

## Occasionally, teachers ask 'Where should each student start when using the *Comprehension Box*?'



The *Comprehension Box* is a resource to support teachers within their reading program. The boxes are not meant to be a formal reading program, although they can be used as the basis of a whole class or year level program.

They are designed to be fun, interesting and varied with the purpose of engaging students in a range of text types and genres across a variety of reading abilities within a classroom. Above all, the ultimate aim of the product is to instil in students with a love of reading.

### COLOUR CODING

The cards within each box are ordered by difficulty, with the easiest cards at the beginning, working towards the more difficult cards at the back. For ease of use, different colours are used for each of the 15 sections.

The cards vary in difficulty, depending on the:

- topic (varying interest and background knowledge requirements)
- conceptual understanding required
- age-appropriateness
- artwork
- word count
- number of questions
- complexity of the questions
- length of the sentences
- complexity of sentence structure
- grammatical complexity (e.g. passive/active verbs)
- difficulty of the vocabulary
- length of the text, as determined by the typeface and line spacing.



During writing, the authors employed the Spache and Dale-Chall readability tests to grade the texts on the cards. Expert literacy and classroom teachers' opinions were also taken into consideration.

Teachers may:

allow students to select their own card from the first section of the box. (However, with this approach, students who are quickly and easily progressing through a card and getting all answers correct will need to move to a more challenging section further along in the box.)

OR

select a specific section of cards for students to complete, based on attained knowledge of each student's ability.

### FIVE FINGER RULE

Teachers who allow students to select their own card may encourage the students to utilise the Five Finger Rule. Students read the first or any paragraph of the text. If the student gets 5 errors or more while reading, the text is too hard and they should choose a card nearer to the front of the colour band in or an earlier colour.

#### Five finger rule

0-1 = too easy

**2-3 = just right**

4 = okay to try

5+ = too hard



## READING AGES

Teachers who wish to use a more formal approach to select a specific section of cards based on their knowledge of the student's ability can utilise the suggested reading ages in the charts below, or the Lexile ranking scope and sequence charts on the following pages.

### Reading ages

The *Comprehension Box* series:



#### BOX 1

*Suggested reading age*

<b>Red</b>	5.0 – 5.2
<b>Yellow</b>	5.2 – 5.4
<b>Blue</b>	5.4 – 5.6
<b>Orange</b>	5.6 – 5.8
<b>Green</b>	5.8 – 5.10
<b>Purple</b>	5.10 – 6.0
<b>Brown</b>	6.0 – 6.2
<b>Black</b>	6.2 – 6.4
<b>Lime</b>	6.4 – 6.6
<b>Grey</b>	6.6 – 6.9
<b>Pink</b>	6.9 – 7.0
<b>Lemon</b>	7.0 – 7.3
<b>Mauve</b>	7.3 – 7.6
<b>Silver</b>	7.6 – 7.9
<b>Gold</b>	7.9 – 8.0



#### BOX 2

*Suggested reading age*

<b>Scarlet</b>	8.0 – 8.2
<b>Peach</b>	8.2 – 8.4
<b>Jade</b>	8.4 – 8.6
<b>Apricot</b>	8.6 – 8.8
<b>Emerald</b>	8.8 – 8.10
<b>Violet</b>	8.10 – 9.0
<b>Olive</b>	9.0 – 9.2
<b>Salmon</b>	9.2 – 9.4
<b>Lilac</b>	9.4 – 9.6
<b>Sapphire</b>	9.6 – 9.9
<b>Crimson</b>	9.9 – 10.0
<b>Lavender</b>	10.0 – 10.3
<b>Teal</b>	10.3 – 10.6
<b>Indigo</b>	10.6 – 10.9
<b>Bronze</b>	10.9 – 11.0



#### BOX 3

*Suggested reading age*

<b>Burgundy</b>	11.0 – 11.2
<b>Saffron</b>	11.2 – 11.4
<b>Turquoise</b>	11.4 – 11.6
<b>Copper</b>	11.6 – 11.8
<b>Khaki</b>	11.8 – 11.10
<b>Magenta</b>	11.10 – 12.0
<b>Tan</b>	12.0 – 12.2
<b>Aquamarine</b>	12.2 – 12.4
<b>Ruby</b>	12.4 – 12.6
<b>Charcoal</b>	12.6 – 12.9
<b>Coral</b>	12.9 – 13.0
<b>Maroon</b>	13.0 – 13.3
<b>Denim</b>	13.3 – 13.6
<b>Fuchsia</b>	13.6 – 13.9
<b>Rust</b>	13.9 – 14.0

### LEXILE RANKINGS

See following pages:

Box 1 pages 4–8

Box 2 pages 9–13

Box 3 pages 14–18

### What are lexile rankings?

Lexile rankings are measures or scores given to texts based on the text's characteristics (or its difficulty level). The measure takes into account sentence length, individual words, word frequency and word count. Essentially, it measures the syntactic and semantic challenges the reader encounters when exposed to the text. Lexile rankings do not consider content, complex meanings or themes of texts; they are a scientific measure.

