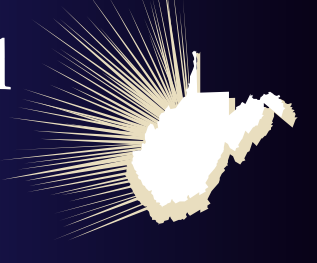


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Benchmarks

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1700L 1690 Concerning Civil Government 1680 Critique of Judgment 1660 On Abraham Lincoln 1660 On the Law Which Has Regulated the Introduction of New Species	DISCOURSE ON THE METHOD AND MEDITATIONS ON FIRST PHILOSOPHY To such a class of things pertains corporeal nature in general, and its extension, the figure of extended things, their quantity or magnitude and number, as also the place in which they are, the time which measures their duration, and so on. That is possibly why our reasoning is not unjust when we conclude from this that Physics, Astronomy, Medicine and all other sciences which have as their end the consideration of composite things, are very dubious and uncertain; but that Arithmetic, Geometry and other sciences of that kind which only treat of things that are very simple and very general, without taking great trouble to ascertain whether they are actually existent or not, contain some measure of certainty and an element of the indubitable. (René Descartes, author)	1670 The Principles of Scientific Management; Dover Publications 1630 The American Constitution: Cases, comments, questions, 7th ed.; West Publishing 1610 The Condition of Postmodernity; Blackwell Publishers
1600L 1570 Aeropagitica 1550 God, Idea of the Ancients 1530 The Good Earth 1520 A Modest Proposal 1510 On Human Nature 1500 The Decameron	FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS In fact, it is absolutely impossible to make out by experience with complete certainty a single case in which the maxim of an action, however right in itself, rested simply on moral grounds and on the conception of duty. Sometimes it happens that with the sharpest self-examination we can find nothing beside the moral principle of duty which could have been powerful enough to move us to this or that action and to so great a sacrifice; yet we cannot from this infer with certainty that it was not really some secret impulse of self-love, under the false appearance of duty, that was the actual determining cause of the will. (Immanuel Kant, author)	1550 Culture/Power/History: A Reader in Contemporary Social Theory; Princeton University Press 1530 On Injuries of the Head; Project Gutenberg 1510 On Human Nature; Howard University Press 1500 On Liberty; Hackett Publishing 1500 The Making of Memory: From Molecules to Mind; Doubleday
1500L 1490 Ring of Bright Water 1470 Utilitarianism 1450 The Confessions of Nat Turner 1440 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow 1420 Master Humphrey's Clock 1410 Profiles in Courage	ON ANCIENT MEDICINE And as to him who had been accustomed to dinner, since, as soon as the body required food, and when the former meal was consumed, and he wanted refreshment, no new supply was furnished to it, he wastes and is consumed from want of food. For all the symptoms which I describe as befalling to this man I refer to want of food. And I also say that all men who, when in a state of health, remain for two or three days without food, experience the same unpleasant symptoms as those which I described in the case of him who had omitted to take dinner. (Hippocrates, author)	1450 Philosophical Essays; Hackett Publishing 1440 Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)* 1430 Certified Public Accountant Examination (CPA)* 1430 Criminal Justice Today; Prentice Hall 1410 Science and Education; The Citadel Press 1400 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)*
1400L 1380 Life in a Medieval Castle 1350 The Guns of August 1340 The Hunchback of Notre Dame 1330 The Snow Leopard 1320 Up From Slavery 1300 People of the Deer	THE SCARLET LETTER But the point which drew all eyes, and, as it were, transfixed the wearer—so that both men and women who had been familiarly acquainted with Hester Prynne were now impressed as if they beheld her for the first time—was that SCARLET LETTER, so fantastically embroidered and illuminated upon her bosom. It had the effect of a spell, taking her out of the ordinary relations with humanity, and enclosing her in a sphere by herself. "She hath good skill at her needle, that's certain," remarked one of her female spectators; "but did ever a woman, before this brazen hussy, contrive such a way of showing it? Why, gossips, what is it but to laugh in the faces of our godly magistrates, and make a pride out of what they, worthy gentlemen, meant for a punishment?" (Nathaniel Hawthorne, author)	1390 Graduate Record Examination (GRE)* 1380 College Board Achievement Test in English (CBAT)* 1380 Law School Admission Test (LSAT)* 1330 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)* 1330 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)* 1320 Psychology: An Introduction; Prentice Hall
1300L 1280 House of the Spirits 1270 Chronicle of a Death Foretold 1240 The Midwife's Apprentice 1240 Dragon Seed 1210 Cold Mountain 1200 The Trumpeter of Krakow	BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION: 1954 Under that doctrine, equality of treatment is accorded when the races are provided substantially equal facilities, even though these facilities be separate. In the Delaware case, the Supreme Court of Delaware adhered to that doctrine, but ordered that the plaintiffs be admitted to the white schools because of their superiority to the Negro schools. The plaintiffs contend that segregated public schools are not "equal" and cannot be made "equal," and that hence they are deprived of the equal protection of the laws. Because of the obvious importance of the question presented, the Court took jurisdiction. Argument was heard in the 1952 Term, and reargument was heard this Term on certain questions propounded by the Court. (347 U.S. 483, 98 L. ed. 873, 74 S. Ct. 686)	1290 Understanding Sociology; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill 1290 Speech Science Primer; Williams & Wilkins 1240 Business; Prentice Hall 1230 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)* 1210 American College Testing Program (ACT)*
