

# Simple Solutions

## Common Core Reading Comprehension MS

### Common Core State Standards Addressed in Grade MS

The MS (925 — 1070) edition of *Simple Solutions Common Core Reading Comprehension* includes material associated with the Common Core State Standards for English language arts (reading literature, reading informational text, 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 MS			
RL.6.1	R.I.6.1	L.6.4	RL.6.10
RL.6.2	R.I.6.2	L.6.4A	RI.6.10
RL.6.3	R.I.6.3	L.6.4B	
RL.6.4	R.I.6.4	L.6.4C	
RL.6.5	R.I.6.5		
RL.6.6	R.I.6.6	L.6.5	
	R.I.6.7	L.6.5A	
	R.I.6.8	L.6.5B	
RL.6.9	R.I.6.9	L.6.5C	
		L.6.6	

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3	A Tedious Business		literary	6
4	A Pleasant Morning Together		literary	8
5	Rat’s Errand of Mercy		literary	10
6	Toad Takes the High Road		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.