Your child worked hard in reading this school year. Make sure they don't lose those hard-earned skills. According to research from Harvard University, reading books over the summer can reduce students' learning loss.\*

# Nurture Your Child's Reading Skills & Avoid Summer Slide

### HELP YOUR CHILD FIND "JUST RIGHT" BOOKS THIS SUMMER

Use Lexile® Find a Book to build custom book lists for readers at all ability levels, and then locate your selections at your local public library.

- Go to <u>fab.lexile.com</u>.
- 2 Enter your child's Lexile measure or grade level.
- Pick books that match your child's interests.
- 4 View and refine the search results.



#### What is Find a Book?

Find a Book is a tool of over 325,000 books that provides a free, fun and easy way to identify books based on your child's reading level (Lexile® measure) and interests. Lexile measures describe your child's reading ability. To find your child's Lexile measure, ask your child's teacher or visit <u>fab.lexile.com</u> for an estimate.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FIND A BOOK uses Lexile measures to match readers with ability appropriate texts for independent reading. Here are a few frequently asked questions about Lexile measures and how they work.

# How do you get a Lexile measure for a student?

Lexile measures are available from many year-end state tests, as well as from other classroom tests and reading programs.

## How do you get a Lexile measure for a book?

A book receives a Lexile measure when analyzed by an algorithm that evaluates its various text features, like sentence length and vocabulary. Lexile measures range from below OL for beginning reader text to above 2000L for more advanced text. More than 100 million articles, books and websites have received Lexile measures.

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#### What is a Lexile measure?

Lexile measures identify what level of text a child can effectively read and understand. A Lexile measure indicates the reading level of a child or a book, and is represented as a number followed by an "L" (for example, "700L"). Lexile measures range from below OL for beginning readers and texts to advanced reader abilities and text difficulty, with college and career readiness being 1300L.

By comparing your child's Lexile measure with the Lexile measure of a book, you can decide whether it will be too difficult, too easy or just right for their reading ability. To find books with an ideal level of challenge, your child should read books within their Lexile range (50L above to 100L below their reported Lexile measure).

## Is a Lexile measure the only criteria to consider when picking a book?

A Lexile measure is a measure of text complexity. It does not address the subject matter or text quality, age-appropriateness of the content or a reader's interests. The Lexile measure is one piece of information that you can use when selecting books.

Some books also have a Lexile code—two letters that appear before the Lexile measure (for example, "AD58OL")—to provide more information about the book's developmental appropriateness, reading difficulty, and common or intended usage.



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