

# INTERPRETING

## Test RESULTS



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What causes fluctuation in test scores?

Test scores offer an estimate of a student's ability. It's normal to see a student's test scores go up and down. Each test score is just one data point at one moment in time and susceptible to a host of factors that impact test performance.

A student may score differently on two or more assessments taken just days apart. Just as measurements like weight and blood pressure can fluctuate based on a variety of circumstances, so too can test scores. And, currently, Lexile® and Quantile® measures are available from more than 75 assessments. So, you might encounter fluctuation in test scores across assessments.

#### How do home and student factors influence test score fluctuation?

Home and student factors influence test score fluctuation in several ways. Factors such as whether the student had a good night's sleep or if they had breakfast that morning can impact how the student performs. The student's mental state can also be a factor. If they went through something traumatic, such as a personal loss, or simply weren't motivated, this can also affect how they perform on the assessment.

#### How do I help my child perform their best?

Help your child:

- Get a good night's sleep the night before and a healthy breakfast on the morning of the test.
- Understand the importance of doing their best on a test so that you and their teachers can see what they have learned.

Learn more about Lexile and Quantile measures and find more Frequently Asked Questions about Managing Multiple Measures at: [hub.lexile.com/faqs](https://hub.lexile.com/faqs).