A lexile ranking is given as a numeric representation of an individual's reading ability or a text's readability (or difficulty), followed by an 'L' (Lexile).

The Lexile scale generally ranges from below 0L (Lexile) (Beginning reader) to above 2000L.

An example of a range of generalised lexile levels for each year is provided below. Note: There will always be some overlap in lexile rankings because the abilities of readers within one year level vary greatly.

Year level	Lexile range	Approximate chronological age (years)
Year 1	190L – 530L	6–7
Year 2	420L – 650L	7–8
Year 3	520L – 820L	8–9
Year 4	740L – 940L	9–10
Year 5	830L – 1010L	10–11
Year 6	925L – 1070L	11–12

### How to use lexile rankings

Lexile rankings can be used to match readers with appropriate reading materials for their reading ability. Lower lexile rankings indicate texts with an easier readability and lower reading ability for readers. Higher lexile rankings indicate texts with a more difficult readability level and higher reading ability level.

Readers are assigned a lexile measure by:

being given a school-administered test that measures lexile or reading ability

**OR**

taking a standardised reading test that converts the test results to a lexile measure.  
(Many commonly-used reading assessments give reading ability as a lexile measure.)

Readers can then be allocated reading material that targets their lexile measure.

Teachers can expose readers to increasingly-difficult reading material to develop reading ability.

Lexile measures can be used to monitor a reader's progress in reading ability over a period of time.

Ultimately, teachers should use their expertise and knowledge of their students to place them in the correct colour section of the *Comprehension box*.

## LEXILE RANKINGS – Box 1

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Red - 1</b>	Sssss	Description	450
<b>Red - 2</b>	Knock! Knock!	Humour	525
<b>Red - 3</b>	Happy birthday	Description	510
<b>Red - 4</b>	Nugget and Clucky	Recount	430
<b>Red - 5</b>	Eeek! Dragon!	Fairytale	450
<b>Red - 6</b>	Merrick, the mud monster	Fantasy	430
<b>Red - 7</b>	The legend of Muda, the pelican	Legend	510
<b>Red - 8</b>	Batty bats	Report	475
<b>Red - 9</b>	How the elephant got its trunk	Folktale	510
<b>Red - 10</b>	The mystery of the missing objects	Mystery	475
<b>Yellow - 1</b>	Little mice and big elephants	Folktale	525
<b>Yellow - 2</b>	Green spit	Report	550
<b>Yellow - 3</b>	Why the zebra has stripes	Folktale	450
<b>Yellow - 4</b>	Teddy bears	Recount	525
<b>Yellow - 5</b>	Birthday wish	Fantasy	450
<b>Yellow - 6</b>	Super Bob	Fantasy	550
<b>Yellow - 7</b>	Tick! Tock! Squeak!	Poetry	575
<b>Yellow - 8</b>	Jiggling jelly monster	Narrative	575
<b>Yellow - 9</b>	In the land of Nuts and Bolts	Science fiction	525
<b>Yellow - 10</b>	Floating egg tricks	Procedure	550
<b>Blue - 1</b>	Beetle's adventures	Poetry	575
<b>Blue - 2</b>	What's for breakfast?	Report	625
<b>Blue - 3</b>	The girl who could turn into a cat	Fantasy	525
<b>Blue - 4</b>	The magical treehouse	Fantasy	610
<b>Blue - 5</b>	Tarantulas	Report	600
<b>Blue - 6</b>	A newspaper's journey	Recount	610
<b>Blue - 7</b>	Four different dinosaurs	Report	610
<b>Blue - 8</b>	Protecting firefighters	Explanation	660
<b>Blue - 9</b>	Silky silkworms	Explanation	650
<b>Blue - 10</b>	The world's tallest man	Description	625



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Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Orange - 1</b>	How to stop me bugging you	Exposition	550
<b>Orange - 2</b>	Floss, the tooth fairy	Fantasy	560
<b>Orange - 3</b>	Pop! Pop! Pop!	Explanation	550
<b>Orange - 4</b>	Money in my pocket	Poetry	635
<b>Orange - 5</b>	Dolphins	Report	550
<b>Orange - 6</b>	The Loch Ness monster	Report	600
<b>Orange - 7</b>	Pegasus and Bellerophon	Myth	610
<b>Orange - 8</b>	Quicksand	Explanation	610
<b>Orange - 9</b>	The wonder of worm poo	Recount	575
<b>Orange - 10</b>	Dolphin daze	Recount	510
<b>Green - 1</b>	Titanic	Report	700
<b>Green - 2</b>	The biggest animal on Earth	Report	625
<b>Green - 3</b>	Go Blue!	Recount	475
<b>Green - 4</b>	What shall we call him?	Poetry	690
<b>Green - 5</b>	Raptor	Report	550
<b>Green - 6</b>	Age-old toy	Description	610
<b>Green - 7</b>	The monster under my bed	Horror	475
<b>Green - 8</b>	Coin trick	Procedure	635
<b>Green - 9</b>	Time machine	Science fiction	690
<b>Green - 10</b>	Because an ant got mad!	Poetry	660
<b>Purple - 1</b>	The wind and the sun	Fable	660
<b>Purple - 2</b>	Magic card trick	Procedure	715
<b>Purple - 3</b>	Cloud spotting	Report	760
<b>Purple - 4</b>	Funny tummies	Explanation	780
<b>Purple - 5</b>	Upside-down houses	Exposition	715
<b>Purple - 6</b>	Luna, the moon	Report	775
<b>Purple - 7</b>	Cat alarm	Fable	725
<b>Purple - 8</b>	Computer curse	Horror	780
<b>Purple - 9</b>	Bells, Whittington and his cat	Folktale	725
<b>Purple - 10</b>	Snakes alive!	Report	815



Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Brown – 1</b>	The wolf in sheep's clothing	Fable	740
<b>Brown – 2</b>	Marvellous mucus	Explanation	775
<b>Brown – 3</b>	The oxygen cycle	Report	790
<b>Brown – 4</b>	Blobfish	Report	780
<b>Brown – 5</b>	Banana recipes	Procedure	810
<b>Brown – 6</b>	Bullies be gone!	Poetry	690
<b>Brown – 7</b>	A very different place	Recount	825
<b>Brown – 8</b>	Bad boy, Butch!	Narrative	715
<b>Brown – 9</b>	Bees	Report	760
<b>Brown – 10</b>	What is an island?	Report	790
<b>Black – 1</b>	Fire! Fire!	Recount	690
<b>Black – 2</b>	Streets of water	Description	775
<b>Black – 3</b>	Sun bears	Report	760
<b>Black – 4</b>	Playing hopscotch	Explanation	715
<b>Black – 5</b>	Down with electronic games!	Exposition	740
<b>Black – 6</b>	Wonderful mermaids	Description	860
<b>Black – 7</b>	Merry-go-rounds	Description	775
<b>Black – 8</b>	Skip! Skip! Skip!	Explanation	725
<b>Black – 9</b>	Enchanting unicorns	Description	800
<b>Black – 10</b>	Fishy senses	Report	740
<b>Lime – 1</b>	The legend of Black Bart	Biography	825
<b>Lime – 2</b>	It's not for sale!	Description	760
<b>Lime – 3</b>	Wriggling raisins trick	Procedure	750
<b>Lime – 4</b>	Living with the dinosaurs	Description	740
<b>Lime – 5</b>	Limerick fun	Poetry	900
<b>Lime – 6</b>	It's not what really happened!	Fantasy	825
<b>Lime – 7</b>	The Earth's slowest mammal	Report	790
<b>Lime – 8</b>	Invisible paint	Science fiction	760
<b>Lime – 9</b>	Hiccup! Hiccup! Hiccup!	Explanation	725
<b>Lime – 10</b>	Issun-Boshi, the tiny boy	Legend	835



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<b>Grey - 1</b>	Rainbows in the sky	Explanation	825
<b>Grey - 2</b>	Slugs and snails	Report	890
<b>Grey - 3</b>	Moths and butterflies	Report	760
<b>Grey - 4</b>	First trip to the movies	Recount	780
<b>Grey - 5</b>	Learn about the library	Explanation	800
<b>Grey - 6</b>	Tall poppies	Report	910
<b>Grey - 7</b>	Pirates ahoy!	Description	890
<b>Grey - 8</b>	Bundles of fur	Description	835
<b>Grey - 9</b>	Magic balloon trick	Procedure	840
<b>Grey - 10</b>	A river walk	Explanation	825
<b>Pink - 1</b>	Mighty moose	Report	810
<b>Pink - 2</b>	Hot-air balloon ride	Recount	790
<b>Pink - 3</b>	How to make a didgeridoo	Procedure	860
<b>Pink - 4</b>	Bring back writing slates	Exposition	835
<b>Pink - 5</b>	Lions make great pets	Letter	840
<b>Pink - 6</b>	Danger on the mountain	Recount	890
<b>Pink - 7</b>	Canteen food – Good or bad?	Discussion	865
<b>Pink - 8</b>	Are prairie dogs really dogs?	Report	890
<b>Pink - 9</b>	Ice-cream clowns	Procedure	900
<b>Pink - 10</b>	The first sandwich	Explanation	825
<b>Lemon - 1</b>	Laszlo Biro's invention	Explanation	900
<b>Lemon - 2</b>	Mrs Crank's house	Recount	850
<b>Lemon - 3</b>	Great big graves!	Report	910
<b>Lemon - 4</b>	Does a huntsman hunt men?	Report	915
<b>Lemon - 5</b>	Part human, part animal	Report	935
<b>Lemon - 6</b>	Was T. rex the king?	Report	890
<b>Lemon - 7</b>	The magic porridge pot	Folktale	835
<b>Lemon - 8</b>	Faster than sound	Report	875
<b>Lemon - 9</b>	Forest secret	Mystery	875
<b>Lemon - 10</b>	The loose-tooth fairy	Narrative	935



