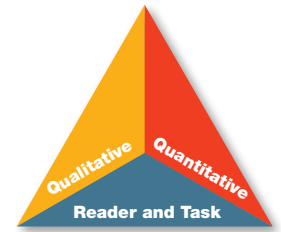


Text-Based Comprehension



Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *Ants and Their Nests*.

Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand the elements of expository nonfiction; one level of meaning
	Structure	table of contents; headings; glossary; Read More section; index
	Language Conventinality and Clarity	literal, clear language; some jargon; simple sentence structure
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	text assumes little to no prior knowledge

Reader and Task Suggestions	FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT Based on assessment results, use the Reader and Task Suggestions in Access Main Selection to scaffold the selection or support independence for children as they read <i>Ants and Their Nests</i> .	
	READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS	
	Preparing to Read the Text	Leveled Tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Amazing Words and have children use them to talk about the selection. Discuss these features of expository nonfiction: table of contents, chapter titles, glossary, bibliography, index. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Conventinality and Clarity If children understand the concept of comparison and contrast, have them explain the contrasts described on page 4, page 6, and page 8. Structure If children have difficulty following expository nonfiction, have them use the chapter titles to predict what they will learn in each section of the selection.

Recommended Placement This text is appropriate for placement as a read aloud at this level due to the qualitative elements of the selection.