



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 2 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* passages by lesson, paired with their word counts and Lexile® scores.

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	Modeled Instruction	Rabbits' Cozy Homes	560L	111
1	Guided Practice	What Am I?	450L	185
1	Independent Practice	A Prickly Adventure	500L	249
2	Modeled Instruction	Walking to the New World	530L	146
2	Guided Practice	Who Were the Mound Builders?	550L	143
2	Independent Practice	Native American Inventions	510L	158
3	Modeled Instruction	A New Flag for a New Nation	550L	169
3	Guided Practice	Voyage of the Mayflower	490L	167
3	Independent Practice	Squanto and the Pilgrims	400L	125
4	Modeled Instruction	Jumping Joey	550L	166
4	Guided Practice	Emperor Penguins	520L	135
4	Independent Practice	Seeds Get Around	660L	263
5	Modeled Instruction	Start a Weather Wall	810L	55
5	Guided Practice	Which Way Does the Wind Blow?	610L	127
5	Independent Practice	How Do You Make a Rainbow?	660L	195
Unit 1	Interim Assessment	Making an Indoor Garden	500L	285
		Owney, the Dog Who Rode the Trains	500L	231
6	Modeled Instruction	Saving the Train	430L	197
6	Guided Practice	The Climb	490L	193
6	Independent Practice	Operation: Rescue Possum	440L	247
7	Modeled Instruction	The Lion and the Mouse	480L	195
7	Guided Practice	Pecos Bill and the Mountain Lion	480L	159
7	Independent Practice	The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing	630L	187
8	Modeled Instruction	The Blue Coyote	490L	214
8	Guided Practice	The Boy Who Cried Wolf	460L	175
8	Independent Practice	The Monkey and the Peas	600L	282
9	Modeled Instruction	A Puppy for Oscar	530L	164
9	Guided Practice	The Snowstorm	510L	207
9	Independent Practice	Stone Soup	610L	347
Unit 2	Interim Assessment	How an Apple Saved the Princess	600L	283
		The Red and Yellow Coat	520L	220
10	Modeled Instruction	Taking Flight on a Jumbo Jet	550L	163
10	Guided Practice	An Amazing Rescue	610L	156

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Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
10	Independent Practice	Who Works in a Hospital?	660L	262
11	Modeled Instruction	Sod Houses	590L	123
11	Guided Practice	Homes Around the World	590L	156
11	Independent Practice	Abe Lincoln's Cabin	580L	228
12	Modeled Instruction	Hot Air Balloons	730L	59
12	Guided Practice	Bullet Trains	550L	101
12	Independent Practice	Kids on the High Seas	690L	303
13	Modeled Instruction	George Crum: Inventor	640L	143
13	Guided Practice	Bananas Are Best	630L	175
13	Independent Practice	Apple Picking Time	520L	234
Unit 3	Interim Assessment	Flying Dreams	560L	252
		Sue the Dinosaur	510L	175
14	Modeled Instruction	Crow Sings a Song	520L	208
14	Guided Practice	Jungle Parade	510L	128
14	Independent Practice	Picnic Guests	400L	255
16	Modeled Instruction	Jasper the Farm Cat	480L	223
16	Guided Practice	The Case of the Missing Mutt	590L	173
16	Independent Practice	The Shade Seller: A Korean Folktale	490L	287
17	Guided Practice	Skip and Fliss	550L	198
17	Independent Practice	The Squirrel and the Crow	500L	320
Unit 4	Interim Assessment	Kate Skates	520L	393
18	Modeled Instruction	The Inclined Plane	590L	81
18	Guided Practice	Wheels and Axles	630L	85
18	Independent Practice	Levers and Pulleys	670L	189
19	Modeled Instruction	Earwigs	520L	158
19	Guided Practice	Soldier Bees	640L	200
19	Independent Practice	Bugs: Nature's Time Machine	620L	252
20	Modeled Instruction	Don't Feed the Animals!	610L	91
20	Modeled Instruction	Our Animal Friends	600L	59
20	Guided Practice	Turn On the Tap	700L	147
20	Guided Practice	Fresh Water	540L	130
20	Independent Practice	from "Recycle That!"	660L	255
20	Independent Practice	Turning Trash into Treasure	550L	161

