



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 2B: Unit 1:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about various animals and their physical attributes, behaviors, and how they survive. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

(As provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

- Grade 2–3: 420–820L
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile levels that correspond to Common Core Bands: below grade band, within band, and above band. Note, however, that Lexile® measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (under 420L)			
<i>Hungry, Hungry Sharks</i>	Joanna Cole (author)	Informational	410
<i>High, Higher, Highest: Animals That Go to Great Heights</i>	Michael Dahl (author)	Informational	490
<i>Sloths</i>	Mari Schuh (author)	Informational	560
<i>Animal Characteristics</i>	Sue Barraclough (author)	Informational	620*
<i>Komodo Dragons on the Hunt</i>	Janet Riehecky (author)	Informational	660
<i>The Best Camouflaged Animals</i>	Megan Cooley Peterson (author)	Informational	670
<i>Camouflage and Mimicry: Animal Weapons and Defenses</i>	Janet Riehecky (author)	Informational	690

* Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>The Case of the Missing Arctic Fox</i>	Heather Montgomery (author)	Informational	700
Lexile text measures within band level (420–820L)			
<i>Freaky Faces</i>	David Armentrout (author)	Informational	780
<i>Animal Champions</i>	John Bonnett Wexo (author)	Informational	780*
<i>Animal Defenses</i>	Etta Kaner (author), Pat Stephens (illustrator)	Informational	790
<i>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</i>	Steve Jenkins (author)	Informational	840
Lexile text measures above band level (over 820L)			
<i>Deadly! The Truth About the Most Dangerous Creatures on Earth</i>	Nicola Davies (author)	Informational	1230
<i>Jungle Bugs: Masters of Camouflage and Mimicry</i>	Bruce Purser (author)	Informational	No LXL

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