

Product Design Aligned with Research Based Instructional Strategies (RBIS) for RLA

1.3 Text Complexity: Regular practice with grade-level, complex text, analysis in text complexity, and academic language.

[Upload a list of texts and lexile levels for at least one unit per grade-level]

Curriculum Associates licenses the Lexile Professional Lexile Analyzer® tool from Metametrics® and uses it to measure semantic and syntactic characteristics of all texts we write or license. The College and Career Ready “Stretch” Lexile Bands guide how we slot texts into grade levels, to ensure an appropriate degree of challenge. While Lexile is our initial metric, we also conduct a robust qualitative analysis of each text, considering things like knowledge demands, coherence, syntax, text structure, degree of inferencing, motivation, etc. A list of sample texts in the grade K-5 Comprehension lessons follows.

Sample Texts/Lexile Measurements

| Grade | Lesson Title | Text Title | Lexile Score* |
|--------------|--|--|---------------|
| Kindergarten | Answer Questions About Key Details | Giant Pandas | 350L |
| Kindergarten | Answer Questions About Key Details | Lazy Day in the Trees | 400L |
| Kindergarten | Answer Questions About Stories | Zoey’s Perfect Pet | 440L |
| Kindergarten | Answer Questions About Stories | Zoey’s Sale Surprise | 370L |
| Grade 1 | Describe Connections Between Ideas | Water Games | 460L |
| Grade 1 | Describe Connections Between Ideas | Play Ball! | 430L |
| Grade 1 | Identify Feeling Words in Stories | Rabbit! | 470L |
| Grade 1 | Identify Feeling Words in Stories | Hush! | 460L |
| Grade 2 | Find the Main Topic | Wearing Worm Spit | 520L |
| Grade 2 | Find the Main Topic | Silky Spider Strength | 520L |
| Grade 2 | Describe Parts of a Story | Benjamin Franklin Ate My Homework | 550 |
| Grade 2 | Describe Parts of a Story | George Washington’s Field Trip | 480 |
| Grade 3 | Understand Historical Texts | A Bittersweet Tale of Two Sunken Towns | 680L |
| Grade 3 | Understand Historical Texts | Boston’s Great Molasses Flood | 800L |
| Grade 3 | Recounting a Story | "Accidental Art," an excerpt from Indian Shoes | 840L |
| Grade 3 | Recounting a Story | The Bombazo | 640L |
| Grade 4 | Main Ideas and Details | Lunching with Leeches | 850L |
| Grade 4 | Main Ideas and Details | Glowworms to the Rescue | 760L |
| Grade 4 | Connecting and Completing Ideas in Informational Texts | David Bowles: Spooky Storyteller | 930L |
| Grade 4 | Connecting and Completing Ideas in Informational Texts | Grace Lin: Writing Herself into the Story | 860L |
| Grade 5 | Analyzing Sentence Parts in Literature | A Full House | 960L |
| Grade 5 | Analyzing Sentence Parts in Literature | A Different Kind of Sunday Dinner | 860L |
| Grade 5 | Integrating Information | Claire Smith Gets Her Story | 1010L |
| Grade 5 | Integrating Information | The Right to Play Ball | 930L |

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