

Text-Based Comprehension



Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *How Do You Raise a Raisin?*

Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Quantitative Measures	Lexile	900
	Average Sentence Length	11.88
	Word Frequency	3.31

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand the asking and answering of questions while learning details of raisin production
	Structure	a combination of poetry and expository text; a recipe format
	Language Conventinality and Clarity	questions are presented in a fanciful, purposely misleading way while the answers are straightforward and factual
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	a basic knowledge of what raisins are; simple theme

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>How Do You Raise a Raisin?</i>	
	READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS	
	Preparing to Read the Text	Leveled Tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review homophones. Discuss how authors sometimes use a question-and-answer format in expository text. Remind students to adjust their reading rate as they read to understand the questions and answers in the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Conventinality and Clarity The format and misleading questions in this text may cause problems for some students. Have students restate what each question is asking as they read and make note of terms they do not understand. Structure Students may get confused by the change in text structure—from question-and-answer to list to recipe. Have students point out where each change takes place and summarize each portion of the text as they finish it.

Recommended Placement The quantitative measures suggest this text may be placed outside the Grade 2–3 text complexity band. Some students may need scaffolded support to work through unfamiliar words and the format of the recipe. With support, students should be able to access the content of this selection.