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Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Mauve - 1</b>	Wiley Wolf	Letter	800
<b>Mauve - 2</b>	Great homework excuses	Procedure	835
<b>Mauve - 3</b>	Crazy Horse	Biography	925
<b>Mauve - 4</b>	Green polar bears!	Explanation	900
<b>Mauve - 5</b>	Wish carefully	Horror	835
<b>Mauve - 6</b>	Birds that can't fly	Report	935
<b>Mauve - 7</b>	Dragon + fly = dragonfly?	Report	960
<b>Mauve - 8</b>	Reading by touch	Biography	865
<b>Mauve - 9</b>	Elephant and monkey	Fable	825
<b>Mauve - 10</b>	A fire-fearing dragon	Fantasy	840
<b>Silver - 1</b>	Legend of the giant's bridge	Legend	975
<b>Silver - 2</b>	Making marshmallows	Procedure	975
<b>Silver - 3</b>	Dr Dolittle's adventures	Book review	960
<b>Silver - 4</b>	Horse ballet	Report	975
<b>Silver - 5</b>	Forest den	Fantasy	925
<b>Silver - 6</b>	Treasure trove	Narrative	860
<b>Silver - 7</b>	Lambing season	Recount	940
<b>Silver - 8</b>	The real Pinocchio	Book review	975
<b>Silver - 9</b>	The tortoise who talked too much	Folktale	935
<b>Silver - 10</b>	Androcles and the lion	Fable	985
<b>Gold - 1</b>	How a hot-air balloon works	Report	740
<b>Gold - 2</b>	Amazing animals	Report	670
<b>Gold - 3</b>	Skin – the body's blanket	Explanation	620
<b>Gold - 4</b>	Kung-fu	Report	940
<b>Gold - 5</b>	Green sea turtle	Report	620
<b>Gold - 6</b>	Batter up for tee-ball!	Explanation	640
<b>Gold - 7</b>	World records	Description	960
<b>Gold - 8</b>	LEGO™	Description	960
<b>Gold - 9</b>	Chocolatey fruit balls	Procedure	620
<b>Gold - 10</b>	What's the difference?	Retrieval chart	*

\*Could not be given a lexile ranking due to text format



Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Scarlet – 1</b>	Why is the sky so high?	Folktale	690
<b>Scarlet – 2</b>	The badger and the magic fan	Fable	840
<b>Scarlet – 3</b>	Why the earth shakes	Explanation	900
<b>Scarlet – 4</b>	April Fool's Day tricks	Explanation	875
<b>Scarlet – 5</b>	The man, his son and the donkey	Fable	840
<b>Scarlet – 6</b>	Catch that cheese!	Description	910
<b>Scarlet – 7</b>	The not so abominable snowman	Recount	825
<b>Scarlet – 8</b>	Jokes	Fairytale funnies	725
<b>Scarlet – 9</b>	Sir Galahad	Legend	935
<b>Scarlet – 10</b>	Captain Thunderbolt	Biography	860
<b>Peach – 1</b>	Buried alive	Report	940
<b>Peach – 2</b>	Things called cars	Science fiction	910
<b>Peach – 3</b>	Mr Peard's beard	Poetry	900
<b>Peach – 4</b>	The tomato throwing contest	Letter	910
<b>Peach – 5</b>	Under our skeleton	Report	955
<b>Peach – 6</b>	What's in a name?	Explanation	850
<b>Peach – 7</b>	Foods that can poison pets	Explanation	940
<b>Peach – 8</b>	Why is the sea salty?	Folktale	860
<b>Peach – 9</b>	The legend of Echo and Narcissus	Legend	925
<b>Peach – 10</b>	The egg and bottle experiment	Procedure	950
<b>Jade – 1</b>	No ordinary dog	Myth	975
<b>Jade – 2</b>	The Bremen town musicians	Fairytale	825
<b>Jade – 3</b>	Escape from the black hole	Science fiction	950
<b>Jade – 4</b>	Speedy spider	Horror	915
<b>Jade – 5</b>	Detective Dan and the dead dancer	Mystery	580
<b>Jade – 6</b>	Peculiar platypus	Report	990
<b>Jade – 7</b>	Why? Why? Why?	Explanation	890
<b>Jade – 8</b>	The perils of Patrick	Poetry	910
<b>Jade – 9</b>	The two Japanese frogs	Poetry	865
<b>Jade – 10</b>	Blood-squirting horned creatures	report	940



Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
<b>Apricot - 1</b>	Spruce Goose	Description	990
<b>Apricot - 2</b>	Harry Houdini	Biography	985
<b>Apricot - 3</b>	Eat your carrots, Cam	Poetry	875
<b>Apricot - 4</b>	Not from this planet	Science fiction	925
<b>Apricot - 5</b>	Stranger danger	Narrative	865
<b>Apricot - 6</b>	Keeping sailors safe	Explanation	910
<b>Apricot - 7</b>	Beautiful but deadly	Recount	910
<b>Apricot - 8</b>	Trouble with the truth	Exposition	875
<b>Apricot - 9</b>	As dead as a dodo	Report	955
<b>Apricot - 10</b>	The art of fighting	Report	1015
<b>Emerald - 1</b>	Laughable limericks	Poetry	910
<b>Emerald - 2</b>	Get wet playing hockey!	Explanation	935
<b>Emerald - 3</b>	McFly, the hero	Recount	965
<b>Emerald - 4</b>	Belle and Sebastian	Book review	925
<b>Emerald - 5</b>	Healthy eating	Explanation	910
<b>Emerald - 6</b>	How foo fighters became UFOs	Explanation	990
<b>Emerald - 7</b>	The magic bike	Supernatural	900
<b>Emerald - 8</b>	Happy Harry, Sour Sally	Narrative	850
<b>Emerald - 9</b>	Mucous men from Mars	Science fiction	570
<b>Emerald - 10</b>	Rumble's freedom	Narrative	840
<b>Violet - 1</b>	The princess and the pea	Fairytale	600
<b>Violet - 2</b>	No tv before school	Discussion	875
<b>Violet - 3</b>	Silver Hoof	Folktale	910
<b>Violet - 4</b>	An extreme sport	Description	990
<b>Violet - 5</b>	Puzzling planet	Science fiction	935
<b>Violet - 6</b>	The game	Science fiction	860
<b>Violet - 7</b>	Is everything big down under?	Explanation	1035
<b>Violet - 8</b>	Make a volcano	Procedure	1010
<b>Violet - 9</b>	The legend of the monkey and the crocodile	Legend	910
<b>Violet - 10</b>	That's loud!	Report	965



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<b>Olive - 1</b>	Desert beauty	Report	1035
<b>Olive - 2</b>	Mercury and the axemen	Fable.	925
<b>Olive - 3</b>	Cuchulain, warrior boy	Myth	910
<b>Olive - 4</b>	The magic surfboard	Adventure	935
<b>Olive - 5</b>	The prize	Narrative	910
<b>Olive - 6</b>	Indra and the peacock	Legend	985
<b>Olive - 7</b>	A foolish old man moves mountains	Legend	890
<b>Olive - 8</b>	Queen of the English Channel	Interview	910
<b>Olive - 9</b>	The Taj Mahal	Explanation	1025
<b>Olive - 10</b>	Moving along	Procedure	900
<b>Salmon - 1</b>	Through the portal to a crystal world	Science fiction	950
<b>Salmon - 2</b>	Vampire visit	Horror	860
<b>Salmon - 3</b>	Space junk	Report	920
<b>Salmon - 4</b>	Lapland – not the North Pole	Explanation	830
<b>Salmon - 5</b>	Trust me. You'll love it	Narrative	470
<b>Salmon - 6</b>	Ready for a horse?	Recount	890
<b>Salmon - 7</b>	Bonbon Crackle!	Poetry	790
<b>Salmon - 8</b>	What's on the menu?	Explanation	810
<b>Salmon - 9</b>	The rock in the road	Legend	840
<b>Salmon - 10</b>	Animal camouflage	Report	940
<b>Lilac - 1</b>	The legend of Urashima Taro	Legend	910
<b>Lilac - 2</b>	Voices from the attic	Fairytale	910
<b>Lilac - 3</b>	The master of mime	Biography	1010
<b>Lilac - 4</b>	The cave of Lascaux	Description	950
<b>Lilac - 5</b>	The killer tree	Report	965
<b>Lilac - 6</b>	Why is it so?	Explanation	910
<b>Lilac - 7</b>	The world's greatest bike race	Description	940
<b>Lilac - 8</b>	Animal-eating plants	Report	975
<b>Lilac - 9</b>	The lost temples of Angkor	Recount	1015
<b>Lilac - 10</b>	Africa	Report	1040



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<b>Sapphire – 1</b>	Jenna vs the giant cricket	Narrative	925
<b>Sapphire – 2</b>	Tsunami!	Explanation	950
<b>Sapphire – 3</b>	Mind-reading machines	Explanation	900
<b>Sapphire – 4</b>	Accidental hero	Narrative	935
<b>Sapphire – 5</b>	The point	Narrative	940
<b>Sapphire – 6</b>	Grandma's socks	Poetry	835
<b>Sapphire – 7</b>	No sweat?	Explanation	860
<b>Sapphire – 8</b>	Where's Mrs Smith?	Narrative	630
<b>Sapphire – 9</b>	Dragged out to sea	Explanation	940
<b>Sapphire – 10</b>	Dragon rider	Science fiction	975
<b>Crimson – 1</b>	How water came to the plains	Myth	840
<b>Crimson – 2</b>	Arachne and Athena	Myth	1020
<b>Crimson – 3</b>	You'll be sorry!	Science fiction	950
<b>Crimson – 4</b>	Not the usual bus	Science fiction	835
<b>Crimson – 5</b>	The mystery of Mrs McRae's wig	Narrative	900
<b>Crimson – 6</b>	The picture in the hallway	Science fiction	875
<b>Crimson – 7</b>	Sprites and elves in the sky	Report	1010
<b>Crimson – 8</b>	Recipe for a cattle dog	Explanation	1035
<b>Crimson – 9</b>	Lost tribes	Report	955
<b>Crimson – 10</b>	Hiroshima	Report	1025
<b>Lavender – 1</b>	He'll never hear the end of it!	Recount	910
<b>Lavender – 2</b>	Rolling! Rolling! Rolling!	Procedure	1000
<b>Lavender – 3</b>	Extinct mammals	Report	1025
<b>Lavender – 4</b>	Lone survivor in the Antarctic	Recount	1020
<b>Lavender – 5</b>	Phineus and the harpies	Myth	985
<b>Lavender – 6</b>	Fascinating body facts	Explanation	935
<b>Lavender – 7</b>	Basketball vs netball	Description	1010
<b>Lavender – 8</b>	A most unusual animal	Report	1025
<b>Lavender – 9</b>	Killer disease	Report	1025
<b>Lavender – 10</b>	The amazing Amazon River Basin	Report	1010



