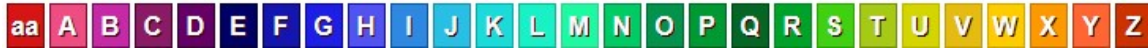


READING AA-Z Features



*BR – Beginning Reader

LEVEL AA FEATURES

Ages 4-6 **Grade K** **Lexile BR-70**

- 1-3 words per page; 2.5 words average
- 1 line per page
- **16-24 words total**
- One word change per page
- 1-2 high-frequency words per page
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Mostly picture captions
- One-to-one text-to-picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- Consistent text placement
- 10 pages

LEVEL A FEATURES

Ages 4-6 **Grade K** **Lexile BR-70**

- 2-6 words per line; 3.5 words average
- 1 line per page
- **21-40 words total**
- Complete sentences
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Repetitive pattern with one word change per page
- Predictable language
- One-to-one text-to-picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- 10 pages

LEVEL B FEATURES

Ages 4–6 **Grade K** **Lexile BR-70**

- 2–7 words per line; 4.5 words average
- 1 line per page
- **30–55 words total**
- Complete sentences
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Repetitive pattern with one or two word changes per page
- Pattern may change on last page, such as a surprise ending
- Predictable language
- One-to-one text-to-picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- Consistent text placement
- 10 pages

LEVEL C FEATURES

Ages 4–6 **Grade K** **Lexile BR-70**

- 2–8 words per sentence; 5.5 words average
- 1–2 lines per page; no return sweep
- **50–80 words total**
- Complete sentences
- Simple prepositional phrase and introductory clauses
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Repetitive pattern with one to three word changes per page
- Pattern may vary on first and last pages
- Predictable language
- Dialogue introduced
- One-to-one text-to-picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- Consistent text placement
- 10 pages

LEVEL D FEATURES

Ages 4-7 **Grade 1** **Lexile 80-450**

- 9 words maximum per sentence; 6 words average
- 2-3 lines per page; return sweep of no more than one sentence per page
- **60-100 words total**
- Complete sentences
- Simple sentences with prepositional phrases and introductory clauses
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Repetitive pattern in middle with one to three word changes per page
- Pattern may vary on first and last few pages
- Predictable language
- Dialogue introduced
- Illustration labels in nonfiction books
- High text/picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- 10-12 pages

LEVEL E FEATURES

Ages 6-7 **Grade 1** **Lexile 80-450**

- 11 words maximum per sentence; 7 words average
- 2-5 lines per page
- **70-130 words total**
- Complete sentences
- Simple sentences with prepositional phrases and introductory clauses
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Repetitive pattern with two to four word changes per page
- Pattern may vary on first and last few pages
- Predictable language
- Illustration labels in nonfiction books
- High text/picture correspondence
- Familiar topics
- Table of contents, section headings, and index introduced in nonfiction books
- 12 pages

LEVEL F FEATURES

Ages 6-7 **Grade 1** **Lexile 80-450**

- 12 words maximum per sentence; 7 words average
- 2-6 lines per page
- **100-180 words total**
- Text placement varies
- Predictable language and language patterns
- Two to four word changes in the middle pages that follow a pattern
- Beginning and ending pages have different pattern
- Repetition of portion of text from the proceeding page
- Clear sequence
- High text/picture correspondence
- Table of contents, captions, index in nonfiction books
- 12 pages

LEVEL G FEATURES

Ages 6-7 **Grade 1** **Lexile 80-450**

- 15 words maximum per sentence; 8.5 words average
- 2-7 lines per page
- **120-200 words total**
- Simple sentences with prepositional phrases and introductory clauses
- Repetition of high-frequency words
- Middle pages follow a pattern with three to six word changes per page
- Pattern may vary on first and last few pages
- Predictable language and patterns
- Illustration labels in nonfiction text
- Table of contents, captions, index in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- High text/picture correspondence
- Text placement can vary
- Variety of type sizes and styles
- 12 pages

LEVEL H FEATURES

Ages 6-7

Grade 1

Lexile 80-450

- 15 words maximum per sentence; 8.5 words average
- 3-8 lines of text per page
- **180-270 words total**
- Less repetition of high-frequency words
- Much less reliance on pattern
- Word order change from page to page
- Simple story that builds logically from one page to the next
- Controlled vocabulary with repeated use of story words
- Moderate picture support
- Table of contents, captions, index in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- Stories more complex
- Books have more challenging ideas
- More natural language usage
- Begin use of simple captions
- Glossaries introduced
- 16 pages

