Readability

Since Adult Educators might be use a variety of sources for reading materials for their students, determining the Readability of the material could be important. Here are a few on-line (free) tools that can help identify Readability & Levels:

1. Lexile Framework for Reading

<https://lexile.com/educators/measuring-growth-with-lexile/lexile-measures-grade-equivalents>

Matching Lexile Measures to Grade Ranges

Lexile measures provide an alternative & possibly more useful-measure of reading ability than grade-equivalent scores.

* You can use Lexile measures to find reading material to meet & challenge individual student reading abilities.
* Lexile measures help you measure & forecast reader growth.
1. Scholastic & Lexile

[www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/book-selection-tips/lexile-levels-made-easy](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/book-selection-tips/lexile-levels-made-easy)

The ideal for both reader & text is to match both their assessed Lexile measure. The site provides detail on:

* How It Works
* Determining Student’s Lexile Level (Child’s\*)
* Determining Book’s Lexile Level
* Lexile Levels in Practice
* How to Find Books on Student’s Lexile Level (Child’s\*)

{A Note: This might be a great list to share with students’ who are parents; to help them choose books that match their children’s, ongoing, reading activities}

1. Measure Text Readability

<https://readable.io/test>

* Type in text (or paste), click “Measure Readability” & on right side collection of statistics & scores including various Reading Measures, Word & Syllable Counts, Keyword Density & More are shown.
1. Readability Formulas

[www.readabilityformulas.com/free-readability-formula-tests.php](http://www.readabilityformulas.com/free-readability-formula-tests.php)

Uses a sample of 150-3,000 words & seven tools:

* The Flesch Reading Ease formula
* The Flesch-Kincade Grade Level
* The Fog Scale (Gunning FOG Formula)
* The SMOG Index
* The Coleman-Liau Index

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TABE/Lexile Comparison Chart

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| **TABE Score** | **Lexile Measure** | **Lexile Range** |
| 12.9 | 1500L | 1400L-1550L |
| 12.9 | 1370L | 1270L-1420L |
| 11.8 | 1300L | 1200L-1350L |
| 10.9 | 1250L | 1150L-1300L |
| 10.5 | 1205L | 1105L-1255L |
| 9.4 | 1160L | 1060L-1210L |
| 9.0 | 1125L | 1025L-1175L |
| 8.5 | 1090L | 990L-1140L |
| 8.0 | 1055L | 955L-1105L |
| 7.6 | 1025L | 925L-1075L |
| 7.2 | 995L | 895L-1045L |
| 6.6 | 970L | 870L-1020L |
| 6.4 | 940L | 840L-990L |
| 6.2 | 915L | 815L-965L |
| 5.9 | 885L | 785L-935L |

* Lexile range is 100 points below Lexile measure & 50 points above.
* Student may experience frustration when reading material more than 50L above their Lexile measure. Reading within his/her Lexile range will likely lead to growth.