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<b>Teal - 1</b>	The singing, ringing tree	Fairytale	825
<b>Teal - 2</b>	Splitting the apple	Legend	975
<b>Teal - 3</b>	Valley of the Fairy Chimneys	Report	975
<b>Teal - 4</b>	Tiddlywinks!	Procedure	955
<b>Teal - 5</b>	The snow goose	Book review	910
<b>Teal - 6</b>	The leaning tower	Description	965
<b>Teal - 7</b>	Try a triathlon	Explanation	975
<b>Teal - 8</b>	Knight in shining armour	Recount	940
<b>Teal - 9</b>	Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby	Fairytale	965
<b>Teal - 10</b>	Running with the bulls	Recount	1010
<b>Indigo - 1</b>	Letter from a pirate of the Caribbean	Letter	950
<b>Indigo - 2</b>	Plastic milk	Procedure	1010
<b>Indigo - 3</b>	Blood-sucking parasites	Report	990
<b>Indigo - 4</b>	Who took it?	Poetry	800
<b>Indigo - 5</b>	Jupiter appoints a frog king	Fable	910
<b>Indigo - 6</b>	Twiguntus, Cowbelliantus and Perchnosius	Fairytale	875
<b>Indigo - 7</b>	Can we go home now?	Recount	875
<b>Indigo - 8</b>	Old Man Winter and the step sisters	Folktale	900
<b>Indigo - 9</b>	Tea - the drink that made a nation	Report	935
<b>Indigo - 10</b>	The mystery of the white deer	Folktale	910
<b>Bronze - 1</b>	Ghost ship	Report	975
<b>Bronze - 2</b>	Enter the clone zone	Science fiction	1040
<b>Bronze - 3</b>	Epsilon Eridani	Science fiction	1075
<b>Bronze - 4</b>	To catch a thief	Mystery	900
<b>Bronze - 5</b>	The lady with the lamp	Recount	915
<b>Bronze - 6</b>	Alcatraz	Report	975
<b>Bronze - 7</b>	Winter wonderland surprise	Recount	935
<b>Bronze - 8</b>	Time travel	Explanation	875
<b>Bronze - 9</b>	How Arthur became king	Legend	973
<b>Bronze - 10</b>	Rip van Winkle	Legend	910



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<b>Burgundy – 1</b>	The mysterious animal	Poetry	955
<b>Burgundy – 2</b>	True to nature	Fable	965
<b>Burgundy – 3</b>	The tennis ball	Supernatural	860
<b>Burgundy – 4</b>	A hairy problem	Fantasy	990
<b>Burgundy – 5</b>	Why Rory was late	Supernatural	915
<b>Burgundy – 6</b>	Dinner party disaster	Email	990
<b>Burgundy – 7</b>	Tallest, largest, fastest, slowest, longest ...	Report	975
<b>Burgundy – 8</b>	Last minute assignment	Diary	1010
<b>Burgundy – 9</b>	Intriguing Irish legends	Legend	1015
<b>Burgundy – 10</b>	No such thing as monsters	Supernatural	1035
<b>Saffron – 1</b>	The Trojan horse	Legend	1010
<b>Saffron – 2</b>	Slipping, sliding and spinning	Procedure	910
<b>Saffron – 3</b>	The mirror of Matsuyama	Folktale	965
<b>Saffron – 4</b>	The urban rodent and the rural rodent	Fable	1065
<b>Saffron – 5</b>	Prisoners in hiding	Recount	1010
<b>Saffron – 6</b>	Pandora's box	Myth	1025
<b>Saffron – 7</b>	5 January 2072	Diary	910
<b>Saffron – 8</b>	Atlantis: Legend or lost city?	Legend	1050
<b>Saffron – 9</b>	The day the sky fell	Explanation	1020
<b>Saffron – 10</b>	Deceived!	Email	1100
<b>Turquoise – 1</b>	What an ordeal!	Report	1050
<b>Turquoise – 2</b>	The Bermuda Triangle	Report	1055
<b>Turquoise – 3</b>	How guitars work	Explanation	985
<b>Turquoise – 4</b>	Stop shark finning!	Exposition	1040
<b>Turquoise – 5</b>	Hands off our pavlova!	Explanation	1110
<b>Turquoise – 6</b>	Good deeds vs bad deeds	Fable	975
<b>Turquoise – 7</b>	Watery habitats	Report	1110
<b>Turquoise – 8</b>	The silver sword	Book review	1020
<b>Turquoise – 9</b>	The mermaid of Zennor	Legend	910
<b>Turquoise – 10</b>	The armadillo that longed to sing	Myth	935



