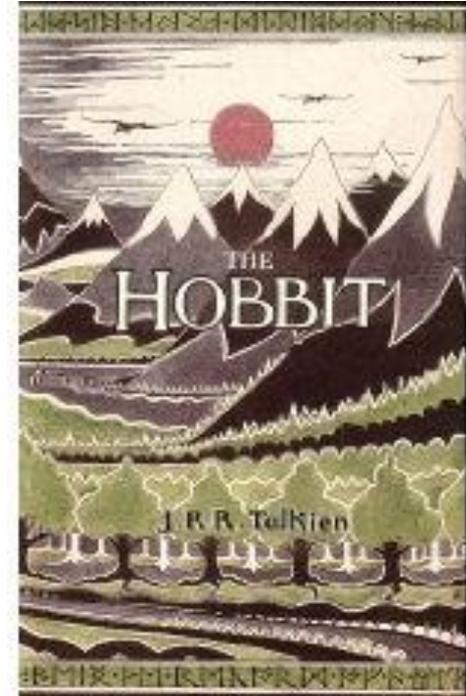
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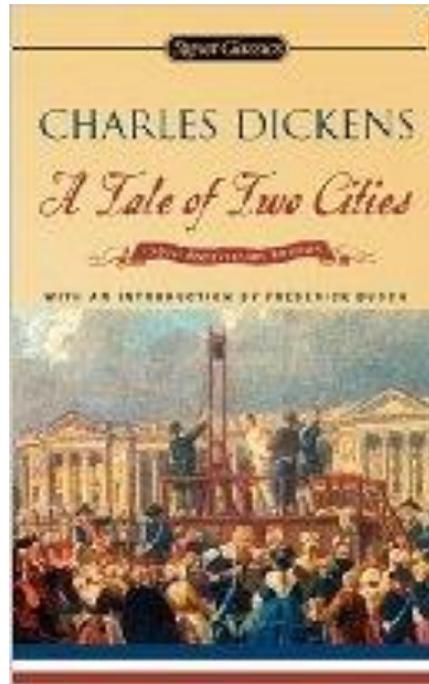
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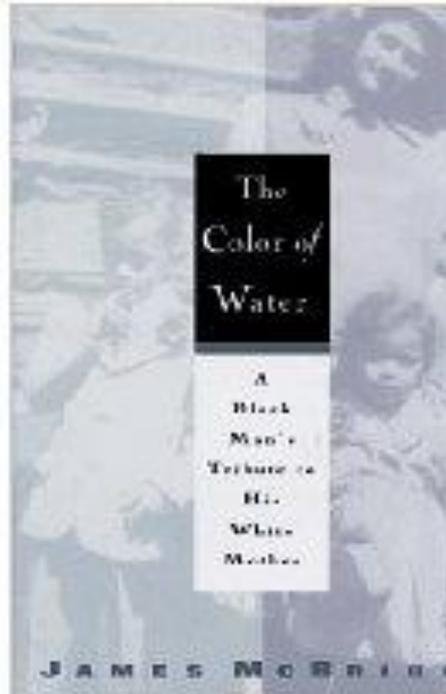
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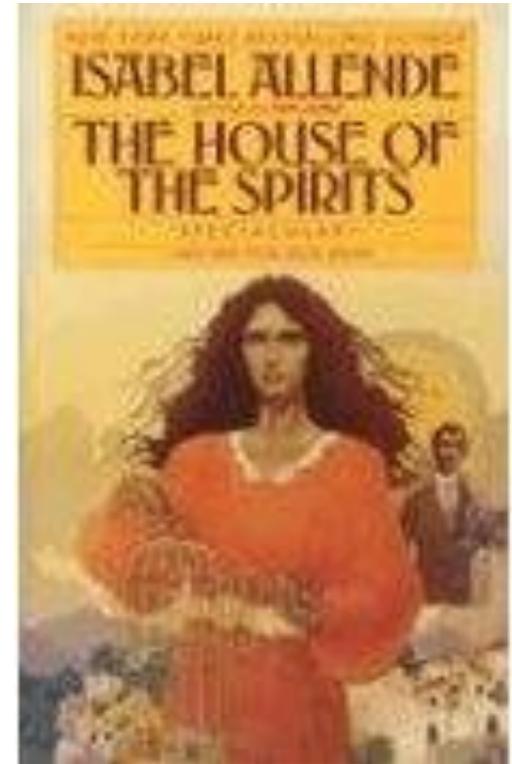
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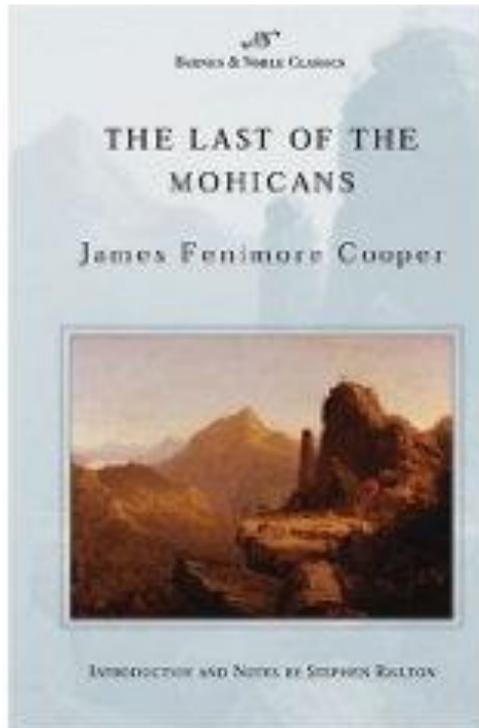
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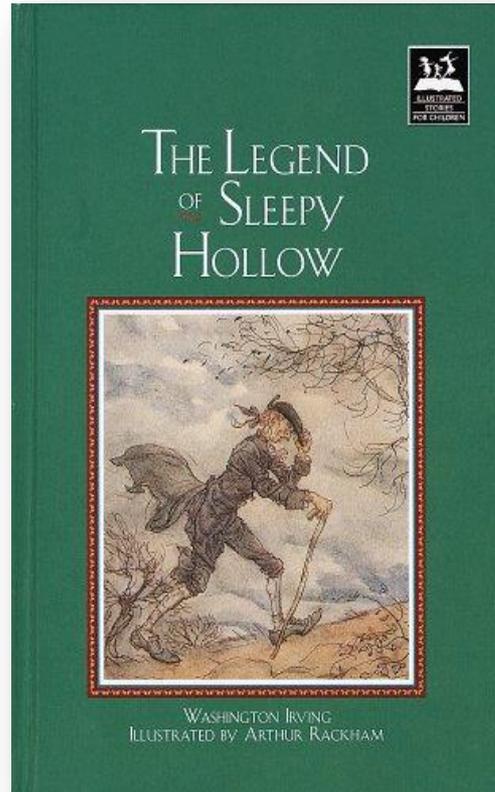
