

Lexiles Part II: Electronic Resources

Introductions



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Objectives

- Review Lexiles
- Show resources that contain Lexiles
- How to find the Lexile of material that hasn't been scored

Lexiles

- MetaMetrics
- Common scale
- Most widely adopted reading metric
- More than 110,000 books



Comprehension



Look for books
100L below
to
50L above
your child's Lexile
measure.

This is your child's
Lexile range.

Are you and your staff currently using Lexiles?

Yes

No

A large T-shaped graphic consisting of a horizontal line and a vertical line extending downwards from its center, serving as a visual separator or placeholder for data.

http://doe.sd.gov/octa/lexiles.asp

The screenshot shows the website for the South Dakota Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education. The page features the Lexile logo and the title "The Lexile Framework for Reading: Linking assessment with reading instruction". A large red arrow points from the right side of the page towards the URL at the top of the image.

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LEXILE

The Lexile Framework for Reading

Linking assessment with reading instruction

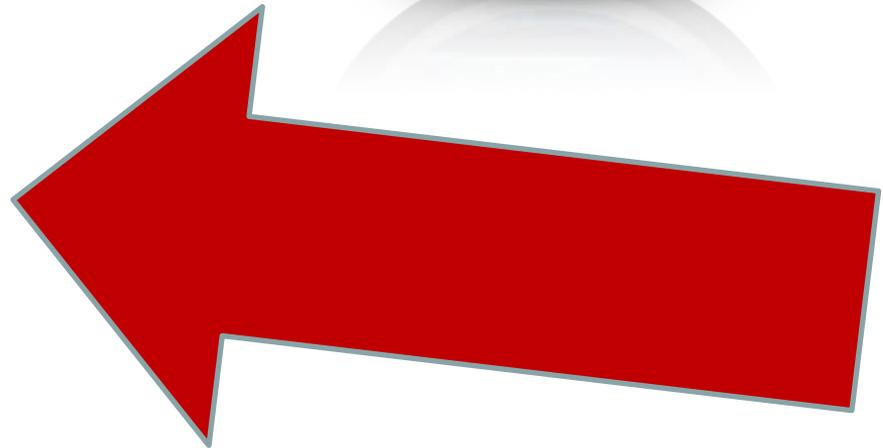
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LEARN MORE ABOUT LEXILE MEASURES	SEARCH FOR BOOKS by Lexile measure & interest	WATCH A QUICK OVERVIEW VIDEO ON THE LEXILE FRAMEWORK	LOCATE your Student's Lexile Measure
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EDUCATORS Learn about Lexile measures in the classroom and library

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MetaMetrics.
LINKING ASSESSMENT WITH INSTRUCTION



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Alphabetical List of Online Resources by Title



DATABASES: Articles, Indexes and Directories

Library and Campus PCs Accessible

If you are experiencing problems accessing any of the databases contact an Electronic Resources Coordinator at 605-773-3131 or via [email](#).

- **Aberdeen American News** (1995-present)(via Newsbank)
Find full-text articles on local news, issues, events, people and much more from current and archived issues of the Aberdeen American News. Updated daily, it includes obituaries, editorials, announcements, sports, real estate and other sections.
Available 1) from home & office using a library card issued by SD State Library or any other SDLN-member library; 2) on PC's in 400+ SD libraries & on their campuses; and 3) on PC's of SD State Government.
The Aberdeen American News will be unavailable after June 30, 2010.
- **Aberdeen American News Historical Newspapers** (via Newsbank)
Find full-text articles from scanned images of the Aberdeen American, 1907-1922, and

- **SIRS Discoverer** (grades K-9)
Full-text articles and graphics from more than 1,600 U.S. and international magazines, newspapers and U.S. government documents, which were carefully selected for their educational content, interest and level of readability for middle and elementary curriculum topics. **Available 1) from home & office using a library card issued by SD State Library or any other SDLN-member library; 2) on PC's in 400+ SD libraries & on their campuses; and 3) on PC's of SD State Government.**
- **SIRS Issues Researcher®** (grades 6-12)
A general reference database containing thousands of full-text articles exploring social, scientific, health, historic, business, economic, political and global issues. **Available 1) from home & office using a library card issued by SD State Library or any other SDLN-member library; 2) on PC's in 400+ SD**

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For Library and School users



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Online Full-text Articles

- SIRS Discoverer

- Grades K-9

- Focus on curricular topics

- Lexiles + editorially assigned readability legend





Keyword Search



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Sort search results by Lexile

Editors assigned these reading levels based on content.