1200L 1190 Hiroshima 1160 The Pickwick Papers 1130 The Great Fire 1130 Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution 1110 A Separate Peace 1100 Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery	WAR AND PEACE Pierre had been educated abroad, and that reception at Anna Pavlovna's was the first he had attended in Russia. He knew that all the intellectual lights of Petersburg were gathered there and, like a child in a toyshop, did not know which way to look, afraid of missing any clever conversation that was to be heard. Seeing the self-confident and refined expression on the faces of those present he was always expecting to hear something very profound. At last he came up to Morio. Here the conversation seemed interesting and he stood waiting for an opportunity to express his own views, as young people are fond of doing. (Leo Tolstoy, author)	1170 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 18)* 1160 History of a Free Nation; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill 1150 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 12)* 1130 Modern Biology; Holt, Reinhart & Winston 1100 Modern Masonry; Goodheart-Wilcox Co. 1100 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-TASK 2)*
1100L 1090 Amos Fortune, Free Man 1070 All Things Bright and Beautiful 1030 Now is Your Time! 1030 Adam of the Road 1000 Island of the Blue Dolphins 1000 Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an object of some interest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her without admiration at the ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to criticise. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself and his friends that she had hardly a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. (Jane Austen, author)	1060 Test of General Educational Development (GED)* 1050 Test of Adult Basic Education, General Form (TABE-D)* 1040 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 17)* 1040 Writing & Grammar: Gold Level; Prentice Hall 1020 African American Literature; Holt-Reinhart & Winston
1000L 980 Missing May 960 The Samurai's Tale 950 Bud, Not Buddy 940 All the Pretty Horses 930 The Golden Compass 920 Talking with Artists	BLACK BEAUTY One day, when there was a good deal of kicking, my mother whinnied to me to come to her, and then she said: "I wish you to pay attention to what I am going to say to you. The colts who live here are very good colts, but they are cart-horse colts, and of course they have not learned manners. You have been well-bred and well-born; your father has a great name in these parts, and your grandfather won the cup two years at the Newmarket races; your grandmother had the sweetest temper of any horse I ever knew, and I think you have never seen me kick or bite. I hope you will grow up gentle and good, and never learn bad ways; do your work with a good will, lift your feet up well when you trot, and never bite or kick even in play." (Anna Sewell, author)	990 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 8)* 950 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 16)* 940 World Cultures: A Global Mosaic; Prentice Hall 930 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Advanced 2)* 910 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-M)* 900 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Advanced 1)*
900L 890 Shiloh 870 The View from Saturday 860 The Night I Freed John Brown 830 Summer of the Swans 820 Maniac Magee 800 Scooter	TOM SWIFT IN THE LAND OF WONDERS Just what Tom's thoughts were, Ned, of course, could not guess. But by the flush that showed under the tan of his chum's cheeks the young financial secretary felt pretty certain that Tom was a bit apprehensive of the outcome of Professor Beecher's call on Mary Nestor. "So he is going to see her about 'something important,' Ned?" "That's what some members of his party called it." "And they're waiting here for him to join them?" "Yes. And it means waiting a week for another steamer. It must be something pretty important, don't you think, to cause Beecher to risk that delay in starting after the idol of gold?" "Important? Yes, I suppose so," assented Tom. (Victor Appleton, author)	870 Word 97; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill 860 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 15)* 850 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 3)* 820 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 4)* 810 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 2)* 800 Energy from Water; Harcourt
800L 790 Flour Babies 770 The Giver 760 Walk Two Moons 730 The Apprentice 720 Some of the Kinder Planets 710 The Friends	THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO "Great soul!" said Pinocchio, fondly embracing his friend. Five months passed and the boys continued playing and enjoying themselves from morn till night, without ever seeing a book, or a desk, or a school. But, my children, there came a morning when Pinocchio awoke and found a great surprise awaiting him, a surprise which made him feel very unhappy, as you shall see. Everyone, at one time or another, has found some surprise awaiting him. Of the kind which Pinocchio had on that eventful morning of his life, there are but few. What was it? I will tell you, my dear little readers. On awakening, Pinocchio put his hand up to his head and there he found—Guess! He found that, during the night, his ears had grown at least ten full inches! (Carlo Collodi, author)	780 World Explorer: The U.S. & Canada; Prentice Hall 770 World Explorer: Latin America; Prentice Hall 760 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 14)* 760 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 1)* 730 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-E)* 720 Health 4; McGraw-Hill School Division