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<b>Copper - 1</b>	The New 7 Wonders of the World	Report	1150
<b>Copper - 2</b>	Mummification	Explanation	1050
<b>Copper - 3</b>	The Lady of Shallot	Legend	985
<b>Copper - 4</b>	Fatal experiment	Report	1035
<b>Copper - 5</b>	A man of great courage	Biography	1100
<b>Copper - 6</b>	Sigurd the dragon-slayer	Legend	975
<b>Copper - 7</b>	Howling wolves!	Legend	1075
<b>Copper - 8</b>	Shaka Zulu	Biography	1055
<b>Copper - 9</b>	My 'good luck, bad luck' gran	Recount	950
<b>Copper - 10</b>	Escape from Alcatraz	Recount	1070
<b>Khaki - 1</b>	The legend of Beowulf and Grendel	Legend	1035
<b>Khaki - 2</b>	Icee Pearl and the seven musos	Fractured fairytale	1085
<b>Khaki - 3</b>	Jennifer Rowe (aka Emily Rodda)	Biography	1050
<b>Khaki - 4</b>	Changing faces	Report	1100
<b>Khaki - 5</b>	The BIG bears	Report	1010
<b>Khaki - 6</b>	Close encounters	Report	1110
<b>Khaki - 7</b>	The curse of the pharaoh	Report	1025
<b>Khaki - 8</b>	The way of St James	Letter	975
<b>Khaki - 9</b>	Munch! Munch! How did they get their lunch?	Time line	1025
<b>Khaki - 10</b>	Stopping and starting	Procedure	1015
<b>Magenta - 1</b>	The march of the red crabs	Report	1040
<b>Magenta - 2</b>	Education: Then to now	Time line	975
<b>Magenta - 3</b>	Uncovering the ultimate snake	Recount	1110
<b>Magenta - 4</b>	Perseus and Medusa	Myth	1010
<b>Magenta - 5</b>	Seven Wonders of the Natural World	Report	1175
<b>Magenta - 6</b>	High school horror!	Poetry	975
<b>Magenta - 7</b>	Crime scene investigator	Description	1165
<b>Magenta - 8</b>	Go, go, Gigi!	Narrative	990
<b>Magenta - 9</b>	Crop circles: Aliens or art?	Report	1050
<b>Magenta - 10</b>	Skateboard evolution	Report	1095



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<b>Tan - 1</b>	Why flamingoes are pink—and other stuff!	Report	1110
<b>Tan - 2</b>	Venomous? Vicious?	Description	1175
<b>Tan - 3</b>	Daedalus and Icarus	Myth	1150
<b>Tan - 4</b>	RipStik® falls	Newspaper article	1080
<b>Tan - 5</b>	Time line of natural disasters	Time line	1100
<b>Tan - 6</b>	Scout around for fun and adventure	Report	1070
<b>Tan - 7</b>	An evening with Genghis Khan	Interview	990
<b>Tan - 8</b>	The return of a champion	Biography	1050
<b>Tan - 9</b>	'Unuseless' inventions	Report	1140
<b>Tan - 10</b>	Beady creations	Procedure	1100
<b>Aquamarine - 1</b>	Introducing the 'cushion plant'	Report	1055
<b>Aquamarine - 2</b>	Wild about Harry	Book review	1055
<b>Aquamarine - 3</b>	Carve her name with pride	Biography	1055
<b>Aquamarine - 4</b>	Super submarine experiment	Procedure	1010
<b>Aquamarine - 5</b>	Ode to the great grizzly bear	Poetry	1035
<b>Aquamarine - 6</b>	The man who never was	Recount	1110
<b>Aquamarine - 7</b>	Krishna and the serpent	Myth	1065
<b>Aquamarine - 8</b>	Ancient Egypt	Report	1115
<b>Aquamarine - 9</b>	A day in the life of Megalodon	Diary	1100
<b>Aquamarine - 10</b>	Jacques Cousteau—a man and the ocean	Biography	1085
<b>Ruby - 1</b>	What is a 'carbon footprint'?	Explanation	1050
<b>Ruby - 2</b>	Liquid, gas or solid?	Report	1015
<b>Ruby - 3</b>	The Bayeux Tapestry	Report	1010
<b>Ruby - 4</b>	'Twas the night before Christmas	Poetry	985
<b>Ruby - 5</b>	The kappa	Folktale	1035
<b>Ruby - 6</b>	FMX champion: Robbie Maddison	Biography	1080
<b>Ruby - 7</b>	Pele: From myth to science	Myth	1050
<b>Ruby - 8</b>	A tale of two brothers	Folktale	935
<b>Ruby - 9</b>	My extraordinary best friend	Supernatural	950
<b>Ruby - 10</b>	Stop felling trees!	Exposition	980