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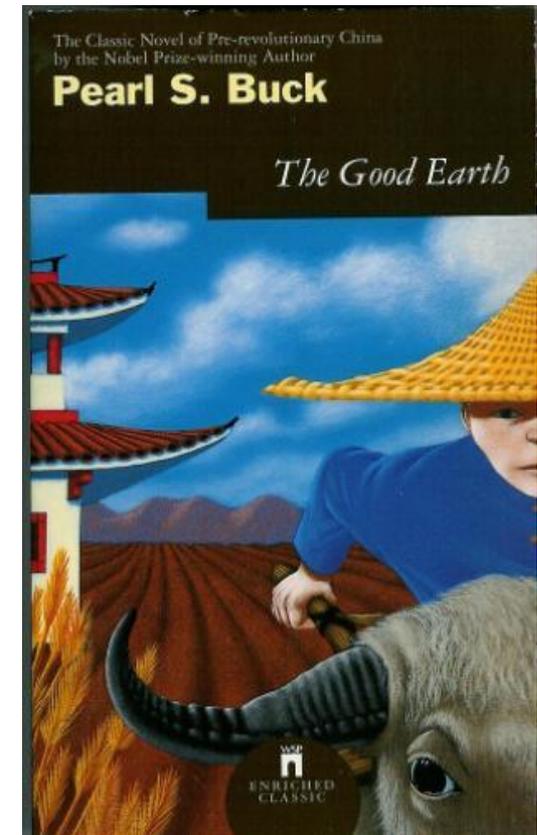
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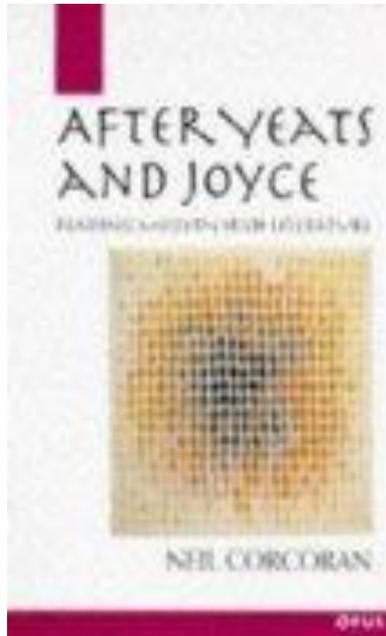
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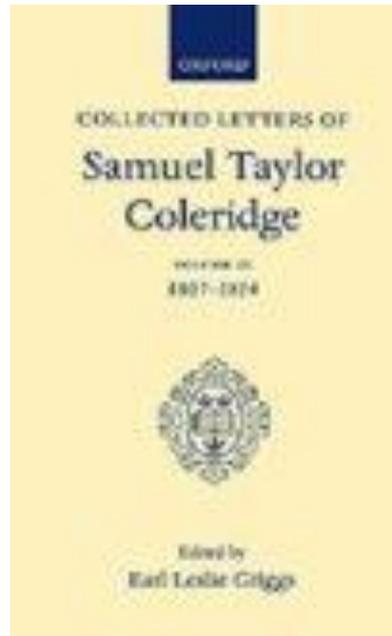
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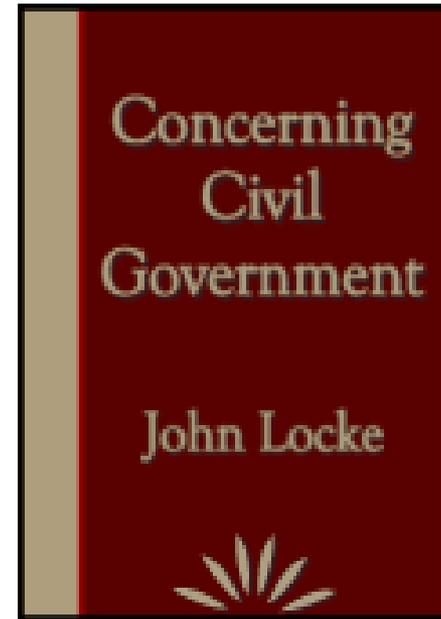
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Two Underlying Concepts