700L 670 The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses 670 Number the Stars 660 Holes 650 The Robber and Me 620 M.C. Higgins, the Great 610 Beat the Story-Drum, Pum-Pum	BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY "Of course he bites vegetables. All rabbits bite vegetables." "He bites them, Harold, but he does not eat them. That tomato was all white. What does that mean?" "It means that he paints vegetables?" I ventured. "It means he bites vegetables to make a hole in them, and then he sucks out all the juices." "But what about all the lettuce and carrots that Toby has been feeding him in his cage?" "Ah ha. What indeed!" Chester said. "Look at this!" Whereupon, he stuck his paw under the chair cushion and brought out with a flourish an assortment of strange white objects. Some of them looked like unironed handkerchiefs, and the others well, the others didn't look like anything I'd ever seen before. (Deborah and James Howe, authors) © 1979 by James Howe. Reprinted by permission of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division. All rights reserved.	680 One Nation Many People, Volume One; Globe Fearon 670 Science; Addison-Wesley 660 Understanding Technology; Goodheart-Wilcox 650 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 13)* 610 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 3)* 600 Community Quilt; Scholastic Inc.
600L 570 The Whipping Boy 560 Sarah, Plain and Tall 540 The Adventures of Sparrowboy 530 It's All Greek to Me 520 John Henry: An American Legend 510 Karen's Chain Letter	A BABY SISTER FOR FRANCES "Did you forget that I like raisins?" "No, I did not forget," said Mother, "but you finished up the raisins yesterday and I have not been out shopping yet." "Well," said Frances, "things are not very good around here anymore. No clothes to wear. No raisins for the oatmeal. I think maybe I'll run away." "Finish your breakfast," said Mother. "It is almost time for the school bus." "What time will dinner be tonight?" said Frances. "Half past six," said Mother. "Then I will have plenty of time to run away after dinner," said Frances, and she kissed her mother good-bye and went to school. After dinner that evening Frances packed her little knapsack very carefully. She put in her tiny special blanket and her alligator doll. (Russell Hoban, author) © 1964 by Russell Hoban. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.	550 Communities; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 540 People and Places; Silver Burdett Ginn 510 Team Spirit; Scholastic Inc. 510 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 12)* 500 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 2)*
500L 490 Harold and the Purple Crayon 440 All Tutus Should Be Pink 420 Michael Bird-Boy 420 Angel Child, Dragon Child 410 Sam the Minuteman 400 Arthur's New Puppy	THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS INSIDE THE EARTH But suddenly, the bus began to spin like a top. That sort of thing doesn't happen on most class trips. When the spinning finally stopped, some things had changed. We all had on new clothes. The bus had turned into a steam shovel. And there were shovels and picks for every kid in the class. "Start digging!" yelled Ms. Frizzle. And we began making a huge hole right in the middle of the field. Before long CLUNK! we hit rock. The Friz handed out jackhammers. We began to break through the hard rock. "Hey, these rocks have stripes," said a kid. Ms. Frizzle explained that each stripe was a different kind of rock. We chipped off pieces of the rocks for our class rock collection. "These rocks are called sedimentary rocks, class," said Ms. Frizzle. (Joanna Cole, author) THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS is a registered trademark of Scholastic Inc. © 1987 by Joanna Cole. Reprinted by permission of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved.	480 Once Upon a Hippo; Scott Foresman 470 Bears Don't Go to School; Houghton Mifflin 440 Imagine That; Scholastic Inc. 440 Traveling Star; SRA/McGraw Hill 400 We Are All Alike; Benchmark Education
400L 370 The Drinking Gourd 370 A My Name Is Alice 370 Owl at Home 360 The Best Way to Play 330 Clifford, the Small Red Puppy 320 Miss Nelson Is Back	FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS "That button is thin. My button was thick." Toad put the thin button in his pocket. He was very angry. He jumped up and down and screamed, "The whole world is covered with buttons, and not one of them is mine!" Toad ran home and slammed the door. There, on the floor, he saw his white, four-holed, big, round, thick button. "Oh," said Toad. "It was here all the time. What a lot of trouble I have made for Frog." Toad took all of the buttons out of his pocket. He took his sewing box down from the shelf. Toad sewed the buttons all over his jacket. The next day Toad gave his jacket to Frog. Frog thought it was beautiful. He put it on and jumped for joy. (Arnold Lobel, author) © 1970 by Arnold Lobel. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.	390 Discover Science; Scott Foresman 390 Carousels; Houghton Mifflin 360 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 11)* 350 My World; Harcourt Brace 340 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 1)* 330 Who Painted the Porcupine Purple?; Silver Burdett Ginn
300L 290 Sarah's Unicorn 270 Baseball Ballerina 270 In the Forest 260 At the Crossroads 230 The Boy Who Cried Wolf 220 Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia	CLIFFORD'S MANNERS Clifford loves to go visiting. When he visits his sister in the country, he always calls ahead. Clifford always arrives on time. Don't be late. Knock before you walk in. He knocks on the door before he enters. He wipes his feet first. Wipe your feet. Clifford kisses his sister. He shakes hands with her friend. Shake hands. Wash up before you eat. Clifford's sister has dinner ready. Clifford washes his hands before he eats. Clifford chews his food with his mouth closed. He never talks with his mouth full. Don't talk with your mouth full. Help clean up. Clifford helps with the clean-up. Say good-bye. Then he says thank you and good-bye to his sister and to his friend. Everyone loves Clifford's manners. (Norman Bridwell, author) © 1972 by Norman Bridwell. Reprinted by permission of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved.	280 Too Big; Houghton Mifflin 270 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-L)* 270 Parades; Houghton Mifflin 250 My Family, Your Family; Silver Burdett Ginn 240 My Pet Pup; Benchmark Education
200L		