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Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
Unit 5	Interim Assessment	Spacesuits and Spaceships	590L	264
		Space Center Houston	650L	294
21	Modeled Instruction	Mr. March and the Moose	490L	114
21	Guided Practice	Fast Learner	440L	139
21	Independent Practice	Gu Dong Is Coming!	490L	369
22	Modeled Instruction	The Turtle and the Rabbit	550L	141
22	Modeled Instruction	The Fox and the Snail	510L	76
22	Guided Practice	The Three Little Pigs	560L	199
22	Guided Practice	The Three Geese	580L	208
22	Independent Practice	The Ugly Truckling	560L	203
22	Independent Practice	The Ugly Duckling	560L	214
Unit 6	Interim Assessment	The Stonecutter	630L	284
		The Woodcutter	580L	301



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 3 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* passages by lesson, paired with their word counts and Lexile® scores.

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	Modeled Instruction	Beaver Lodges	630L	241
1	Guided Practice	Termite Mounds	640L	228
1	Independent Practice	Teeny Tiny Tardigrades	690L	344
2	Modeled Instruction	What Is a Community?	590L	195
2	Guided Practice	Life in My Village	580L	237
2	Independent Practice	Living in the Clouds	790L	442
3	Modeled Instruction	Adventures of the Growing Nation	620L	242
3	Guided Practice	William Becknell and the Santa Fe Trail	600L	225
3	Independent Practice	Sacagawea's Journey into History	750L	492
4	Modeled Instruction	Cloudy with a Chance of Cats and Dogs	560L	202
4	Guided Practice	from "Frozen Deserts"	620L	208
4	Independent Practice	How Hail Happens	600L	403
Unit 1	Interim Assessment	Race to the Rescue	670L	430
		The Strange Power of Volcanoes	670L	436
5	Modeled Instruction	Grandma's Secret	600	198
5	Guided Practice	The Terror of Green Street	570L	287
5	Independent Practice	An Earful	510L	505
6	Modeled Instruction	Voting for Her Rights	610L	167
6	Guided Practice	Here Comes Trouble	560L	279
6	Independent Practice	Cleopatra Finds Her Voice	730L	322
7	Modeled Instruction	Brother and Sister	640L	185
7	Guided Practice	How the Bat Got Wings	730L	253
7	Independent Practice	True or False	600L	357
8	Modeled Instruction	The Girl and the Apples	550L	180
8	Guided Practice	Sharing the Crops	580L	241
8	Independent Practice	Zel, the Gentle Donkey	580L	534
Unit 2	Interim Assessment	The Lost Camel	660L	430
		The Bicycle Parade	810L	732
9	Modeled Instruction	Woof! Woof! Read Me a Story	610L	167
9	Guided Practice	The Buzz on Sniffer Bees	680L	242
9	Independent Practice	from "Horses Helping Others"	830L	388

