

Text Reading Level Comparison Chart

Grade Level	Developmental Category	Harcourt-Achieve Descriptor	Basal Level	NAEP Fluency Standards WPM	Fountas & Pinnell (Guided Reading)	DRA Level	Number Level (EI)	Rigby Benchmark Level	Reading Recovery ® Level	Lexile Level
Kindergarten/ Grade 1	Emergent	Emergent Early	Readiness	Fluency measure not suggested as skills emerge	A	A & 1	1	1	1	Beginning Reader 200-400
			PP1		B	2-3	2	2	2	
			PP2		C	4	3-4	3-4	3-4	
	PP3	D	6		5-6	5-6	5-6			
	Primer	E	8		7-8	7-8	7-8			
		F	10		9-10	9-10	9-10			
Grade 1	Early	Transitional	Grade 1	75-100 Oral 75-100 Silent	G	12	11-12	11-12	11-12	300-600
			Grade 2		H	14	13-14	13-14	13-14	
Grade 2	Early/Fluent/ Transitional	Transitional	Grade 2	75-100 Oral 75-100 Silent	I	16	15-16	15-16	15-16	300-600
					J	18	18	17-18	17-18	
					K	20	20	19-20	19-20	
					L	24	24	21		
Grade 3	Fluent/ Transitional	Self- Extending	Grade 3	100-124 Oral 115-140 Silent	M	28	28	22		500-800
					N	30	30	23		
					O	34	34	24		
Grade 4	Fluent/ Transitional	Advanced	Grade 4	115-140 Oral 130-175 Silent	P	38	38	25		600-900
					Q	40-44	40	26		
Grade 5	Fluent/ Transitional	Advanced	Grade 5	130-175 Oral 130-175 Silent	R			27		700-1000
					S*	50	44	28		
Grade 6	Fluent/ Transitional	Advanced	Grade 6	125-150 Oral 160-200 Silent	T*			29		800-1050
					U*		50	30		
					V*	60	60			
Grade 7	Advanced	Advanced	Grade 7	125-150 Oral 160-200 Silent	W*					850-1100
					X*					
					Y*	70	70			
					Z	80	80			
Grade 8	Advanced	Advanced	Grade 8	125-150 Oral 160-200 Silent	Z+	90	90			900-1150
Grade 9			Grade 9							1000-1200

*Some charts list Fountas and Pinnell levels Q-R Grade 4, S-U Grade 5, V-X Grade 6, Y Grade 7. This chart compares to current DRA-2 levels..
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