About The Lexile Framework[®] for Reading

The Lexile Framework for Reading provides a common, developmental scale for matching reader ability and text difficulty. Lexile[®] measures enable educators, parents and students to select targeted materials that can improve reading skills and to monitor reading growth across the curriculum, in the library and at home. Lexile measures are a powerful tool for linking assessment with instruction, by taking the guesswork out of selecting reading materials that meet and challenge a student's ability.

Recognized as the most widely adopted reading measure, Lexile measures are part of reading and testing programs in the classroom and at the district and state levels. More than 115,000 books, 80 million articles and 60,000 Web sites have Lexile measures, and all major standardized tests can report student reading scores as Lexile measures. The Lexile Framework was developed by MetaMetrics[®], Inc., a privately held educational measurement company, after 20 years of research funded, in part, by the National Institutes of Health. For more information, visit www.Lexile.com.

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NOTE: The Lexile map provides a graphic representation of texts and titles matched to levels of reading ability. Lexile measures are a measure of text difficulty. They do not address age-appropriateness, student interest or the quality of the text. Educators and/or parents should always preview books. This book list is not endorsed or recommended by the West Virginia Department of Education. Curriculum decisions are made at the local level in West Virginia. The Lexile measure associated with a test describes the reading demand/readability of the test passages. It does not describe the reading ability necessary to score at the "proficient" level.





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Dear Educators and Parents,

West Virginia's focus on improving early reading skills and increasing adolescent literacy includes a new resource for educators and parents, The Lexile Framework® for Reading. This resource is an innovative approach to reading comprehension that can be implemented by educators, parents and readers of all ages. The West Virginia Lexile® map, on the reverse side, provides a graphic representation of titles and texts matched to appropriate levels of reading ability. Throughout the school year and during the summer, we need to encourage reading as an activity.

A key component of the Lexile Framework is a number called the Lexile measure. A Lexile measure indicates both the student's reading ability and the difficulty of text, such as a book or magazine article. A Lexile measure is denoted as a number followed by an "L" (850L). This Lexile measure is placed on the Lexile scale that ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text. A reader's recommended Lexile range is 50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure. These are the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading material and the hardest level at which the student should be able to read and comprehend successfully. By knowing the Lexile text measure of a book or article and the Lexile reader measure of a child, you will be able to predict whether the book or article is too easy, just right or too difficult.