- **Text Complexity**

- Certain features inherent in reading material that make it more or less difficult to read.
 - the complexity of sentences and paragraphs (syntax)
 - the complexity of vocabulary (semantics)



- **Reader Measure**

- The ability of a reader to derive meaning from what they are reading.

The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading

A Lexile[®] is a measure of both reading readiness and text complexity, *on the same scale*.

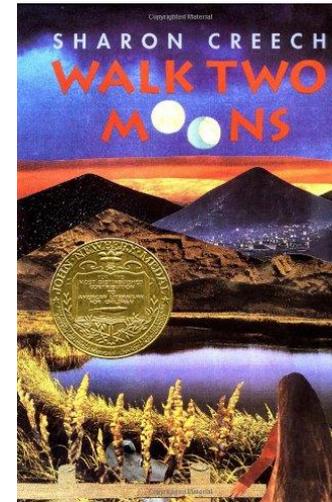
A student's Lexile measure is her reading readiness.



a 770L reader



A book's Lexile measure is its reading complexity.



a 770L book

Why The Lexile[®] Framework?

- **LINK** reader to text under a common measure to build reading skill
- **FORECAST** comprehension
- **DIFFERENTIATE** instruction for diverse student needs
- **DETERMINE** the instructional scaffolding needed for reading success
- **TRACK** growth over time



Building Students' Reading Skill



- Students practice reading skills with text they can comprehend.
- Greatest growth in reading skill happens when reading text in a student's own Lexile[®] zone (-100L to +50L from the reader's measure).
- As a reader's Lexile[®] measure increases, the text complexity he or she can comprehend increases.