Editorially assigned readability legend

Lexile Score

875 All Articles 157 Newspapers  424 Magazines  180 Reference  110 Pictures  16 WebFind Sites 

tiger Search More Search Options Below

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-  [The Race to Save the Wild Tiger from Extinction](#) 
USA TODAY; Dec. 9, 1997; Lexile Score: 1270; 10K.
Summary: "At the beginning of the 20th century, an estimated 100,000 tigers roamed India, Indochina and other parts of the world. Today, only a few tigers from five subspecies remain in the wild worldwide." (USA TODAY) In Asian countries, "nearly every part of the tiger is used for traditional medicine, despite the animal's near extinction. "International trade in tiger parts is the single greatest source of tiger destruction."
Descriptors: [Endangered species](#), [Tigers](#), [Asia](#), [Wild animal products](#)
-  [Dangerous Times for Tigers](#)   
Weekly Reader-4 (Vol. 87, No. 18); Feb. 10, 2006; Lexile Score: 980; 12K.
Summary: "Although most of the world's tigers live in India, the endangered cats also prowl other countries in Asia. The major threats to tigers include poachers, or illegal hunters, and habitat loss." (*Weekly Reader*) Learn more about the cat's background information and a chart activity are included.
Descriptors: [Endangered species](#), [Tigers](#), [Asia](#), [Charts, diagrams, etc.](#)

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Subjects

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Reading level: Easy Moderate Challenging

Also search in: World Almanac Encyclopedia

Limit results to articles in lexile range: to

Search

KIDS DISCOVERER

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Subject Headings

Keyword/Natural Language Sort by: relevance date

Animals	Arts	Countries	Cultures	Drugs & Alcohol
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Database Features

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- [Pictures](#)
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Information Literacy Training Materials

PDF | HTM | XLS | PPT | FLA

[SIRS vs. Google](#)



[How to Cite a Source](#)



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[Elementary Workbook](#)



[Middle Workbook](#)



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Educator's Guides and Curriculum Support

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[SIRS Resources Correlated to Standards](#)



[Educator's Guide](#)



[At-A-Glance for School Leaders](#)



[In Depth Guide to Mini-Research](#)



[Using Lexile Reading Levels](#)



Student Inquiry and Discovery Activities

PDF | HTM | XLS | PPT | FLA

[Understanding Basic Knowledge](#)



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Online Full-text Articles

- SIRS Issues Researcher

- Grades 6-12

- Focus on current, controversial issues

- Lexiles given



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Issues Researcher



Search by:

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 Subject Headings

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 Sort by: relevance date

LEADING ISSUES


Top 10

A-Z List

Groups

Visual Browse

Printable Flyer

- Abortion
- Abortion, Moral and Ethical Aspects
- Abstinence
- Abstinence and AIDS Prevention
- Abstinence Education
- Access to Contraception
- Acculturation and Assimilation
- Adoption
- Advertising
- Advertising and Children
- Advertising in Schools
- Affirmative Action
- AIDS
- AIDS in Africa
- Alcohol Use

YOUR 'TOP 10'

PRO vs. CON

LEADING ISSUES



Oil well
drilling



Online social
networks



Human
trafficking



Bullying in
schools



Single-sex



School

LEADING ISSUES / School Safety / **Bullying**

Topic Overview

Students, parents, teachers and educational staff expect schools to provide a safe and secure environment for learning. During the 1990s, a series of school shootings--culminating in thirteen deaths at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999--shattered that expectation. | [more...](#)

Research Tools

- Topic Overview
- Timeline
- Global Impact
- Statistics
- My Analysis
- Note Organizer

PRO/CON ISSUES and Essential Questions

Are the anti-bullying strategies used by schools successful?



