



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 2B: Unit 2:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about animal defenses. 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.

Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

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

- Grades 2–3: 420–820L
- Grades 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grades 6–8: 925–1185L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile measures 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 measures below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Gazelles</i>	Megan Borgert-Spaniol (author)	Informational	275*
<i>It's a Baby Gazelle</i>	Kelly Doudna (author)	Informational	400*
<i>Armadillos</i>	Steve Potts (author)	Informational	580
<i>Deadly Blue-Ringed Octopuses</i>	Daisy Allyn (author)	Informational	720
<i>Gazelles</i>	Lynette Robbins (author)	Informational	710*
<i>Armadillos</i>	Sheila Griffin Llanas (author)	Informational	710

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>National Geographic Great Migrations: Butterflies</i>	Laura Marsh (author)	Informational	710
<i>An Octopus Is Amazing</i>	Patricia Lauber (author)	Informational	730
Lexile measures within band level (740L–1010L)			
<i>Octopuses</i>	Deborah Coldiron (author)	Informational	740
<i>Sea Anemone</i>	Meryl Magby (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Migrating with the Monarch Butterfly</i>	Thessaly Catt (author)	Informational	830*
<i>Armadillo's Burrow</i>	Dee Phillips (author)	Informational	850
<i>The Australian Spotted Jellyfish</i>	Susan Heinrichs Gray (author)	Informational	850*
<i>Octopuses</i>	Sandra Markle (author)	Informational	920
<i>Giant Pacific Octopus: The World's Largest Octopus</i>	Leon Gray (author)	Informational	920
<i>Butterflies</i>	Seymour Simon (author)	Informational	925*
<i>Box Jellyfish: Killer Tentacles</i>	Natalie Lunis (author)	Informational	950
<i>Octopuses</i>	Anna Claybourne (author)	Informational	990
Lexile measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>DK Eyewitness Books: Fish</i>	Steve Parker (author)	Informational	1010*
<i>The Astonishing Armadillo</i>	Dee Stuart (author)	Informational	1170

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