

Reading Levels Guide



Language features	Pre-Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Text	40-70 words 1 sentence per page - Large 30pt font	150-350 words 1 sentence per page - Large 28pt font	400-700 words 2-3 sentences per page - Large 20pt font	700-1000 words 4 sentences per page - Medium 16pt font	1000-1500 words 5-6 sentences per page - Small 13pt font
Vocabulary	- High frequency vocabulary with a few topic-specific words - A few simple adjectives (happy, sad)	- High frequency vocabulary with some topic-specific words - Simple adjectives (angry, excited) - Possessive adjectives (my, your, his)	- Mostly high frequency vocabulary with an increased number of topic-specific words - Increased number of simple adjectives and adverbs - Occasional use of colloquial expressions	- Increased number of topic-specific words - Increased descriptive vocabulary (adjectives, adverbs) - Some colloquial and idiomatic expressions - Mostly literal meaning with some inferencing	- A range of topic-specific words - A large number of higher level nouns and verbs (rummaged, intolerance) - Figurative and descriptive language (similes, adjectives, adverbs, adverbial phrases) - Colloquial and idiomatic expressions - Inferencing required
Grammar	- Simple present tense - Simple sentences S-V-O and some use of prepositional phrases - Pronouns (I, they, he, she) - Noun-pronoun references	- Simple present tense - A range of simple sentences - Common negatives, contractions (can't, don't) - Noun-pronoun references - Simple dialogue - everyday and transactional exchanges	- Simple present, present continuous and simple past - Simple, compound and some complex sentences - Common conjunctions (and, but, when, because) - Common time and sequential markers - A range of prepositional phrases - Dialogue using common verbs (asks, says)	- Simple and continuous present, past and future tenses, and occasional use of the past perfect tense - Simple, compound and complex sentences - A wide range of conjunctions used (as, although, while, even if) - Time markers and cohesive devices (however, as a result) - Dialogue using a variety of verbs (explains, replies)	- A large variety of tenses used - Simple, compound and complex sentences - A large number of cohesive devices (in addition, therefore) - Dialogue using a large variety of interesting verbs (exclaims, announces)