YES	NO
School anti-bullying programs are bringing the problem into the open.	Bullying is getting worse and stronger action is needed.
One School's Anti-Bullying Idea: No Name Calling Day	Studies Probe Ecology of Bullying
School Bullying, Once a Silent Battle, Now a Crime	Schools Need to Follow Through Against Bullying
Meaner Bullying Is Stirring New Tactics	Bullied to Death: Addressing Harassment and Suicide Prevention in Schools

Interactive

Why does someone become a bully?

00:00 / 00:00

Subject:

Search

Sort by Lexile

Lexile score given
for each article

See also: [School violence](#)

Sort results by

- Date
- Relevance
- Date
- Lexile Score ▼ low to high
- Lexile Score - high to low

Sort

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 [Graphics/Media](#) (9 results)

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[Studies Probe 'Ecology' of Bullying](#); *Education Week Vol. 29, No. 32*, Viadero, Debra

May 19, 2010 | pg.1-3 | Lexile Score: 1450 | Size: 11K | SIRS Researcher

Summary: "In the mid-1990s, a pair of Canadian researchers videotaping children on playgrounds made a simple observation that helped shift experts' views about bullying: When children bullied other children, they rarely did it alone....Research now [2010] suggests that bullies, their victims, bystanders, parents, teachers, and other adults in the building are all part of an ecology in schools that can either sustain or suppress bullying behaviors. And finding a solution to the problem requires a similarly broad, multilevel response....Understanding the full measure of bullying is especially important now as districts, states, and federal education officials step up their efforts to combat the scourge in schools." (Education Week) This article examines the findings of recent research on bullying.

Subjects: [Children](#), [Conduct of life](#), [Education](#), [Research](#), [Schools](#), [Safety measures](#), [School discipline](#), [School violence](#), [Bullying](#), [Violence](#), [Prevention](#), [Bullying in schools](#)

Add to My List



[Bullying and Teen Suicide: How Do We Adjust School Climate?](#); *Christian Science Monitor*, Ollove, Michael

Apr 28, 2010 | pg.n.p. | Lexile Score: 1240 | Size: 21K | SIRS Researcher

Summary: "There are no reliable statistics that break out the number of teen suicides attributable to bullying....Nevertheless, the cases of so-called 'bullycides' have drawn

Online Encyclopedias

- World Book School Edition



Kids—Grades K-5



Student—Grades 5-9



Advanced—Grades 9-adult



Discover—Differentiated learners

Lexile given in small print in article

Kids



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Article Content

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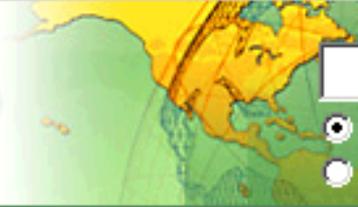
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Tiger

The tiger is the largest member of the cat family. People admire tigers for their strength and beauty, but they also fear tigers because they have sometimes attacked people. However, tigers would rather not be around humans. Tigers that kill and eat people are usually sick or hurt animals. They can no longer run fast enough to hunt the animals they usually eat.

Wild tigers live only in Asia. Until the 

Lexile score given for selected articles



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- Breeds of cats**

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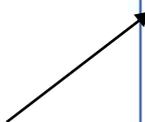
This article deals with domestic cats. These animals have many special physical abilities. They s people do. They can climb trees, run at a high speed, and leap long distances. Cats also have a can easily walk along the tops of narrow fences or along narrow ledges. When cats fall, they alr

Cats vary in personality and in certain physical features, such as the length and color of their cc of cats. Special characteristics set each breed apart from all others. Among the favorite breeds Persian.

