

40 book challenge FAQ's

1. What is a lexile level?

A popular method used by schools to measure a student reader's ability is Lexile level or a Lexile Measure. A Lexile measure is a valuable tool for teachers, parents, and students. It serves two unique functions: it is the measure of how difficult a text is OR a student's reading ability level.

2. Where do I find my child's lexile level?

Your child's lexile level can be found on your student's MAP report. Your child's teacher will make sure to write it in the agenda each time the MAP reading test is taken (Fall, Winter, Spring).

3. What is the purpose of this challenge?

The purpose of this challenge is to encourage each child to read a variety of books and explore new genres. Ultimately, we would love to see our students develop a love of reading.

4. How do I find books on my child's lexile level?

You can look on the DES media center website Under reading program, click Lexile level and enter the range.

<https://dekalbga.follettdestiny.com/cataloging/servlet/handlebasicsearchform.do>

If you have a book at home, you can also check this website for the lexile level fab.lexile.com/search/

5. What if my child's lexile level is really high?

If your child has a lexile level that is an 800 or above, we will allow them to read books from 700 above. This is because we still want the books to be age appropriate. (example: your child has a 950-1000 lexile range, they can read any book that is 700-1000)

6. Does my child have to read books only on their lexile level?

On the 40 book challenge reading log, every gray line is a free choice entry. This means students can log books that are not on their lexile levels, but they still want to read and enjoy them. (This free choice book still needs to be a chapter book)

7. What about graphic novels?

8. Do picture books count?

Picture books do not count toward the 40 book challenge. Your child may still read picture books, but cannot write them on their book challenge log.

9. Is there a page minimum?

The chapter book needs to be at least 70 pages long.

10. What about books that are really long, like Harry Potter?

If your child reads a book that is over 300 pages, it may count as two books.

11. Does my child have to read a book by themselves?

Yes, your child needs to read the book independently. If they would like to read to someone, that is fine.

12. How do I check the lexile level for a book that I have at home or from the public library?

If you have a book at home, you can also check this website for the lexile level fab.lexile.com/search/

13. What if my child needs help finding a book that they're interested in?

If your child needs help finding books that they're interested in, they can check out these websites.

-<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/kid-friendly-guide-to-new-reading-genres.html>

-<https://dekalbga.follettdestiny.com/cataloging/servlet/presentadvancedsearchredirectorform.do?l2m=Library%20Search&tm=TopLevelCatalog>

If your child can still not find a book that interests them, they can come see Ms. Gurin or your child's ELA teacher.

14. How do I know if the book my child is reading is appropriate for the challenge?

If you want to know if the book is appropriate for the challenge, please read back through the rules. Also, your child may ask their ELA teacher.

15. Does my child need to check-in with the teacher after reading so many books?

After every 10 books that your child reads, please have them check in with their ELA teacher.