

## READ 180 Overview

READ 180 is a reading program for students reading below grade level in grades 4 through 12.

There are several components of the READ 180 program including:

- Software to build skills and provide practice in essential areas such as reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling.
- Audiobooks to allow students to read along with the help of a narrator and reading coach, who model strategies used by successful readers.
- Paperbacks to allow students to select books to read independently. Students will have access to appropriate level, high-interest books.

Together all of these components will help build the skills to become a successful reader. Additionally, studies show that the program also improves a student's motivation and desire to succeed.

## Understanding Student Placement

The Lexile Framework for Reading is a scale for measuring a student's reading level. This helps teachers place students in the READ 180 program, match students to books for independent reading, and track each student's growth. The chart to the right provides a grid representing an approximate Lexile Level range for each grade. For example, students in Grade 2 generally read books with a Lexile Range between 300L and 500L.

Grade	Lexile Level
1	200L – 400L
2	300L – 500L
3	500L – 700L
4	650L – 850L
5	750L – 950L
6	850L – 1050L
7	950L – 1075L
8	1000L–1100L
9	1050L – 1150L
10	1100L– 1200L
11 and 12	1100L – 1300L

## Student Performance

Joe has completed the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), a test that evaluates a student's reading level. In the test, students complete questions about passages they have read. These passages come from fiction and nonfiction books. Passages also come from informational materials as well.

Joe has scored a **327** Lexile measure. The Lexile reading range for a **sixth grade** student reading on grade level is **850-1050**. The results of the SRI indicate that Joe is reading **far below grade level**.

## Ensuring Progress

Improving your child's reading abilities requires regular practice both at home and school. As a parent or caregiver you can support your child by frequently reading to **him/her**, listening to **him/her** read for a short time each day, and by encouraging **his/her** progress. When choosing suitable books for your child, in addition to choosing text with the appropriate level, care should also be given to content that interests your child.

The table below offers some suggestions for supporting your child's reading progress:

### 10 Activities to Help Your Child Grow as a Reader

1. Encourage 20 minutes of reading everyday from a book of your child's choice.
2. Help your child find books that are at the appropriate reading level.
3. Show that you value reading by filling your home with books, magazines, and newspapers.
4. Talk about mail, advertisements, and food labels.
5. Talk about words.
6. Show your child that adults also learn new words. Keep a running list of new words that you want to learn together.
7. Encourage your child to write letters or postcards – or perhaps your child might be interested in keeping a journal.
8. Show interest in what your child is reading. Ask questions about the plot of the story. Ask about the characters.
9. Set a goal as to the number of books your child might be able to read over a period of time. Celebrate the successful completion of that goal.
10. Rent videos on a topic that your child is interested in. Find books on a similar topic.