

Reading Inventory (SRI) and Lexile Information

What is the Reading Inventory, or SRI?

A **silent** reading test, taken on the computer, to assess a student's **reading comprehension**.

Reading comprehension skills include **referring to details in the passage, drawing conclusions, and making comparisons and generalizations**.

The software uses a **computer-adaptive** algorithm **to adapt the test to the specific level of the reader**. This methodology continuously targets the reading level of the student, thus allowing for more precise measurements.

The test is untimed, but generally takes about 30 minutes.

The test is meant to be given **3-5 times a school year** to **monitor student reading growth and to help choose books that the student can read at an independent reading level**.

Student scores are reported as a **Lexile number**.

The Lexile level is the difficulty level at which the student can easily comprehend about 75% of the text.

A Lexile does not give any information about the age appropriateness of a text. Close attention must be paid to content when selecting books for children. Both The Firm written by John Grisham and Charlotte's Web by E. B. White have a Lexile score of 680.

The child's **targeted reading range** should be: **100L below to 50L above their Lexile measure**.

If a child's Lexile score is 400, his/her range would be 300L-450L.

*Like any test, how well a child performs is affected by his/her attitude and motivation, amount of sleep, general health, and testing environment. The assessment is just one source of evidence about a student's reading ability. Obviously, decisions are best made when using multiple sources of evidence about a reader. Other sources include other reading-test data, reading-group placement, lists of books read, and, most importantly, teacher judgment. One measure of reader performance, taken on one day, is not sufficient to make high-stakes student-level decisions.

Parents, teacher, and students can **look up a book's Lexile, or look up books within a child's Lexile range the following ways:**

<https://fab.lexile.com>

Look at the **top right corner** of the web page for a book Lexile check: **Quick Book Search** or type in the Lexile range for your child and see a list of books.

OR

Go to George White Website **Students Links – Scholastic Book Expert Online**, and click on the Blue "Browse Book Expert Online" button on the right side of the webpage.

Samples from the Reading Inventory:

<https://www.hmhco.com/products/assessment-solutions/literacy/sri-index.htm>

Lexile Measures: 100–250L

The two boys walk to school together. They like to talk to each other. After school they also play together.	They are _____. workers friends clowns babies
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This test item is designed to assess a midrange reader with a reading proficiency level around Grade 3.

Lexile Measures: 700-850L

Roman coins were not just for buying things. They often carried a portrait of the emperor to show people throughout the Empire what their ruler looked like. A coin was also like a small newspaper, announcing great events, such as the building of a new temple in Rome. Other coins praised the emperor's generosity or wise rule.	Roman coins were used for many_____. methods games secrets purposes
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