Lexile[®] Comprehension Model

Reader Ability (in Lexiles[®])

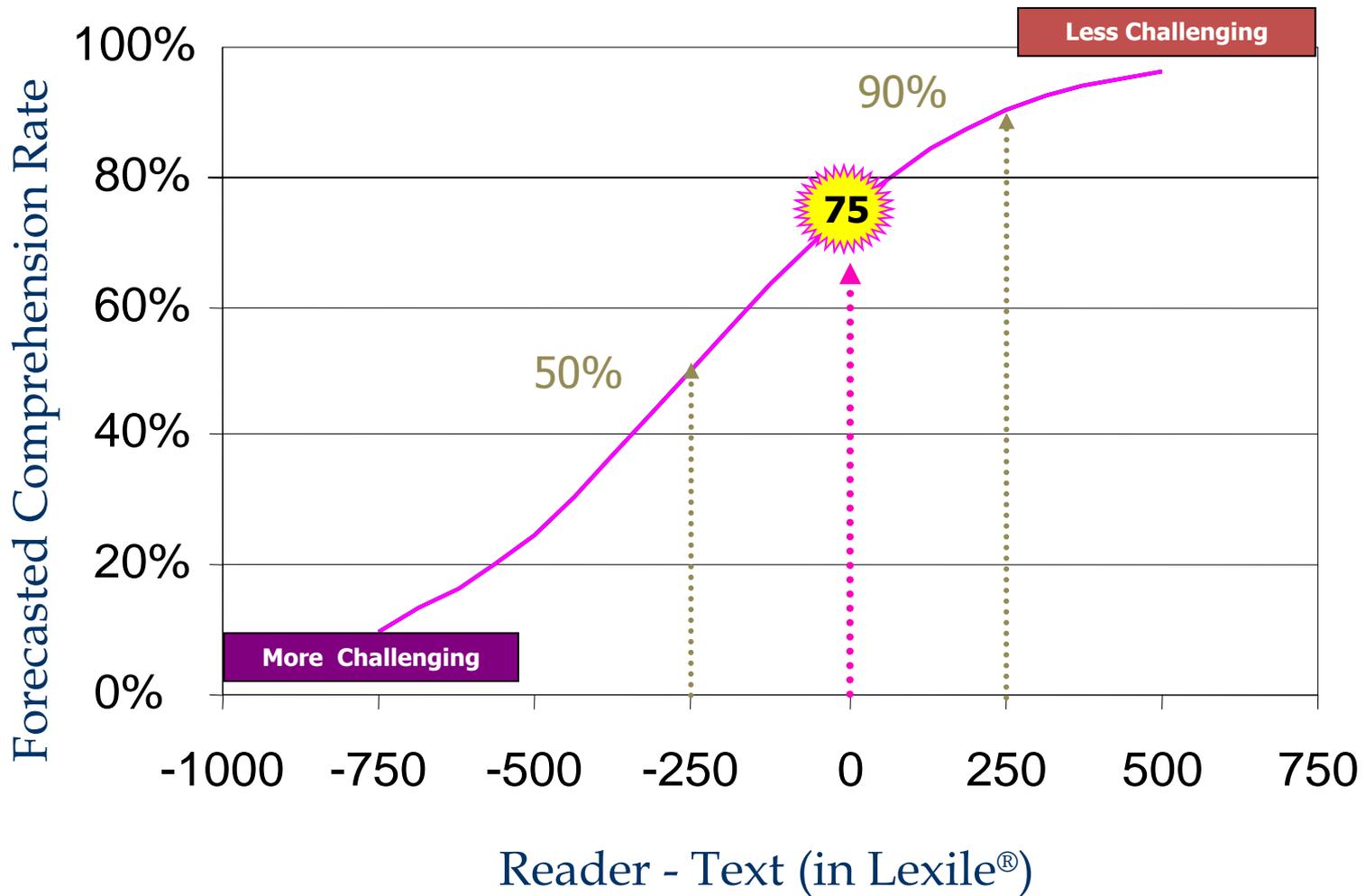
- **Text Complexity (in Lexiles[®])**

Forecasted Comprehension

*When $RA - TR = 0$, Comprehension = **75%***



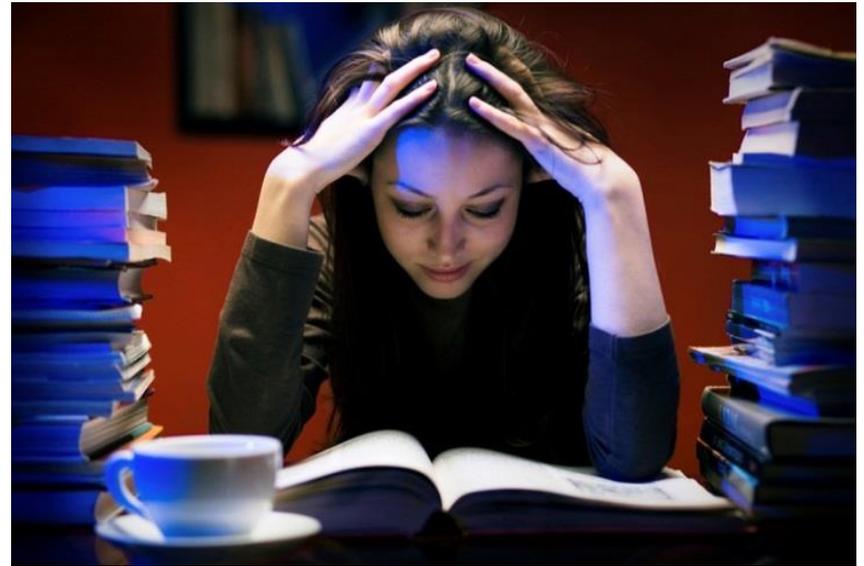
The “Sweet Spot” for Reading



Why 75% Comprehension?

Research suggests that at 75%...

- A reader can have a **successful reading experience** without frustration or boredom
- A reader can achieve **“functional comprehension”** of the text
- A reader will be **sufficiently challenged** (by vocabulary and syntax) to improve



Uses of the Lexile® Framework

Lexile® measures...

- offer a way to **match students with texts** in order to improve skill and increase comprehension.
- allow educators to track student **progress toward college and career readiness.**
- are applicable to most kinds of text **across all curriculum areas.**
- **enable differentiation** for all students, including those at-risk.
- **Allow all stakeholders to participate** in growing reader ability—readers, parents, and educators.



Limitations of Lexile® Measures

These measures do NOT address

Text Characteristics

- Age-appropriateness of the content
- Text support (e.g., pictures, pull-outs)
- Text quality (i.e., Is it a good book?)

Reader Characteristics

- Interest and motivation
- Background knowledge
- Reading context and purpose

- Lexile® text measures only gauge text readability.
- Lexile® measures are a tool to help inform the text selection process, not a replacement for the judgment of a parent, educator, or librarian.

Lexile® Measures Can Empower...

Teachers:

- Differentiate instruction
- Match text to student



Students:

- Connect to accessible text
- Monitor and celebrate their own growth



Families:

- Participate in child's development



