**The Lexile Framework® for Reading Map**

Matching Students to Books!

Matching students to texts at appropriate levels helps to increase their confidence, competence, and control over the reading process. The Lexile Framework for Reading is a reliable and tested tool designed to bridge two critical aspects of student reading achievement—leveling text difficulty and assessing the reading ability of each student.

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