

# Guide your readers with Oxford Reading Levels

Children are at the right level when they are capable of reading independently, but with an element of stretch and challenge.

Year level	Age range	Oxford Reading Level	Other publishers' levelling systems			
			Best Fit Reading Criterion Scale	PM Levels	Fountas & Pinell	Lexile
Foundation	5–6 years old	1	Pre-Reading	1 Magenta	–	Mainly wordless texts so not allocated a lexile range
		1+	Standard 1: Developing		A	50-170L
		2	Standard 1: Developing	2 Magenta	B	150-270L
		3	Standard 1: Secure	3 Magenta-Red, 4 Red, 5 Red	C, D	240-350L
Year 1	6–7 years old	4	Standard 1: Advanced	6 Red-Yellow, 7 Yellow, 8 Yellow, 9 Yellow-Blue	D, E, F	300-380L
		5	Standard 2: Developing	10 Blue, 11 Blue, 12 Blue-Green, 13 Green, 14 Green	F, G, H	350-430L
		6	Standard 2: Secure	15 Green-Orange, 16 Orange	I	400-510L
		7	Standard 2: Advanced	17 Orange-Turquoise	I, J	510-550L
Year 2	7–8 years old	8	Standard 3: Developing	18 Turquoise, 19 Turquoise-Purple	J, K	530-570L
		9	Standard 3: Secure	20 Purple, 21 Gold	K, L	550-600L
Year 3	8–9 years old	10	Standard 3: Secure	22 Gold, 23 Silver, 24 Silver	M, N, O	590-650L
		11	Standard 3: Advanced	25 Emerald, 26 Emerald	P, Q	600-670L
Year 4	9–10 years old	12	Standard 4: Developing	27 Ruby	R	610-690L
		13	Standard 4: Secure	27 Ruby	R	670-730L
		14	Standard 4: Advanced	28 Ruby	S	700-740L
		15	Standard 5: Secure	29 Sapphire	T	710-750L
Year 5	10–11 years old	16	Standard 5: Advanced	30 Sapphire	U	720-760L
		17	Standard 6: Secure	30+	V	730-790L
Year 6	11-12 years old	18	Standard 7: Developing		W	790-870L
		19	Standard 7: Secure		X	800-840L
		20	Standard 7: Advanced		Y	820-850L

\*The ages specified here provide approximate guidelines for Australian schools but are not prescriptive. Oxford Reading Levels are designed to meet students at their ability level, regardless of age. Please note that the mapping of Oxford Reading Levels to other publishers' levelling systems are our estimates only and may not match those other publisher's correlations.