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Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 3 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
10	Modeled Instruction	Brrr...Polar Bears in the Arctic	620L	140
10	Guided Practice	How Plants Live in a Desert	640L	177
10	Independent Practice	from "Oddball All-Stars"	820L	405
11	Modeled Instruction	Make Way for the Mallard Family	730L	211
11	Guided Practice	Snow Sculpture Contest	660L	232
11	Independent Practice	Our Most Famous Immigrant	760L	431
Unit 3	Interim Assessment	Big Bugs	720L	477
		The Praying Mantid	650L	413
12	Modeled Instruction	Seaside Surprises	690L	219
12	Independent Practice	Yosemite Morning	650L	448
13	Modeled Instruction, Guided Practice	Keeping the Lost Dog Lost	730L	467
13	Independent Practice	King Midas and the Golden Touch	720L	439
16	Modeled Instruction	Night-Flying Friends	620L	235
16	Guided Practice	The Stable Boy and the Prince	620L	248
16	Independent Practice	Basketball Ballet	430L	490
17	Modeled Instruction	The Invention That Dogs Are Barking About	650L	107
17	Guided Practice	The Amazing Canal	730L	117
17	Independent Practice	Riiip! Thanks, George!	630L	402
18	Modeled Instruction	Space Food	740L	173
18	Guided Practice	from "Freaky Foods"	790L	193
18	Independent Practice	Patriotic Pizza	640L	446
19	Modeled Instruction	Ancient Toothpaste	730L	182
19	Guided Practice	The Great Inca Road	740L	235
19	Independent Practice	from "Writing on a Wasp's Nest"	830L	456
20	Modeled Instruction	A Short History of Computers	630L	110
20	Modeled Instruction	Computers Today	660L	70
20	Guided Practice	History of Television	610L	224
20	Guided Practice	Should We Watch TV?	640L	233
20	Independent Practice	Goodbye, Books?	790L	306
20	Independent Practice	E-Readers: No Substitute for Books	680L	341
Unit 5	Interim Assessment	Signs in the Sky	810L	371
		Mapping Sunshine and Rain	780L	388

Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 3 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
21	Modeled Instruction	When Pecos Bill Was Young	780L	119
21	Guided Practice	Paul Bunyan and the Tallest Tree	700L	169
21	Independent Practice	Stormalong	800L	539
22	Modeled Instruction	The Fox and the Goat	700L	145
22	Modeled Instruction	The Wolf and the Crane	690L	148
22	Guided Practice	from “The Home of the Winds”	760L	251
22	Guided Practice	from “Ulysses and the Sirens”	770L	253
22	Independent Practice	from “The Cyclops”	640L	426
22	Independent Practice	from “The Dangerous Way”	740L	371
Unit 6	Interim Assessment	Anansi Tries to Steal All the Wisdom in the World	760L	426
		Anansi and the Lion	740L	444



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 4 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* passages by lesson, paired with their word counts and Lexile® scores.

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	Modeled Instruction	The Snake and the Charmer	820L	202
1	Guided Practice	Lending an Ear	920L	243
1	Independent Practice	Flying with a Tiger	870L	559
2	Modeled Instruction	The Model T	820L	212
2	Guided Practice	The Bicycle's First Century	840L	264
2	Independent Practice	from "Fulton's Success"	840L	415
3	Modeled Instruction	Finding Your Pulse Rate	840L	233
3	Guided Practice	Making a Rhino Bank	730L	207
3	Independent Practice	Floating or Sinking Liquids	720L	424
4	Modeled Instruction	A Powerful Rock	870L	243
4	Guided Practice	Gold	860L	251
4	Independent Practice	Minerals	970L	440
5	Modeled Instruction	New Ways with Words	880L	266
5	Guided Practice	Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow	850L	239
5	Independent Practice	from "It All Began with Spacewar!"	920L	458
6	Modeled Instruction	The Travels of the Potato	800L	162
6	Guided Practice	Fruit of the Bog	960L	249
6	Independent Practice	Why Salt? Valuable Little Cubes	900L	483
Unit 1	Interim Assessment	from "And Away We Go: Rockets"	830L	249
		Up, Up, and Away!	800L	197
8	Modeled Instruction	Meeting Grandma	900L	201
8	Guided Practice	Baseball Lessons	740L	278
8	Independent Practice	King Lear	790L	556
9	Modeled Instruction	The Two Travelers	700L	224
9	Guided Practice	Claudine's Tack Attack	720L	255
9	Independent Practice	from "Sir Ivaine"	850L	844

