

How to Determine Text Complexity

There are many great text analyzers. We use ATOS, Flesch-Kincaid, and Lexiles.

ATOS

ATOS is a free tool created by Renaissance®. ATOS for Text is used to calculate the readability level for shorter text passages such as magazine and newspaper articles, test items, and other classroom materials. The resulting ATOS level does not include any adjustment for overall length (word count) and is expressed as *ATOS Level*. Results that you will receive from this analysis include: *ATOS Level*, *Word Count*, *Average Word Length*, and *Average Sentence Length*.

HOW TO USE

1. Copy your text (At Least 250 words) from Word or Google Docs.
2. Paste it into Option 1 [here](#).
3. Clean up any odd spacing that occurred from pasting.
4. Click the submit button.
5. Don't forget to record the results!

Lexile

Lexile is great because of its universal usage. This MetaMetrics account provides an estimated Lexile.

HOW TO USE

1. Sign in [here](#).
2. User: admin@teamtomeducation.com
3. Password: teamtom!
4. Click "Free Lexile Analyzer"
5. Upload a Word document.
6. Click the analyze button.
7. Don't forget to record the results!