

CONVERSION GUIDE FOR LEVELED TEXTS



Developmental Category	Grade Level	Letter Level	Number Level	Lexile® Level	
EMERGENT	K	A	1	BR*–420L	
		B	2		
		C	3, 4		
EMERGENT / EARLY	K-1	D	5, 6		
		E	7, 8		
EARLY	1	F	9, 10		
		G	11, 12		
		H	13, 14		
		I	15, 16		
EARLY / FLUENT	1-2	J	18		420L–820L
	2	K	20		
		L	24		
	2-3	M	28		
FLUENT	3	N	30	740L–1010L	
		O	34		
		P	38		
	4	Q	40		
		R	40		
	4-5	S	44		
		T	44		
	5	U	50		
		V	60		
	5-6	6	W		60
X			60		
Y			70		
ADVANCED FLUENT	6-7	Z	80		
	8-9	Z+	90		
	9+			1050L–1335L	

*Beginning Reading

At Benchmark Education Company, we recognize that any gradient is fallible because a book's level of difficulty will vary among districts and schools, and from student to student. We recommend that teachers make careful decisions in selecting leveled texts for students and consider the student's current literacy behaviors and his/her prior knowledge of the content being presented. If prior knowledge of the topic is a limitation, the designated reading level of the text may need to be altered. We encourage teachers to confer with one another as they establish a schoolwide bookroom and develop a sensitivity to appropriate text levels for their school population. Please note that the grade levels assigned to letter and number levels on this chart reflect ideal expectations only. Students' actual reading levels may vary more widely.

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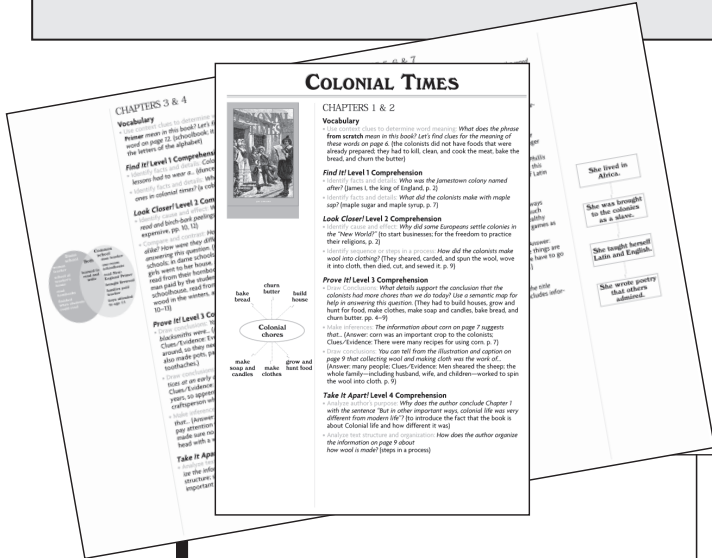
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Text-Dependent Comprehension Questions for Higher-Order Thinking

Every Benchmark Education Company leveled text has 4 levels of specific text-dependent comprehension questions.

4 Text-Dependent Question Levels

- **Levels 1 & 2 questions** require students to find explicitly stated facts and details directly in the text.
- **Level 3 questions** require students to search for clues/evidence to prove their implied and inferred answers.
- **Level 4 questions** require students to determine the author's purpose and the structure and organization of the text.



TIPS FOR ANSWERING TEXT-DEPENDENT QUESTIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Vocabulary

Reread and look for clues to help you define the unfamiliar word. Can you find a synonym, definition, text clues, or picture clues?

Find It! Level 1 Comprehension

The answers are right in the text. **Reread** to locate facts and details to answer the questions.

Look Closer! Level 2 Comprehension

The answers are in the text. When you **reread**, look in more than one place to find them.

Prove It! Level 3 Comprehension

You'll have to be a detective when you **reread**. You won't find the exact answers to these questions, but you will find clues and evidence to support your inferences and conclusions.

Take It Apart! Level 4 Comprehension

As you **reread**, ask yourself, "How did the author organize the information? Why did she/he write the book?"

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR HIGH-STAKES TESTING!