LEVEL I FEATURES

Ages 6-7

Grade 1

Lexile 80-450

- 15 words maximum per sentence; 8.5 words average
- 3-10 lines per page
- **240-320 words total**
- Increased sentence complexity
- Less repetition of high-frequency words
- No reliance on pattern
- Controlled vocabulary with repeated use of story vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- Increasing story complexity and moderate picture support
- 16 pages

LEVEL J FEATURES

Ages 6–8 **Grade 1** **Lexile 451-500**

- 15 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 4–12 lines per page
- **300–400 words total**
- No reliance on predictable pattern
- Richer vocabulary
- Pictures used to enhance understanding
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- 16 pages

LEVEL K FEATURES

Ages 7–8 **Grade 2** **Lexile 451-550**

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 4–14 lines of text per page
- **350–460 words total**
- Much less concern about repeated use of high-frequency words
- Paragraph spacing introduced
- Photo captions more complex
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- 16 pages

LEVEL L FEATURES

Ages 7–8 **Grade 2** **Lexile 501-550**

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- **400–600 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

LEVEL M FEATURES

Ages 7-8

Grade 2

Lexile 551-600

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- **500-760 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

LEVEL N FEATURES

Ages 7-8

Grade 2

Lexile 551-650

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 11 words average
- **550-900 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

LEVEL O FEATURES

Ages 7-8 **Grade 2** **Lexile 601-650**

- 20 words maximum per sentence; 11 words average
- **650-1,200 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

LEVEL P FEATURES

Ages 7-8 **Grade 2** **Lexile 601-650**

- 20 words maximum per sentence; 12 words average
- **750-1,300 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

LEVEL Q FEATURES

Ages 7-9

Grade 3

Lexile 651-690

- 12 words average per sentence
- **850-1,500 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Intermediate tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards
- 16-20 pages

LEVEL R FEATURES

Ages 8-9

Grade 3

Lexile 651-730

- 12.5 words average per sentence
- **925-1,600 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Intermediate tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards
- 16-20 pages

LEVEL S FEATURES

Ages 8–9

Grade 3

Lexile 691-770

- 13.5 words average per sentence
- **1,000–1,800 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Intermediate tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards
- 16–20 pages

LEVEL T FEATURES

Ages 8–9

Grade 3

Lexile 731-770

- 14.5 words average per sentence
- **1,075–2,000 words total**
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Intermediate tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards
- 16–20 pages

LEVEL U FEATURES

Ages 8–11 **Grade 4** **Lexile 771-800**

- 14.5 words average per sentence
- **1,175–2,600 words total**
- Flesch-Kincaid 4.0–4.2
- More complex sentence structure
- More complex vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards

LEVEL V FEATURES

Ages 9–11 **Grade 4** **Lexile 771-830**

- 14.5 words average per sentence
- **1,250–2,600 words total**
- Flesch-Kincaid 4.3–4.6
- More complex sentence structure
- More complex and richer vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards

LEVEL W FEATURES

Ages 9–11 **Grade 4** **Lexile 801-860**

- 15 words average per sentence
- **1,325–2,600 words total**
- Flesch-Kincaid 4.7–4.9
- More complex sentence structure
- More complex vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards

LEVEL X FEATURES

Ages 9–11 **Grade 5** **Lexile 831-860**

- 15 words average per sentence
- **1,400–3,000 words total**
- Flesch-Kincaid 5.0–5.2
- More complex sentence structure
- Increasingly difficult vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards

LEVEL Y FEATURES

Ages 9–11 **Grade 5** **Lexile 861-890**

- 16.5 words average per sentence
- **1,475–3,000 words total**
- Flesch-Kincaid 5.3–5.6
- More complex sentence structure
- Increasingly difficult vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought.
- Nonfiction topics aligned to state and national standards

LEVEL Z FEATURES

Ages 9–11 **Grade 5** **Lexile 891-980**

- 18 words average per sentence
- **1,550–3,000 words total**
- More complex sentence structure
- Increasingly difficult vocabulary
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Complex tables, charts, and graphs
- Story elements more sophisticated and require more thought.