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Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 4 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
11	Modeled Instruction	The Mix-Up	870L	223
11	Independent Practice	The Two Frogs	890L	522
12	Modeled Instruction	The Penny Thief	740L	217
12	Guided Practice	Thinking Out Loud	710L	268
12	Independent Practice	They Glow by Night	840L	598
Unit 2	Interim Assessment	from “The Moffats”	780L	539
13	Modeled Instruction	Fire and Air (includes An Experiment with Fire)	750L	233
13	Guided Practice	Over Bridge, Under Tunnel	840L	260
13	Independent Practice	Seashells	750L	440
14	Modeled Instruction	The Night the Martians Landed	880L	213
14	Guided Practice	Cartoons for Grown-Ups	930L	212
14	Independent Practice	from “The History of Movie Making”	860L	527
15	Modeled Instruction	Treating the Red Fox	840L	238
15	Guided Practice	30 Seconds of Fuel	720L	256
15	Independent Practice	from “Tiger of the Snows” ¹	650L	457
16	Modeled Instruction	The Unsinkable Titanic	800L	265
16	Guided Practice	The Sinking of the Titanic	940L	229
16	Independent Practice	To Space and Back	850L	396
16	Independent Practice	Memorable Milestones: Space Shuttle Missions	930L	262
Unit 3	Interim Assessment	from “Ferris’s Grand Idea”	950L	434
		from “The Ferris Wheel”	830L	171
17	Modeled Instruction	Out to Win	700L	243
17	Independent Practice	A Golden Vase and Two Bright Monkeys	750L	806
18	Modeled Instruction	Just a Bunch of Rocks and Bones?	750L	251
18	Guided Practice	If Only This Were Real	820L	266
18	Independent Practice	Trick or Treat	760L	431
18	Independent Practice	Putting It Off	740L	373
21	Modeled Instruction	Angie’s Solo	740L	221
21	Independent Practice	The Talker	750L	301
Unit 4	Interim Assessment	The Escape	740L	305

¹ From Tenzing Norgay’s autobiography, this narration features short but powerful sentences and requires background knowledge as well as inferences about complex text structure.

Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 4 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
22	Modeled Instruction	Features of the Ocean Floor	840L	150
22	Guided Practice	Going Down, Down, Down	860L	180
22	Independent Practice	Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea	870L	464
23	Modeled Instruction	Should We Explore Space? Absolutely!	780L	217
23	Guided Practice	Should We Settle the Moon?	820L	258
23	Independent Practice	The Price of Curiosity	930L	704
24	Modeled Instruction	Henry Hudson	930L	140
24	Modeled Instruction	The Coming of the Dutch	830L	110
24	Guided Practice	A Desert of Ice	880L	256
24	Guided Practice	Antarctica's Life	910L	282
24	Independent Practice	A Short History of Easter Island	800L	291
24	Independent Practice	Easter Island's Decline	900L	271
Unit 5	Interim Assessment	The Layers of Earth's Atmosphere	880L	424
		Air Works for Me ²	730L	476
25	Modeled Instruction	The Flask of Oil	900L	126
25	Modeled Instruction	The Peasant and the Cucumbers	840L	180
25	Guided Practice	Juvadi and the Princess	820L	315
25	Guided Practice	Hans and the Princess	730L	278
25	Independent Practice	The Two-Headed Weaver	780L	524
25	Independent Practice	The Ridiculous Wishes	760L	586
26	Modeled Instruction	Tara and the Sun	760L	158
26	Modeled Instruction	Lonely Moon	440L	102
26	Guided Practice	The Monkeys and the Moon	880L	213
26	Guided Practice	The King's Fire Dogs	820L	249
26	Independent Practice	How Maui Snared the Sun	870L	386
26	Independent Practice	How Crow Brought Daylight	910L	342
Unit 6	Interim Assessment	The Old Couple and the Crane	910L	532
		Kileken, Orphan Boy of the Sky	910L	549

² This excerpt from a NASA publication presents complex scientific concepts in simple, straightforward language and a conversational style, resulting in an artificially low Lexile score.



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 5 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* passages by lesson, paired with their word counts and Lexile® scores.

