

# Building Strong Readers, One Pillar at a Time



How the Lexile® Framework for Reading supports every aspect of evidence-aligned reading instruction.

## Tools for Every Stage of Reading Development

Beyond comprehension, skilled reading depends on multiple foundational skills — such as phonics, vocabulary, and fluency — often referred to in frameworks like Scarborough's Reading Rope, the Big Six, or the Five Pillars.

MetaMetrics draws on decades of reading research to provide offerings aligned with *all five pillars of literacy*. While we develop a range of solutions for schools, edtech companies, and assessment providers, the tools highlighted below are specifically designed to support educators and parents in guiding student reading growth. These tools are available at no cost to educators in states that partner with MetaMetrics.

#### THE FIVE PILLARS OF LITERACY

**Phonemic Awareness** 

**Phonics** 

Fluency

Vocabulary

Comprehension

**Lexile® Find a Decodable Book**: Quickly locate decodable texts by specific sound-spelling patterns and Lexile® levels to support phonics instruction.

**Lexile® Decodable Passages:** Access 100+ printable, phonics-aligned passages with comprehension questions and illustrations for early readers.

**Lexile® WordLists:** Identify grade-level, domain-specific words from 144 best-selling K–12 textbooks to guide vocabulary instruction.

**Book Vocabulary Lists:** See challenging words from popular books to help focus pre-reading or vocabulary-building activities.

**High-Frequency Phrase List:** Access phrases from a 39-million-word corpus of widely used textbooks, developed with Dr. Tim Shanahan.



Foundational Reading Offerings



Decoding Offerings



Lexile® Framework for Oral Reading



Vocabulary Offerings



Lexile Framework for Reading

Lexile® Find a Book: Search 500,000+ titles by Lexile range, grade, and interests, with book details like vocabulary challenges and chapter-level Lexile measures.

Lexile® Text Analyzer: Instantly determine the Lexile level of any short text and get targeted book recommendations.

Lexile® Growth Planner: Track student reading growth over time and set goals toward college and career readiness.

Lexile® Career Database: Explore 600+ careers with reading demands (Lexile measures) to connect literacy growth with career paths.



# A Proven Framework for Literacy Success

MetaMetrics' Lexile Framework for Reading meets a high standard of rigor when assessing the scientific validity of educational tools through the lens of the science of reading. The Lexile Framework is:



## Scientifically rigorous

Developed by educational psychology researchers with grants from the National Institutes of Health. These grants were designed specifically for small businesses that translate science into useful educational products and services.



#### Proven effectiveness

Used in 100+ studies (experimental, quasiexperimental, and/ or peer-reviewed) to evaluate text complexity, match readers to text, and/or monitor reading growth.



#### Trusted by experts in the field

Used in research studies by dozens of the leading assessment and edtech companies to demonstrate effectiveness and improve student outcomes.



## Grounded in learning science

Lexile measures help place students in their "just-right" zone (similar to the Zone of Proximal Development) to ensure challenge without frustration, encouraging the observed "Matthew Effect," where early success fuels ongoing growth.



#### Not a program or curriculum

The Lexile Framework is a measurement scale, and implementation may vary by partner product.



## Looking for strategies that tie all the pillars together?

The Lexile® and Quantile® Educator Academy offers online, self-paced professional learning to help educators build expertise across phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and more.



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