Free Resources!

- Lexile[®] Overview Video – <http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-video/>
- Lexile[®] Map – <http://www.lexile.com/tools/lexile-map/>
- Find a Book, Oklahoma – <http://www.lexile.com/fab/ok/>
- Summer Reading – <https://www.lexile.com/using-lexile/summer-reading/>
- Lexile[®] Analyzer – <https://www.lexile.com/analyzer/>
- Digital Prairie – <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/prairie/index.htm>

Find a Book, Oklahoma

Find the Right Book for You!

Step 1: Enter Your Lexile

Tell us your Lexile measure, and find books you'd like to read!



Buscando libros en español?

Looking for Primary Sources?

My Lexile measure is

Lexile

Lexile Range

Or

I don't know my Lexile measure

My Current Grade is:

I find the books I read for school difficult.
 I find the books I read for school just right.
 I find the books I read for school easy.

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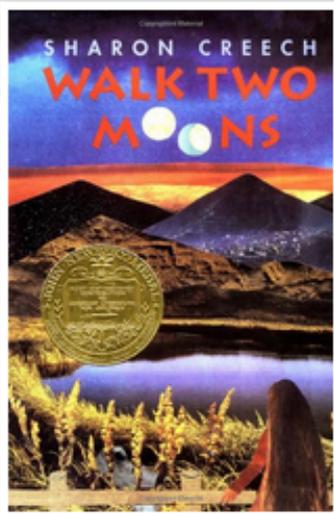
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Walk Two Moons

Summary

Gramps says that I am a country girl at heart, and that is true. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness" in her blood, travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. Beneath Phoebe's stories Salamanca's own story and that of her mother, who left on April morning for Idaho, promising to return before the tulips bloomed. Sal's mother has not, however, returned, and the trip to Idaho takes on a growing urgency as Salamanca hopes to get to Idaho in time for her mother's birthday and bring her back, despite her father's warning that she is fishing in the air. This richly layered novel is in turn funny, mysterious, and touching. Sharon Creech's original voice tells a story like no other, one that readers will not soon forget.