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	Modeled Instruction	Identifying Constellations	900L	205
1	Guided Practice	How Pluto Stopped Being a Planet	850L	308
1	Independent Practice	from “When Stars Explode”	840L	563
2	Modeled Instruction	A Portrait of Frida Kahlo	860L	325
2	Guided Practice	Cesar Chavez	920L	247
2	Independent Practice	from “He Inspired Others: An Interview With Cesar’s Grandson”	830L	510
3	Modeled Instruction	Zheng He	900L	313
3	Guided Practice	Firsts in Flight	930L	257
3	Independent Practice	from “Treasures of the Tomb”	920L	708
4a	Modeled Instruction	Electricity and Batteries	910L	291
4a	Guided Practice	Battery Power	840L	156
4a	Independent Practice	Hydroelectric Power	970L	400
4b	Modeled Instruction	Ancient Saharan Trade Routes	950L	260
4b	Guided Practice	from “The History and Description of Africa”	940L	245
4b	Independent Practice	The Rise and Fall of Three African Kingdoms	880L	611
Unit 1	Interim Assessment	A Time of Discovery and Rediscovery	870L	752
6	Modeled Instruction	The Pocket Watch	860L	289
6	Guided Practice	Goodbye for Now	860L	259
6	Independent Practice	from “Soldiers, Sleds, and Sam” ¹	790L	793
7	Guided Practice	The Wise Man	830L	275
7	Independent Practice	The Bell of Atri	880L	838
9	Modeled Instruction	The Adventures of Montgomery Bay	900L	299
9	Independent Practice	Sandstorm	770L	698
10	Modeled Instruction	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	900L	322
10	Guided Practice	from “The Story of Sir Gareth & Lynette”	860L	315
10	Independent Practice	from “Arthur and the Sword”	970L	652
Unit 2	Interim Assessment	Throwing Fire	880L	747

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¹ This historical fiction requires knowledge of the historical context and features multiple levels of meaning, including tension between the population of Boston and British soldiers as well as between story characters.

Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 5 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
11	Modeled Instruction	Here, Pyggy Pyggy	1040L	316
11	Guided Practice	From Furs to Five-Dollar Bills	860L	251
11	Independent Practice	What Was the Great Depression?	850L	625
12	Modeled Instruction	The First Victory of the Space Race	1060L	127
12	Modeled Instruction	The Hazards of Space Junk	960L	195
12	Guided Practice	Eating in Space	940L	248
12	Guided Practice	from "Farming in Space"	740L	223
12	Independent Practice	Exploring Mars	870L	356
12	Independent Practice	Living on Mars	840L	356
13	Modeled Instruction	Why are the Oceans Salty?	840L	172
13	Modeled Instruction	Oceans and Seas	870L	156
13	Guided Practice	Tsunamis and Hurricanes	910L	250
13	Guided Practice	Tsunami: A Wall of Water	940L	256
13	Independent Practice	Florida Keys	890L	415
13	Independent Practice	Keep Coral Reefs Healthy	840L	389
14	Modeled Instruction	Zebulon Pike and the Source of the Mississippi	970L	137
14	Modeled Instruction	from "The Journals of Zebulon Pike"	930L	134
14	Guided Practice	from "Village Life in America"	1050L	143
14	Guided Practice	U.S. Marshal Arrests Anthony	930L	141
14	Guided Practice	from "Rochester Union and Advertiser"	1100L	39
14	Guided Practice	from "On Women's Right to Vote"	1080L	199
14	Independent Practice	Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick	910L	306
14	Independent Practice	from "Theodore Roosevelt: An Intimate Biography"	860L	253
14	Independent Practice	from "Letters to His Children"	830L	305
Unit 3	Interim Assessment	Boston Tea Party Eyewitness Account: Joshua Wyeth	930L	399
		Boston Tea Party Eyewitness Account: John Andrews	930L	399
		from <i>The Massachusetts Gazette</i>	980L	317
15	Guided Practice	Wildlife Worries	1030L	282
15	Independent Practice	from "David and the Phoenix"	870L	682
17	Guided Practice	The Letter from Sudbury Academy	850L	306
17	Independent Practice	from "Coyote and the Stars"	960L	613
Unit 4	Interim Assessment	Kate's Vigil	950L	725
18	Modeled Instruction	Watch Your Body Language	890L	75

