

# What Is A Reading Level?

A reading level is simply a measure of your child’s ability to read text. It reflects how well your little one can read independently. Importantly, reading levels help you choose books that are a good match for your child while still presenting a challenge.

Your child’s reading level is measured at their school, most likely by their ELA teacher. **If you do not know your child’s reading level, please reach out to your child’s ELA TEACHER or case manager.**

## Three levels:

- **Independent Reading**: Independent reading books are books a child can read with ease and without support from an adult.
  - **Instructional Reading**: Instructional reading books are the books just above independent that teachers might use to stretch a child’s reading as they offer support while the child makes that next step.
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## **TYPES of READING LEVELS UTILIZED in MONROE TOWNSHIP:**

### **LEXILE**

Lexile scores are obtained in Monroe Township through the MAP Assessment. Lexile ranks books by order of their difficulty using a scale called a Lexile. Usually, your child’s teacher will determine their reading level and then choose books that have a matching score.

The Lexile score, or measure, describes your child’s reading ability and matches them with books and other reading materials. This measure ranges anywhere from 0L to 2000L.

Students are encouraged to read within their Lexile “range” — 50L above to 100L below their actual level. For instance, if your little one is reading with a Lexile measure of 500L, they would read books ranging anywhere from 400L to 550L.

### **Guided Reading Levels & DRA 2**

To determine reading levels using Guided Reading Levels or DRA, children sit one-on-one with their teacher and read from a book that is considered standard for their grade level — a “benchmark” book. Guided Reading Level books range from A to Z with A being the easiest. DRA 2 Reading Level books range from 1 to 80 with 1 being the easiest. Through guided instruction, the teacher will gradually move children into more difficult books.