

Simple Solutions

Reading Comprehension 3

Standards Addressed in Grade 3

The Grade 3 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.

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CCRA.R.1	CCRA.L.3	RL.3.1	RI.3.1	RF.3.3	L.3.4
CCRA.R.2	CCRA.L.4	RL.3.2	RI.3.2		L.3.4.A
CCRA.R.3		RL.3.3	RI.3.3		L.3.4.B
CCRA.R.4		RL.3.4	RI.3.4		L.3.4.C
CCRA.R.6		RL.3.5	RI.3.5		
CCRA.R.7		RL.3.6	RI.3.6		L.3.5
		RL.3.7	RI.3.7		L.3.5.A
		RL.3.9	RI.3.8		L.3.5.B
			RI.3.9		L.3.5.C
					L.3.6

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

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Standard Descriptions

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CCRA.R.1	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.
CCRA.R.2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
CCRA.R.3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
CCRA.R.4	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.
CCRA.R.6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
CCRA.R.7	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words. (there's a footnote)
CCRA.L.3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
CCRA.L.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
RL.3.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
RL.3.2	Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
RL.3.3	Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
RL.3.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.
RL.3.5	Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
RL.3.6	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
RL.3.7	Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).
RL.3.9	Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).
RI.3.1	Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
RI.3.2	Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

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RI.3.3	Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.
RI.3.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.
RI.3.5	Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.
RI.3.6	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.
RI.3.7	Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).
RI.3.8	Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).
RI.3.9	Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.
RF.3.3	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
L.3.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
L.3.4.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
L.3.4.B	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/pre-heat).
L.3.4.C	Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., company, companion).
L.3.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
L.3.5.A	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).
L.3.5.B	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).
L.3.5.C	Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered).
L.3.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).

The *Simple Solutions Reading Comprehension 3* passages fall into the Lexile range of 410-830.

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.

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3	Ruby's Move, Part 3	480L	literary	6
4	Ruby's Move, Part 4	450L	literary	8
5	Nate's Decision, Part 1	450L	literary	10
6	Nate's Decision, Part 2	410L	literary	12
Quiz #1	First Flight	520L	literary	14
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7	Something New, Part 1	560L	literary	16
8	Something New, Part 2	470L	literary	18
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14	The See-Through Amphibian	630L	informational	32
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107	Government Jobs: The Mayor and City Council	810L	informational	248
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*Adapted from works in public domain

**The Lexile® Framework is based on prose analysis. NP denotes non-prose. Items assigned a code of NP are not written in complete sentences and lack standard punctuation. Hence, the text difficulty cannot currently be assigned a Lexile measure.