No one knows exactly when the first cats were tamed. But some authorities believe cats were ta Throughout history, people have valued cats for their skill at hunting and killing mice, rats, and homes, and businesses free of these animals. The ancient Egyptians considered cats sacred. To believe cats bring good fortune. But some people associate cats with bad luck and so fear them mysterious because they move swiftly and silently and because their eyes seem to glow in the c

The grace and beauty of cats have made them favorite subjects of artists throughout history. C almost every type of literature. They appear in the mythology of ancient Greece and Rome. Hur writers praised cats in their stories and poems. Cats are also commonly mentioned in the fairy 1 many countries. In modern times, books, comic strips, motion pictures, and television programs

Lexile score given for selected articles



World Book Public Library Edition



K-5, Lexile scores shown for each article



Grades 5-9, Lexile scores shown for selected articles



Grades 9-adult, Lexile scores shown for selected articles

I have a document, but it doesn't have a Lexile measure, what do I do?

Use the Lexile Analyzer!

- <http://doe.sd.gov/octa/lexiles.asp>
- **Educators**
- **Tools: Lexile Analyzer**
- **Register – It's FREE!**

You **should** measure

- Newspaper and magazine articles
- Books
- Short stories and reading selections
- Passages, interviews and plays for tests
- Web pages



You Should NOT measure

- Student writing
- Poetry
- Songs
- Multiple-choice questions
- Non-prose
- Unconventionally punctuated or formatted text



I love ladybugs! – A Sample

Ladybugs are insects. Insects are bugs that have six legs. Ladybugs have all kinds of designs on their wings. They have dots, stripes, and other designs. In England ladybugs are called ladybirds.

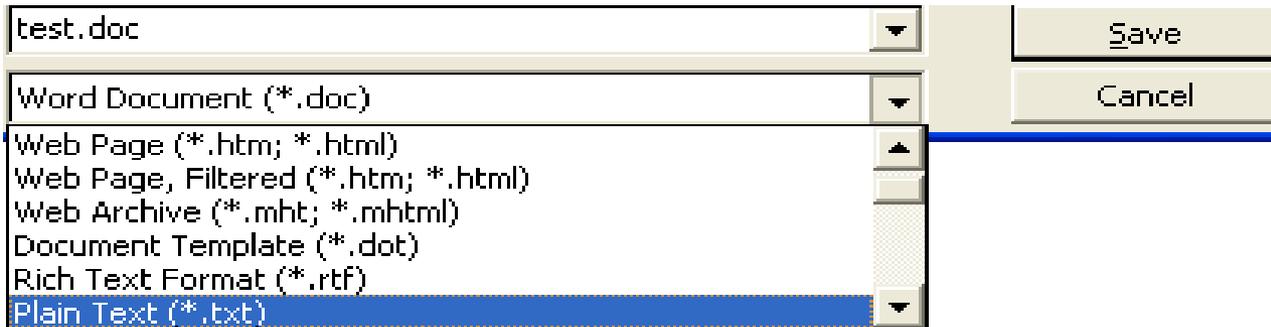
Ladybugs are harmless, but if you pick one up it will tickle you! Ladybugs are very helpful to farmers because they eat aphids. Aphids are tiny bugs that eat plants. Ladybugs' enemies are spiders and praying mantises.

If you find a ladybug, don't smash it. Put it in some flowers nearby. If you like ladybugs as much as I do, then you should read *The Grumpy Ladybug* by Eric Carle. I love ladybugs!

<http://www.thewritesource.com/studentmodels/>



Preparing Text



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- **User's Guide:**

- <http://lexile.com/tools/lexile-analyzer/using-the-professional-analyzer/>

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You can use the our online tools to determine the estimat
Just follow our guidelines for preparing a text, upload it, a

The Results

Lexile Measure	630L
Mean Sentence Length	8.08
Mean Log Word Frequency	3.24
Word Count	105



Your Ideas for Classroom Activities

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What are some ways you will
introduce Lexiles in your
classroom

Thank you!



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