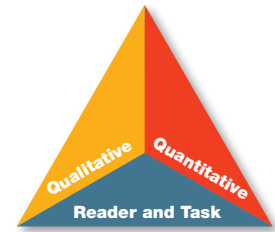


Text-Based Comprehension



Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *Mama's Birthday Present*.

Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Quantitative Measures	Lexile	450L
	Average Sentence Length	7.35
	Word Frequency	3.58
	Word Count	573

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand the real life situations in realistic fiction and Francisco's actions in the story
	Structure	events happen chronologically; simple, conventional structure
	Language Conventinality and Clarity	natural, conversational language; non-English words; close alignment between images and text
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	references to other cultures; common experiences

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>Mama's Birthday Present</i> .	
	READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS	
	Preparing to Read the Text	Leveled Tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review singular and plural possessives. Discuss elements of realistic fiction. Remind children to reread more slowly if they encounter a portion of text they don't understand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Conventinality and Clarity If children do not know how to pronounce ñ, model the words in the text with ñ and have them repeat. Structure If children cannot describe how the selection is organized, have them write the days of the week and draw what happens each day.

Recommended Placement This text is appropriate for placement at this level due to both the quantitative and qualitative elements of the selection.