

# Text-Based Comprehension



## Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *Jalapeño Bagels*.

### Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Quantitative Measures	Lexile	600L
	Average Sentence Length	9.69
	Word Frequency	3.44

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand how setting contributes to the story and how the jalapeño bagels are used as symbols
	Structure	events happen chronologically; recipe format
	Language Conventionality and Clarity	natural, conversational language
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	references to other cultural experiences

Reader and Task Suggestions	<b>FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT</b> Based on assessment results, use the <b>Reader and Task Suggestions</b> in Access Main Selection to scaffold the selection or support independence for students as they read <i>Jalapeño Bagels</i> .	
	<b>READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS</b>	
	<b>Preparing to Read the Text</b>	<b>Leveled Tasks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review using context clues to understand unfamiliar words.</li> <li>Discuss how setting contributes to a story.</li> <li>Remind students that when they encounter unfamiliar words, they should adjust their reading rate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Structure</b> If students have difficulty following the chronology of the selection, have them identify the bakery items one-by-one, as Pablo's parents create them.</li> <li><b>Levels of Meaning • Analysis</b> If students don't understand why Pablo decides to bring jalapeño bagels to school for International Day, have them identify the cultural backgrounds of Pablo's parents. Then have them point out which cultural traditions use jalapeño peppers in their cooking and which prepare bagels.</li> </ul>

**Recommended Placement** Generally the qualitative and quantitative measures suggest this text should be placed in the Grade 2–3 text complexity band, which is where both the Common Core State Standards and *Scott Foresman Reading Street* have placed it. Students should be encouraged to use context clues to access any unfamiliar words in the selection. Provide scaffolded support as needed.