

QUICK START GUIDE



LEXILE ANALYZER

Paste or type in text to receive a Lexile range. View text characteristics along with challenging words and their definitions. [Hub.Lexile.com/analyzer](https://www.lexile.com/hub/lexile.com/analyzer)

Before You Start

The screenshot shows the Lexile Analyzer interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'New Text' and 'My History'. Below the tabs, there is a text entry box with a placeholder 'Type or paste text here...'. To the right of the text box, there is a blue 'Analyze' button. Below the button, there is a small disclaimer: 'By proceeding, you declare that you have read and agreed to our Terms of Use.' and a link for 'Need help preparing your text? See our editing instructions here.' At the bottom left, there is an 'Upload a File' button and a note: 'Upgrade to upload .txt files directly.'

WHAT TO MEASURE

Not every text will produce a good Lexile range. In order to get an accurate Lexile range, follow these tips:

- Do measure edited prose text with standard grammar.
- Do not measure student writing, non-prose text (recipes, songs, poems, plays, etc.) or any incomplete sentences.
- Remove numerical digits, special symbols, URLs, abbreviations, parentheses around complete sentences.

Note: Lexile Analyzer measures are only as good as the text that is entered.

WORD LIMITS

- For Basic guests, a 250 words
- Basic+ members have a 500 word limit
- Premium members have a 1,000 word limit

Note: When exceeded, the word counter will display in red with the overage text highlighted. Increase your word limit by upgrading your membership.¹

Text Entry

The screenshot shows the Lexile Analyzer interface with sample text entered in the text box. The text box shows '248 / 1000 word limit'. The sample text is: 'At the beginning of her book, readers meet Grace and her father. They also learn about the war that left him wounded. "This is Grace's dad ... He was sent to Afghanistan to protect America and was wounded in action while fighting for our country ... He wears a special leg that looks like it belongs on a robot. His arms were rebuilt with lots of tools," it reads. Then it shows a drawing of Grace on her dad's shoulders. In the drawing, he walks with a man-made leg. He wears a red cape like a superhero. The next page is important. It says something that Sarah Verardo said many people don't understand. "Grace's dad is still working hard to get better." Doctors have worked on Mike Verardo's injuries more than 100 times. They continue to do so. His life will always be hard, though.'

TYPE OR PASTE

To submit text for Lexile measure analysis, click inside the large text entry box underneath the **New Text** tab. Place as plain text from your source document or type the text directly in the box. Click the **Analyze** button to view results. If you paste, be sure to select the "Paste as plain text" or "Paste without formatting" option when pasting. **Note:** If your text exceeds the word limit, know that averaging multiple Lexile range results will not accurately represent the complexity of the text.

About Plain Text

Text can include characters invisible to the eye. They negatively impact a text's Lexile measure range. Plain text (.txt) is a type file, free of computer tags, special formatting, and code. The Lexile Analyzer only recognizes .txt files.

¹ Upgrade to Basic+ or Premium by clicking the Upgrade link below the editing box or by visiting the Membership Options page.

Uploading Text

To upload a text file (.txt), click the **Upload a File** button located below the text box. (The Lexile Text Analyzer cannot measure Microsoft Word, PDF, HTML or scanned image files such as JPGs.) A file menu box will appear. Select the text document to be analyzed, then click the **Open** button. The selected text will appear in the large text entry box. Click the **Analyze** button to view results.

Note: Feature for Premium users only.²

Understanding the Results

The screenshot displays the Lexile Text Analyzer interface. At the top, there are tabs for "New Text" and "My History". The main text area contains a paragraph about video games. To the right, the "LEXILE RANGE" is shown as "800L - 900L". Below this, there are tabs for "Overview", "Indicators", and "Vocabulary". The "Overview" tab is selected, showing the text and a "RECOMMENDED BOOKS" section with three book titles. Below the main result, there are two smaller panels. The first panel shows "LEXILE RANGE 440L - 590L" and "Early Reader Indicators" for text with Lexile measures of 650L or below. The second panel shows "LEXILE RANGE 440L - 590L" and a "Vocabulary" list with words like "geckos", "captured", "predator", "camouflage", and "tail".

Converting to Text Files

If you need help converting a file to Plain Text, reference your computer's reference material or visit support.lexile.com.

RETURNED INFORMATION

- The Lexile measure range estimates the text's complexity.
- The Recommended Books list presents published books that have associated Lexile measures that fall within the indicated range. Click on a book's title to visit the book's detail page in the Lexile Find a Book tool.
- Click the **Indicator** tab to view Early Reading and Upper Level Indicator results including: Longest Sentence, Word Frequency, Sentence Length, Patterns, Sentences, Vocabulary and Decoding.
Note: Full feature for Premium users. Basic and Basic+ users receive longest sentence only.
- Click the **Vocabulary** tab to view critical vocabulary within the analyzed text. Results include: critical words, parts of speech, sample sentences. These words are highlighted in the text. To view part of speech, definition, and sample sentences, click on the vocabulary word.
Note: Basic+ users receive limited critical vocabulary results. Premium users receive up to 10 critical vocabulary results.
- Click the Printer icon to create a PDF of the critical vocabulary words, parts of speech, definitions, and sample sentences from the analyzed text.
Note: Feature only for Premium users.

SAVE AND STORE HISTORY

Click the **My History** tab to view your sortable history of analyzed texts.

Note: Feature retains the most recent 10 texts for Basic+ members and the most recent 50 texts for Premium members.

System Requirements

Operating System: Windows 10, Windows 8.1, Windows 8, Mac Mojave, Mac High Sierra, Mac Sierra, Mac El Capitan, Mac Yosemite, Mac Mavericks, Mac Mountain Lion, iPad Pro, Galaxy Tablet. Browser: Firefox 63 and above, Google Chrome 70 and above, Safari 6.2 and above. Min resolution: 1024x768.

Get Support

Click **Support** in the Quick Links sidebar menu or visit support.lexile.com to search for help and to contact the Lexile and Quantile Team.

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