Lexile measures are used in all 50 states to improve reading achievement. In West Virginia, students in grades three through eleven will receive a Lexile measure on the WESTEST 2 reports that are sent to parents. Once you have the Lexile measure, you will be able to connect the student to tens of thousands of books and tens of millions of articles that have Lexile measures.

On Teach 21, <http://wvde.state.wv.us/teach21/lexiles.html>, parents, educators and students can find more information on Lexile measures. By working collaboratively, all will be able to support the student's continued growth in reading achievement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven L. Paine

State Superintendent of Schools

Lexile® Measures at Home

Lexile measures defined

The Lexile Framework® for Reading is a scientific approach to measuring readers and reading materials. A key component of the Lexile Framework is a number called the Lexile measure. A Lexile measure indicates both the difficulty of a text, such as a book or magazine article, and a student's reading ability. Knowing the Lexile text measure of a book and the Lexile reader measure of a student helps to predict how the book matches the student's reading ability—whether the book is too easy, too difficult or just right.

Both a Lexile reader measure and a Lexile text measure are denoted as a simple number followed by an "L" (e.g., 850L), and are placed on the Lexile scale. The Lexile scale ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and beginning-reading text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text.

The Lexile Framework, which comprises both the Lexile measure and Lexile scale, is not an instructional program any more than a thermometer is a medical treatment. But just as a thermometer is useful in managing medical care, the Lexile Framework is useful in managing your child's reading development.

Obtaining your child's Lexile measure

Lexile measures are used at the school-level in all 50 states to improve student achievement across the curriculum. More than 28 million Lexile measures are reported annually from national and state assessments, classroom assessments and reading programs, representing about half of U.S. students. All major standardized reading tests and several popular instructional reading programs report students' scores as Lexile measures. Some schools include Lexile measures with report cards, test results and home reading materials.

More meaningful than grade leveling

Lexile measures do not translate specifically to grade levels. Within any classroom, there will be a range of readers and a range of materials to be read. For example, in a fifth-grade classroom, there will be some readers who are far ahead and some readers who are far below the rest. To say that some books are "just right" for fifth graders assumes that all fifth graders are reading at the same level. Lexile measures track students' reading progress over time, no matter what grade they are in.

Managing your child's reading comprehension

Lexile measures allow you to manage your child's reading comprehension by matching him or her to appropriately challenging text. Matching your child's Lexile measure to a text with the same Lexile measure leads to an expected 75-percent comprehension rate—not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to encourage reading progress. You can further help your child by knowing his or her Lexile range. A reader's recommended Lexile range is 50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure. These are the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading materials for your child and the hardest level at which he or she should be able to read.

Finding books and articles that will help your child

Once you have your child's Lexile measure, you can connect him or her with tens of thousands of books and tens of millions of articles with Lexile measures. Most public libraries have access to online periodical databases that you can use to search for newspaper and magazine articles by Lexile measure. For books, the Lexile Book Database (at www.lexile.com) and "Find a Book?" Web site (at www.lexile.com/findabook) are available to create customized reading lists. These free databases allow you to search for books based on Lexile measures and by interest categories or school assignment topics. With the "Find a Book?" site, you can even check the availability of titles at your local library.

Using Lexile measures at home

- Ensure that your child gets plenty of reading practice, concentrating on material within his or her Lexile range (50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure). Ask your child's teacher or school librarian to print a list of books in your child's range, or search the Lexile Book Database or "Find a Book?" Web site.
- Communicate with your child's teacher and school librarian about his or her reading needs and accomplishments. They can use the Lexile Framework to let you know their assessment of your child's reading ability.
- When a reading assignment proves too challenging for your child, use activities to help. For example, review the words and definitions from the glossary, and the review questions at the end of a chapter before your child reads the text. Afterwards, be sure to return to the glossary and review the questions to make certain your child understood the material.
- Celebrate your child's reading accomplishments. One of the great things about the Lexile Framework is that it provides an easy way for readers to keep track of their own growth and progress. You and your child can set goals for reading—sticking to a reading schedule, reading a book at a higher Lexile measure, trying new kinds of books and articles, or reading a certain number of pages per week. When your child hits the goal, make an occasion out of it!

The Lexile Framework for Reading

The Lexile Framework for Reading, developed by educational measurement company MetaMetrics®, Inc, is an indispensable part of any child's literacy development. Lexile measures take the guesswork out of connecting your child with appropriately challenging reading materials. If you know your child's Lexile measure, you can tell with a great deal of accuracy which books and articles will encourage reading progress. To find out more about The Lexile Framework for Reading, visit the Lexile Web site at www.lexile.com.

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