Author: Creech, Sharon

Language: English | |

Vocabulary Words

The Lexile "PowerV" Word Selector identifies up to 10 challenging words in each book that are important for students to know. [Read more about the PowerV Word Selector.](#)

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Lexile Measure

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[Mark Twain Award \(Nominated, 1997\)](#)



The Lexile® Analyzer

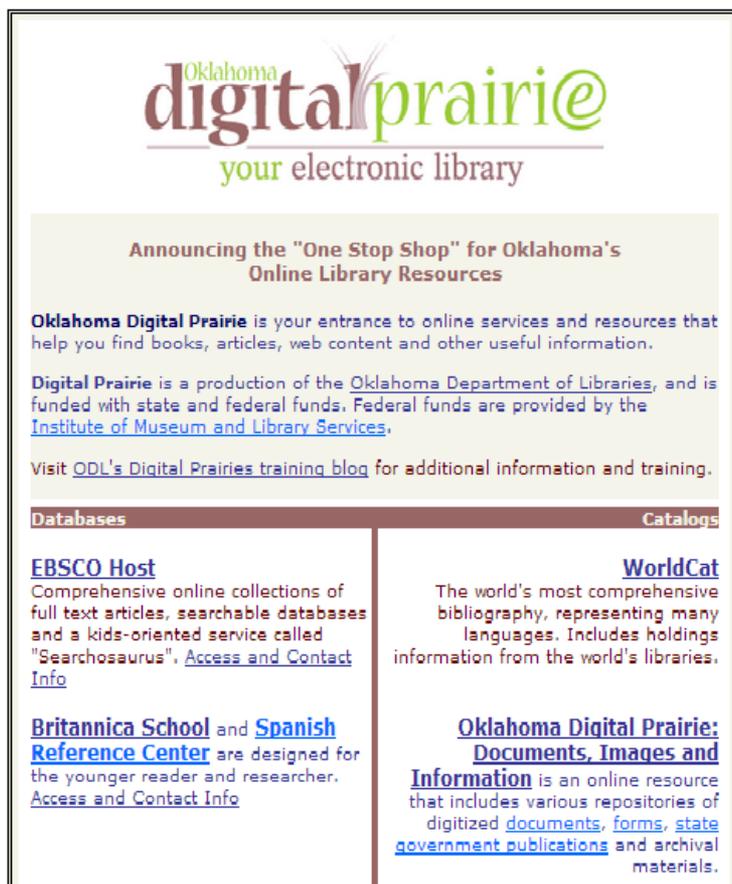
For texts not on Find a Book, consider using the **Lexile Analyzer**:
<http://www.lexile.com/analyzer/>

- Allows user to receive an estimated Lexile measure
- Accommodates texts up to 1000 words in length
- Texts of any length can be evaluated using the Professional Lexile Analyzer—educators can upgrade to this tool for free by requesting access

The screenshot shows the Lexile Analyzer website. At the top left is the Lexile logo and the text "The Lexile® Framework for Reading Matching readers with texts". To the right is a "Quick Book Search" box with fields for "Title, Author or ISBN", a "Search" button, and an "Advanced" dropdown. Below the search box is a navigation bar with links for "About Lexile Measures", "Use Lexile Measures", "Become a Lexile Partner", "My Account", and "Logout". The main heading is "Lexile® Analyzer". A sidebar on the left lists steps: "Step 1: What kinds of texts can be measured", "Step 2: Prepare your text for measurement", "Step 3: Type or scan your text", "Step 4: Convert your text into a plain text file", "Step 5: Analyze your text and get results", and links for "Using the Professional Lexile Analyzer", "Lexile Analyzer Video Tutorial", and "Lexile Analyzer Terms". The main content area is titled "Get a Lexile Text Measure" and includes a "Submit a file" section with a "File to Analyze*" field, a "Browse..." button, and a "Submit" button. There is also an "Online help and user guides" section with a link to the user guide.

Digital Prairie

Visit: <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/prairie/index.htm>



The screenshot shows the Oklahoma Digital Prairie website. At the top, the logo reads "Oklahoma digital prairie@ your electronic library". Below the logo, a banner announces the "One Stop Shop" for Oklahoma's Online Library Resources. The main content area is divided into two columns: "Databases" and "Catalogs".

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