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| Lexile measures | U.S. Grade |
|-----------------|------------|
| 470L - 620L | 2 |
| 590L - 790L | 3 |
| 695L - 910L | 4 |
| 805L - 980L | 5 |
| 900L - 1040L | 6 |
| 955L - 1090L | 7 |
| 1025L - 1160L | 8 |
| 1095L - 1230L | 9 |
| 1155L - 1310L | 10 |
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The following examples provide sample books and passages at various Lexile levels. You can use the Lexile measure from your $TOEFL^{\circ}$ JuniorTM score report to find books at your reading level.



1300L Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in a Northern Landscape

Sample Passage:

Precisely where they then stood in Davis Strait, off the northern west coast of Greenland, an odd whistling sound was sometimes heard by whalers in calm weather like this - a high note that eventually faded away to a very low note. It was the sign of a gale coming, from the direction most feared in that quarter, the southwest. The louder the whistle, the harder the winds would blow. They heard no whistling that year as they worked their way through the ice streams - but they had not liked the whale pushing against them, as though urging them to go back. (Barry Lopez, author) ©1986 Bantam Books

Sample Books at Other Lexile Levels:

1280L, The House of the Spirits 1170L, The Call of the Wild 1210L, The Namesake 1120L, The Sword in the Stone

900L Listening for Lions

Sample Passage:

Kanoro said, "You should not have made the trip alone through the bush. I will go back with you." When he had pulled the thorns from my legs and bandaged my blistered heels, he took up Father's rifle, holding it proudly, and together we retraced my steps with no adventure except for a porcupine that sent up its quills at the sight of us and then waddled away. When the Pritchard house came into view, Kanoro stopped abruptly, as if the house might cast an evil spell on him. "Rachel, you are like my own child. How can I let you go into that place? The people in there are like buzzards. They will peck at you until nothing is left." (Gloria Whelan, author) ©2005 HarperCollins

Sample Books at Other Lexile Levels:

870L, The View from Saturday 770L, The Giver 860L, Julie of the Wolves 750L, Esperanza Rising

1100L Pride and Prejudice

Sample Passage:

Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an object of some interest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her without admiration at the ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to criticise. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself and his friends that she had hardly a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. (Jane Austen, author) ©Reprint Scholastic Inc.

Sample Books at Other Lexile Levels:

1090L, 1984990L, Seabiscuit1070L, All Things Bright and Beautiful930L, The Joy Luck Club

700L The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Sample Passage:

How does a china rabbit die? Can a china rabbit drown? Is my hat still on my head? These were the questions that Edward asked himself as he went sailing out over the blue sea. The sun was high in the sky, and from what seemed to be a very long way away, Edward heard Abilene call his name. "Edwaaarrd," she shouted, "come back." Come back? Of all the ridiculous things to shout, thought Edward. As he tumbled, ears over tail through the air, he managed to catch one last glimpse of Abilene. She was standing on the deck of the ship, holding on to the railing with one hand. (Kate DiCamillo, author) ©2006 Candlewick Press

Sample Books at Other Lexile Levels:

660L, Holes 560L, Sarah, Plain and Tall 630L, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes 520L, Space Games

500L The Magic Bus Inside the Earth

Sample Passage:

But suddenly, the bus began to spin like a top. That sort of thing doesn't happen on most class trips. When the spinning finally stopped, some things had changed. We all had on new clothes. The bus had turned into a steam shovel. And there were shovels and picks for every kid in the class. "Start digging!" yelled Ms. Frizzle. And we began making a huge hole right in the middle of the field. Before long CLUNK! we hit rock. The Friz handed out jack-hammers. We began to break through the hard rock. "Hey, these rocks have stripes," said a kid. Ms. Frizzle explained that each stripe was a different kind of rock. We chipped off pieces of the rocks for our class rock collection. (Joanna Cole, author) ©1987 Scholastic Inc.

Sample Books at Other Lexile Levels:

470L, Kit's Wilderness 380L, Hour of the Olympics 410L, Angel Child, Dragon Child 320L, Miss Nelson Is Back



