

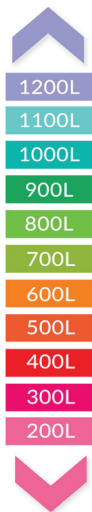
## Using Lexile Measures to Support Reading Growth



**Reading books that match your child's reading level can promote growth in reading ability!**

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) aims to make test scores useful both at school and at home. To achieve this goal, the OSDE partners with MetaMetrics to report Lexile measures from the Oklahoma School Testing Program in grades 3 - 8. Lexile measures help match reading materials (also called texts) to your child's specific reading level. A good match will help increase your child's reading growth.

The Lexile scale is like a thermometer that can help you measure a text's complexity AND your reader's ability. By knowing your child's Lexile measure and the Lexile measure of a text, you can find a



**Lexile Scale < > Thermometer**

good match for your child when selecting a specific book, magazine article or other reading materials. Remember, a good match will help increase your child's reading growth.

For more information on how Lexile measures can be used to help improve your child's reading ability, visit [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com).

### About Lexile Measures

» A Lexile measure represents both your child's reading ability and the complexity of a given text, such as a book or magazine article.

» Lexile measures provide valuable information about your child's reading ability and encourage reading growth.

» There is no direct relationship between a specific Lexile measure and a specific grade level. In any classroom or grade, there will be a range of reading abilities.

» Lexile measures can be used to track reading growth over time regardless of grade level or content area.

» Lexile measures estimate the complexity of a text based on characteristics such as vocabulary and sentence length. Lexile measures do not consider factors such as age-appropriateness, interest, or prior knowledge.

» When your child reads text within his or her Lexile range, he or she is likely to comprehend enough of the text to make sense of it, while still being challenged enough to maintain interest and learning.

» To help your child choose books within his or her Lexile range (50L above to 100L below his or her Lexile measure), use "Find a Book, Oklahoma" ([www.Lexile.com/fab/OK](http://www.Lexile.com/fab/OK)).



## Using the Lexile Framework at Home



The **Lexile map** provides examples of popular books and sample text at various points on the Lexile scale ranging from 200L for beginning level texts to 1600L for more advanced texts. It's a quick reference guide for what a Lexile measure means. Once you know your child's Lexile measure, you can use the Lexile map to get a sense of his or her reading level in terms of books you're familiar with and know. Download a copy of the Lexile map at [Lexile.com/faqs](http://Lexile.com/faqs).

The free **"Find a Book, Oklahoma"** ([Lexile.com/fab/OK](http://Lexile.com/fab/OK)) is the quickest and easiest way to search for fiction and non-fiction titles within your child's Lexile range. Whether your child is reading for school or for pleasure, this tool will help you build custom reading lists on the subjects that interest your child the most—in five simple steps (see below).

The **Lexile "PowerV" Word Selector** provides Lexile level-appropriate vocabulary lists for over 50,000 books. Using PowerV will help you to identify and discuss vocabulary words that are important for your child to know and use. Vocabulary lists can be generated based on your child's Lexile reader measure and/or the book's Lexile text measure. You can access the PowerV tool by visiting an individual book detail page when performing a search using "Find a Book, Oklahoma" or the Quick Book Search tool on [Lexile.com](http://Lexile.com).



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