



# LEXILE TEST ITEMS for Foundational Reading Skills

FOR ASSESSMENT AND EDTECH LEARNING

## Leverage the Lexile Advantage for Your Pre-K-1 Assessments

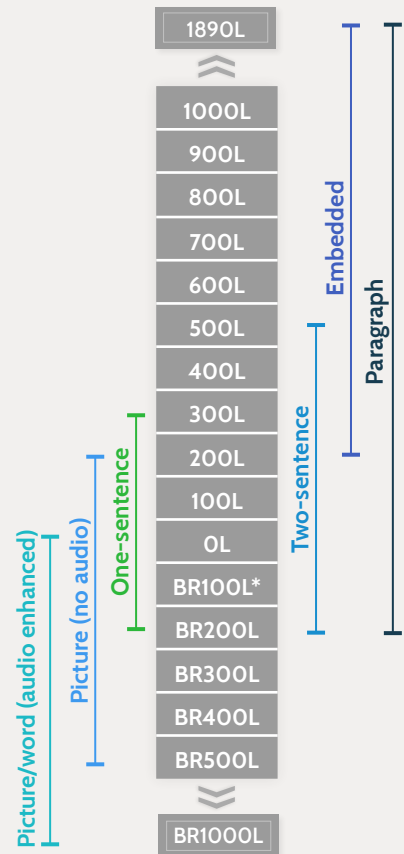
Now you can use the Lexile® Item Bank to offer reading assessments that report Lexile measures for preschool students. Because reading proficiency by third grade is such an important predictor of high school graduation and career success<sup>1</sup>, more state accountability systems than ever are recognizing this literacy milestone. Your assessments can provide valuable information that helps early childhood educators accelerate reading growth for all students.

## Track Growth With Lexile Measures From a Student's First Reading Steps

The Lexile® Framework for Reading offers a scientific, objective reading measure that can now assess emergent literacy skills. For students learning to read, these new additions to the Lexile Item Bank offer continuity and a seamless system for setting goals and tracking progress.

<sup>1</sup> National Research Council. (1998). *Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children*. Edited by C. Snow, S. Burns, and P. Griffin, Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Washington, DC: National Academy Press.

## Test Items Span the Lexile Scale



\*Beginning Reader (BR) is a code given to readers and texts that have measures below OL on the Lexile scale.

### WHAT EDUCATORS ARE SAYING

*"For educators, being able to measure growth from one grade to the next with a universal scale provides a consistent baseline that allows educators to focus on student performance and provides parents with a continuous measure of their child's growth. This is an invaluable resource!"*

— Christina Royster  
3-5 Grade Literacy Coach

## Lexile Item Bank Features Preliteracy Items

The Lexile Item Bank can be used to develop tests that assess alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness, and phonics, as well as vocabulary and comprehension. Some items include audio and visual support for accessibility.

**ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE** refers to learners' awareness of uppercase and lowercase letters, letter sequencing and letter-sound correspondence.

Can you find the letter 'c'?

k

c

d

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**PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS** refers to learners' ability to focus on and manipulate phonemes in spoken syllables and words. Phonemes, the smallest units making up spoken language, combine to form syllables and words.

What word is made from the sounds /s/ - /u/ - /n/? Click the picture to hear the word.

▶

Sun

▶

Run

▶

Saw

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**PHONICS** is decoding the relationship between the letters (or letter combinations) in written language and the individual sounds in spoken language.

This is a picture of a boat. Which is the long vowel sound?

o

a

t

## Research You Can Count On

This extension to the Lexile Item Bank is based on the same academic research and scientific rigor that has validated our assessment items in studies over the last 30 years. To develop these newest foundational reading assessment items, we conducted a field study with a diverse population of almost 2,000 students in preschool, kindergarten and first grade across 30 states.


## Offer Robust, Actionable Assessments

As always, we will work closely with you to develop your assessment solution that reports student Lexile® reading measures. If you already have an assessment encompassing emergent literacy skills, we can link it to the Lexile scale so that your assessment reports a student Lexile reading measure. If you would like to begin offering such assessments, we can build them for you with either custom test items or validated test items that you lease from our Lexile Item Bank.

Have you heard about our new **Lexile® Framework for Oral Reading?** Assessments based on this Framework can bridge from assessing emergent literacy skills to reading aloud, an important next step. Lexile Oral Reading Assessments report a student Lexile® oral reading measure and offer diagnostic and actionable information that educators can use with students to build oral reading fluency skills.


### Learn More

For more information on developing assessments that report Lexile student measures for reading pre-K through Grade 12 and beyond or other assessment options, please contact:



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