



ReadTheory Lexile And CEFR Guide

ReadTheory.org uses the Lexile Framework to rate its texts. ReadTheory and its accompanying materials were designed with native English-speaking pupils in mind, but we still believe the site to be appropriate for English language learners. We have users all across the globe with various English proficiency levels.

Our levels are meant to [approximate US elementary, middle, and high school grade levels](#). You can also view more information about Lexile-to-grade correspondences [here](#). For example, a 16-year-old native English speaker in the US would be expected to be at level 10 or 11 or being reading and comprehending texts around 1150 – 1200L. However, his or her native English competence is immeasurable (beyond C2) based on non-native speaker metrics such as IELTS/TOEFL scores or CEFR/ACTFL ratings. There simply are not direct ways to translate grade level to the CEFR system.

We simply suggest that our EFL/ESL teachers monitor student progress with respect to improvement and growth, rather than as a strict comparison to native speaker norms. If EFL students' levels generally increase over time, then they are making progress, even if they are not 100% on par with their age-matched grade level for US native speakers.

Metametrics provides a more thorough explanation of how their rating system relates to CEFR levels [here](#). The table below is a fair representation of their explanation and can be used as a guide when making instructional decisions about students and texts.

CEFR Level	Median Lexile Range	Min Lexile	Max Lexile
A 1	230 – 340L	75L	650L
A 2	425 – 715L	230L	930L
B 1	580 – 860L	420L	1070L
B 2	600 – 995L	490L	1150
C1	760 – 1200	630L	1280L