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<b>Charcoal – 1</b>	Venom: Killer or saviour?	Report	1035
<b>Charcoal – 2</b>	Mummies of the peat bogs	Report	1040
<b>Charcoal – 3</b>	Scars, scabs and other stuff!	Explanation	1040
<b>Charcoal – 4</b>	Rudy Mentary's maths problems	Humour	935
<b>Charcoal – 5</b>	Dr Livingston, I presume	Report	1025
<b>Charcoal – 6</b>	Isadora's secret	Fantasy	925
<b>Charcoal – 7</b>	The amazing axolotl	Report	1110
<b>Charcoal – 8</b>	The gold colt and the fire dragon shirt	Folktale	1000
<b>Charcoal – 9</b>	A catastrophic voyage	Historical recount	1100
<b>Charcoal – 10</b>	How warthog and lion became enemies	Legend	975

<b>Coral – 1</b>	Where did the water go?	Narrative	965
<b>Coral – 2</b>	Sleepless sleepover	Supernatural	925
<b>Coral – 3</b>	Catch of the day	Narrative	980
<b>Coral – 4</b>	Ice hotel: A hot destination!	Explanation	1035
<b>Coral – 5</b>	Africa's wild swine	Report	1025
<b>Coral – 6</b>	Secret sense	Narrative	925
<b>Coral – 7</b>	Manga	Report	1070
<b>Coral – 8</b>	Elusive giant	Report	1065
<b>Coral – 9</b>	Don't throw that out!	Narrative	980
<b>Coral – 10</b>	Legend of a bear lover	Legend	935

<b>Maroon – 1</b>	The blue light	Fairytale	985
<b>Maroon – 2</b>	Into deep space	Report	1120
<b>Maroon – 3</b>	Virtually you	Explanation	1125
<b>Maroon – 4</b>	Phobias	Report	1065
<b>Maroon – 5</b>	Such a strange fellow ...	Horror	1000
<b>Maroon – 6</b>	Life's a scream with Zinbah!	Science fiction	1010
<b>Maroon – 7</b>	The mystery of the school hall	Mystery	1035
<b>Maroon – 8</b>	The weird ones	Narrative	955
<b>Maroon – 9</b>	The Devils Marbles and Wave Rock	Report	1200
<b>Maroon – 10</b>	The legend of Oochigeas	Legend	955



## LEXILE RANKINGS – Box 3

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<b>Denim - 1</b>	The four-legged 'fuzz'	Interview	1000
<b>Denim - 2</b>	Huberta, the traveller	Recount	990
<b>Denim - 3</b>	Caviar: Exotic and extravagant	Report	1035
<b>Denim - 4</b>	Stinkiest jobs in history	Description	*
<b>Denim - 5</b>	The adventures of the tin soldier	Fairytale	985
<b>Denim - 6</b>	Sedna and the birdman	Myth	935
<b>Denim - 7</b>	Old Dalai Lama, new body	Report	1095
<b>Denim - 8</b>	How volcanoes came to New Zealand	Legend	1070
<b>Denim - 9</b>	The Ugly House	Description	950
<b>Denim - 10</b>	Australia's standing stones	Newspaper report	1110
<b>Fuchsia - 1</b>	The elusive Scarlet Pimpernel	Book report	1040
<b>Fuchsia - 2</b>	Messages	Narrative	950
<b>Fuchsia - 3</b>	Jellyfish	Report	1050
<b>Fuchsia - 4</b>	The spirit guardian of Yosemite	Poetry	1035
<b>Fuchsia - 5</b>	The ghost of Mount Fuji	Myth	1110
<b>Fuchsia - 6</b>	Aardvarks aren't ...	Report	1080
<b>Fuchsia - 7</b>	Space pirates, beware!	Science fiction	1065
<b>Fuchsia - 8</b>	PETA – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	Report	1070
<b>Fuchsia - 9</b>	The science of chocolate	Report	1075
<b>Fuchsia - 10</b>	The party of the year	Narrative	750
<b>Rust - 1</b>	Australia's unwelcome guests	Report	1240
<b>Rust - 2</b>	Nelson Mandela	Biography	1035
<b>Rust - 3</b>	The ballad of a joker	Ballad	970
<b>Rust - 4</b>	Liar, liar!	Report	1230
<b>Rust - 5</b>	The farewell	Narrative	950
<b>Rust - 6</b>	Leviathan is summoned	Narrative	1020
<b>Rust - 7</b>	Double you	Explanation	1030
<b>Rust - 8</b>	Clever homes	Description	1080
<b>Rust - 9</b>	What's really going on inside?	Poetry	570
<b>Rust - 10</b>	Incredible internet	Explanation	1150

\*Could not be given a lexile ranking due to text format

