

Simple Solutions

Reading Comprehension 4

Standards Addressed in Grade 4

The Grade 4 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 4			
CCRA.R.1	RL.4.1	RI.4.1	L.4.4
	RL.4.2	RI.4.2	L.4.4.A
CCRA.R.3	RL.4.3	RI.4.3	L.4.4.B
	RL.4.4	RI.4.4	L.4.4.C
	RL.4.5	RI.4.5	
CCRA.R.6	RL.4.6		L.4.5
		RI.4.7	L.4.5.A
		RI.4.8	L.4.5.B
	RL.4.9	RI.4.9	L.4.5.C
			L.4.6

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

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Standard Descriptions

Standard	Description
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.3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
CCRA.R.6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).
RL.4.5	Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
RL.4.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
RL.4.9	Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
RI.4.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
RI.4.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
RI.4.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
RI.4.5	Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
RI.4.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.

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RI.4.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.
RI.4.9	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
L.4.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
L.4.4.A	Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
L.4.4.B	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).
L.4.4.C	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
L.4.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
L.4.5.A	Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.
L.4.5.B	Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
L.4.5.C	Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).
L.4.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

The *Simple Solutions Reading Comprehension 4* passages fall into the Lexile range of 480-920.

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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*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.