



Chief's  
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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

You can help your son or daughter find books that best match his or her reading ability and interests. This flyer explains how you can use Lexile® measures and “Find a Book, Oklahoma” to pick titles that best support your son’s or daughter’s reading over the summer and throughout the year. Go to: <http://www.lexile.com/fab/ok> and find a book today!

### **What is a Lexile measure?**

A Lexile measure indicates the reading level of an individual or a book. By comparing your child’s Lexile measure with the Lexile measure of a book, you can decide whether its text demand will be too difficult, too easy or just right for your child’s reading ability. To best strengthen his or her reading skills, your child should read books within his or her Lexile range.

### **What is your child’s recommended Lexile range?**

Your child’s Lexile range spans from 100L below to 50L above his or her Lexile measure. When your son or daughter reads within his or her Lexile range, he or she should be able to comprehend enough of the book to make sense of it, while still being sufficiently challenged to maintain interest and learning.

### **How does a child get a Lexile measure in Oklahoma?**

Children receive a Lexile measure from the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT).

### **Does your child need a Lexile measure to use Find a Book?**

No. Find a Book can estimate your child’s starting Lexile range based on his or her grade and comfort with the reading materials at that grade level. Then, based on the book search results, your child can further refine his or her Lexile range to select books that best support successful reading.

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### How is the Lexile measure of a book determined?

A book's Lexile measure is based on two characteristics: word frequency and sentence length. Once these factors are determined, MetaMetrics uses a proprietary scientific equation to assign a Lexile measure to the text, ranging from below 200L for beginning-reader text to above 1700L for more advanced text. More than 130,000 books have Lexile measures, and this number continues to grow.

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

A Lexile measure is a measure of text complexity only. It does not address the subject matter or text quality, age-appropriateness of the content or your child's interests. The Lexile measure is one piece of information that your son or daughter can use to select books. Some books also have a Lexile code—a two-letter designation that appears before the Lexile measure (for example, AD580L)—to provide more information about the book's developmental appropriateness, reading difficulty, and common or intended usage. Visit [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com) for more information on Lexile codes.

### How can you use Lexile measures to help a child find books?

With the free "Find a Book, Oklahoma" search tool, you can help your son or daughter select books that best match his or her reading ability (Lexile measure), interests and goals. It's easy and fun to use!

1. Go to <http://www.lexile.com/fab/ok>
2. Enter your Lexile measure
3. Select your interests
4. View and refine your search results
5. Print your reading list



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