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Text Complexity Resources

*NOTE: Each of these sources needs to be used in conjunction with a qualitative analysis of the text and an assessment of the readers/task. Refer to Reading Anchor 10 in the CCRSAE document to find which text complexity levels are appropriate for which instructional levels.

[ATOS Analyzer Tool](#)

This site allows you to assess the text complexity of a passage or a book. You can type the text (or excerpts) directly into the site or upload a file, following directions carefully.

[Lexile: Find a Book](#) (books)

This site allows you to use the Lexile Framework to find the Lexile level for most books. Enter a book title or author into the “Quick Search” bar. [Follow this link to access a Lexile conversion chart to GLE.](#)

[Readability Formulas](#) (articles, passages)

If you have a particular article, passage, or short story you want to use with students, this free website is a good go-to for figuring out if it's in the ballpark for the level of students you are teaching. The website offers a variety of readability formulas for you to use. Copy/paste text into the text box and select the “Calculate Text Readability” button. For guidance about which formulas to use, select “let us help you choose” under the “Calculate Text Readability” button.

[Intervention Central: Oral Reading Fluency Passage Generator](#) (articles, passages)

This site allows you to choose from among several different readability formulas AND formats the passage in a way that can be useful for fluency practice (timed readings).

[Juicy Studio](#) (websites)

This site assesses the readability of websites. Just copy and paste the URL. It also provides interesting info on various readability formulas.