

Text-Based Comprehension



Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *At the Beach*.

Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Quantitative Measures	Lexile	730L
	Average Sentence Length	11.66
	Word Frequency	3.67

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand the realistic elements in realistic fiction
	Structure	conventional structure; events happen chronologically; introductory paragraph
	Language Conventionality and Clarity	clear, conventional language
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	non-English words; natural, conversational language; references to other cultural experience

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 students as they read <i>At the Beach</i> .	
	READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS	
	Preparing to Read the Text	Leveled Tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review strategies for using context to determine the meanings of unknown words. Use the strategy lesson on p. 180e. Discuss how details, such as sights and sounds, can be used to create a story's setting. Remind students to adjust their reading rate as they encounter non-English words. Consider the context of each word. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation Students may already know why authors use realistic details to create setting. As they read, have them consider why unrealistic details, like a dragon or a magic carpet, were not used in the story. Theme and Knowledge Demands Students may have difficulty with non-English words. Have them consider the context in which the word was used and then come up with an English synonym.

Recommended Placement One of the qualitative measures suggests this text may be slightly outside the Grade 4–5 text complexity band. While the text may seem a bit less complex than required at this level, the inclusion of non-English words may still require students to stretch to gather meaning from the context.