Ready® Reading Instruction, Grade 5 Lexile® Measures, Continued

Lesson	Section	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
18	Modeled Instruction	It's in the Eyes	870L	67
18	Guided Practice	Incredible Animal Ears	940L	174
18	Guided Practice	Animal Sounds	860L	195
18	Independent Practice	How We Speak	960L	117
18	Independent Practice	What Are Vocal Chords?	890L	211
18	Independent Practice	Dogs and Birds: Making Noise	860L	249
19	Modeled Instruction	The Power of Codes	860L	302
19	Guided Practice	The Slave Quilt Code: Fact or Fiction?	1010L	285
19	Independent Practice	from "Human Code Machines"	960L	628
20	Modeled Instruction	Bell and the Telephone	860L	164
20	Modeled Instruction	Did Gray or Bell Invent the Telephone?	870L	160
20	Guided Practice	Satellite	860L	230
20	Guided Practice	Communication Satellites	750L	123
20	Guided Practice	How Satellites Track Cell Phones	970L	183
20	Independent Practice	A Brief History of the Internet	920L	267
20	Independent Practice	Get Wiki Wise	850L	357
20	Independent Practice	Staying In Touch—All the Time	810L	326
Unit 5	Interim Assessment	The Rainforest—Worth Saving	930L	307
		Animals of the Rainforest	970L	273
		Medicinal Plants of the Rain Forest	930L	303
21	Modeled Instruction	The North Wind and the Sun	920L	94
21	Independent Practice	from "Phaethon"	900L	597
22	Modeled Instruction	The Dog and His Reflection	890L	145
22	Modeled Instruction	The Swollen Fox	1050L	130
22	Guided Practice	Mystery of the Old Sea Chest	860L	323
22	Guided Practice	Mile-High Mystery	900L	361
22	Independent Practice	A Rapid Challenge	830L	626
22	Independent Practice	from "Those Three Bears"	920L	455
Unit 6	Interim Assessment	from "Peter Pan"	980L	614
		from "Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz"	840L	633



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Grade 6 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* Interim Assessment and Independent Practice passages by grade, unit, and lesson, paired with their word count and Lexile® score.

Lesson	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	from "Against All Odds: Earth's Fragile Pioneers"	1080L	579
2	Spiders: In Pursuit of Prey ¹	900L	706
3	Looking for the Loch Ness Monster	930L	737
4	from "Secrets of the Lost City of Z"	990L	744
Unit 1	Luck Favors the Prepared	1000L	779
5	A Sewing Sensation	930L	643
6	from <i>Black Beauty</i>	950L	820
7	from "Departure"	1040L	693
8	Vivian's Move	980L	732
9	from <i>The Magician's Elephant</i>	920L	718
Unit 2	Dust	980L	806
10	from <i>The Power of Music</i>	1070L	770
11	The Dead Sea Scrolls	960L	531
12	Flying Above the Water	980L	720
Unit 3	James Madison: The Forgotten Founder	1040L	795
13	from "To Build a Fire" ²	830L	602
14	from "The Eyes Have It" ²	600L	668
16	from <i>Hatchet</i>	920L	763
17	from <i>A Jar of Dreams</i>	1040L	816
Unit 4	The Campsite	1000L	841
18	Longer school day: Expanded learning time pros and cons	1080L	551
19	Stan Lee and Spider-Man	1110L	571
19	The Birth of Spider-Man	1110L	562
Unit 5	China's Cultural Revolution	940L	795
	from <i>Red Scarf Girl</i> ²	640L	552
20	from <i>Before We Were Free</i> ²	760L	516
20	Raven's Song	950L	389
Unit 6	Phaethon and Helios ³	890L	415
	Handling Hermes	1060L	458

¹ This informational text has a simple structure, a single purpose, and a topic likely to be familiar. Its scientific vocabulary is well supported by context.

² These complex narrative texts contain conversational language, dialogue, and short sentences, which result in artificially low Lexile scores. Factors such as unfamiliar settings, sophisticated concepts, and background knowledge demands appropriately place these texts at Grade 6.

³ This sophisticated Greek myth features multiple purposes and background knowledge demands.



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 7 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* Interim Assessment and Independent Practice passages by grade, unit, and lesson, paired with their word count and Lexile® score.

