

Playbook® Reading Levels

In order to assist teachers and facilitate the assigning of roles for Reader's Theater small group reading, Playbooks, Inc. has developed a simplified series of reading levels. The following provides an approximate correlation between these levels and other reading level scales.

Reading Level Correlation

Playbook® Reading Level	Playbook® roles written at this level have...	Approximate Correlation to Other Reading Scales			
		Fountas & Pinnell/Guided Reading	Reading Recovery	DRA	Lexile
Stage 0 Emerging Reader Grades PK-1	short and simple sentences, 3-4 words per sentence using vocabulary with "hard" consonants and "short" vowels, including some early sight words, and 1 sentence per passage.	A-C	1-3	1-4	0-100
Stage 1 Early Reader Grades K-1	simple sentences and sight words or words introduced by another character role, 3-4 words per sentence, and 1-2 sentences per passage.	C-F	3-10	4-10	100-199
Stage 2 Beginning Reader Grades 1-2	simple sentence structure with slightly longer passages and more high frequency words, and 2-3 sentences per passage.	F-K	10-18	10-24	200-399
Stage 3 Transitional Reader Grades 2-3	some large chunks of texts with an increase in vocabulary difficulty and sentence structure, and 3-4 sentences per passage.	L-N	20-22	28-34	400-599
Stage 4 Intermediate Reader Grades 3-4	longer passages and more elaborate vocabulary and sentence structure, and 4-5 sentences per passage.	O-S	24-26	38-40	600-799
Stage 5 Advanced Reader Grades 5-6	some use of complex sentences and concepts, more developed character dialogue and detailed text, and some figurative language.	T-Y	28-30	44	800-999
Stage 6 Expert Reader Grades 7-12	complex sentences, more advanced sentence variation, and figurative language.	Z	32-34		1000-1100