

# Simple Solutions

## Reading Comprehension 2

### Standards Addressed in Grade 2

The Grade 2 edition of *Simple Solutions Reading Comprehension* includes material associated with standards for English language arts (reading literature, reading informational, writing, and language). The code for each lesson or quiz item indicates the standard that is addressed or supported by that item.

Standards Addressed in Reading Comprehension 2			
CCRA.R.1	RL.2.1	RI.2.1	L.2.4
CCRA.R.2	RL.2.2	RI.2.2	L.2.4.A
CCRA.R.3	RL.2.3	RI.2.3	L.2.4.B
CCRA.R.4	RL.2.4	RI.2.4	L.2.4.C
CCRA.R.5	RL.2.5	RI.2.5	L.2.4.D
	RL.2.6	RI.2.6	
	RL.2.7	RI.2.7	L.2.5
		RI.2.8	L.2.5.A
	RL.2.9	RI.2.9	
		RI.2.10	L.2.6

Standard descriptions can be found on the pages 5 and 6.

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### Standard Descriptions

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<b>CCRA.R.1</b>	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
<b>CCRA.R.2</b>	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
<b>CCRA.R.3</b>	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
<b>CCRA.R.4</b>	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
<b>CCRA.R.5</b>	Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
<b>RL.2.1</b>	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
<b>RL.2.2</b>	Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
<b>RL.2.3</b>	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.
<b>RL.2.4</b>	Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.
<b>RL.2.5</b>	Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
<b>RL.2.6</b>	Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
<b>RL.2.7</b>	Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
<b>RL.2.9</b>	Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.
<b>RI.2.1</b>	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
<b>RI.2.2</b>	Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.
<b>RI.2.3</b>	Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.

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Standard	Description
<b>RI.2.4</b>	Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.
<b>RI.2.5</b>	Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.
<b>RI.2.6</b>	Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.
<b>RI.2.7</b>	Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.
<b>RI.2.8</b>	Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.
<b>RI.2.9</b>	Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.
<b>RI.2.10</b>	By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/ social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
<b>L.2.4</b>	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
<b>L.2.4.B</b>	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).
<b>L.2.4.C</b>	Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition, additional).
<b>L.2.4.D</b>	Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).
<b>L.2.5</b>	Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.
<b>L.2.5.A</b>	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).
<b>L.2.6</b>	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy that makes me happy)

The *Simple Solutions Reading Comprehension 2* passages fall into the Lexile range of 320-650.

The Lexile Framework for Reading evaluates reading ability and text complexity on the same developmental scale. Unlike other measurement systems, the Lexile Framework determines reading ability based on actual assessments, rather than generalized age or grade levels. Lexile measures connect learners of all ages with resources at the right level of challenge and monitors their progress toward state and national proficiency standards. More information about the Lexile Framework can be found at [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com).

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4	More Than Building Blocks	440L	informational	8
5	Trust, Part 1		literary	10
6	Trust, Part 2		literary	12
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\*Adapted from works in public domain

+The Lexile® Framework is based on prose analysis. Non-prose items are not written in complete sentences and lack standard punctuation. Hence, the text difficulty cannot currently be assigned a Lexile measure. Non-prose items include poetry.