Lesson	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	Martha Graham: Modern Dance Innovator	1070L	801
2	Python Invasion!	1050L	590
3	from "The President's Speech to Students" ¹	770L	808
4	Extraordinary People: Tim Berners-Lee	1090L	761
Unit 1	The Bone Wars	1070L	706
5	from <i>Dusk</i>	1110L	768
6	Scarborough Fair Fantasy	1070L	849
7	from <i>Little Women</i>	1100L	790
8	Gift from the Heavens	1010L	670
Unit 2	Growing	980L	739
9	from "Prime Time for Cicadas"	980L	760
10	Nature Versus Nurture: The Great Debate	1140L	751
11	from "A Dire Shortage of Water"	1070L	661
Unit 3	"Goldilocks" and Life on Other Planets: Just Right or a Lot of Hype?	1170L	755
13	Welcome Home ²	840L	903
16	from <i>The Good Earth</i>	950L	735
17	The Case for Wind Power	1130L	766
18	from "Big Fish in Troubled Waters"	950L	652
18	Protecting the Oceans, One Choice at a Time	1150L	598
Unit 5	Stop the Fracking!	920L	458
19	from "The Progress of 50 Years"	1180L	641
19	A Widow's Burden	940L	826
Unit 6	Moving to America	1080L	371
	A Fateful Journey	990L	455

¹ The simple vocabulary and structure of this persuasive speech produces a lower Lexile score; the sophisticated use of supporting evidence, however, requires deeper interpretation from readers.

² The conversational language and informal style in this narrative create an artificially low Lexile score, but the task of analyzing craft, structure, and theme make this text appropriate for Grade 7 students.



Ready® Reading Instruction

Grade 8 Lexile® Measures

Here is a list of measurable *Ready Reading Instruction* Interim Assessment and Independent Practice passages by grade, unit, and lesson, paired with their word count and Lexile® score.

Lesson	Passage	Lexile® Level	Word Count
1	A Brief History of Chapel Hill	1030L	767
2	from "Language Change"	1120L	737
3	The Mysterious Marfa Lights	1030L	804
4	from "The Egg Business Lays an Egg" ¹	1200L	797
5	Cool Jobs: Wide World of Robots	1100L	800
Unit 1	The Fight for the Right to Vote	1120L	867
6	from <i>Maud Martha</i> ²	850L	738
7	from <i>Don Quixote</i> ³	870L	337
8	from "The Canoe Breaker"	1030L	938
9	from <i>The War of the Worlds</i>	1180L	463
Unit 2	Ted's Champion	1010L	1015
10	Animal Regeneration	1060L	649
11	Dust Bowl Migrants	1050L	751
12	from "The Little Rock Nine"	1180L	741
13	from "The Hypocrisy of American Slavery, July 4, 1852"	1080L	628
14	from <i>Before the Lights Go Out</i>	1130L	782
Unit 3	The Skinny on Low-Fat Diets	1180L	826
16	A Trip over the Rainbow	1090L	869
18	from <i>Esperanza Rising</i> ²	870L	850
Unit 4	The Expert	1040L	768
19	Get on the Anti-Cancer Diet	1080L	692
20	Your Brain on Technology	1110L	764
20	from "The New Literacy"	1150L	587
Unit 5	The Last Wilderness Preserve	1120L	424
	A New Land of Opportunity	1130L	407
21	Oedipus and the Sphinx	1080L	447
21	from <i>The Grey King</i>	960L	640
Unit 6	The Rainbow Crow	1050L	415
	The Silent Songbird	1060L	416

¹ Vocabulary describing cultural elements and economic terms produces a high Lexile score, but this informational text features a conventional structure and simple style. Key concepts are well supported by context.

² To create dramatic effect, this narrative uses natural language and dialogue, resulting in artificially low Lexile scores. Factors such as unfamiliar settings, sophisticated concepts, and knowledge demands appropriately place this text at Grade 8.

³ Despite its low Lexile score, this classic narrative includes archaic language patterns and an abstract theme. Because of the text's sophisticated layers of meaning, higher levels of inferencing are required.