



english**teachers**  
association  
switzerland

*Connect, Grow, Thrive*

---

# Using Digital Tools to Help Differentiation

36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM, ZUG 2020



Nalan Atabek, Educational Consultant  
GOALTESTING

[nalanatabek@goaltesting.com](mailto:nalanatabek@goaltesting.com)



# ETS & GOALTESTING



A global leader  
We develop, administer and score

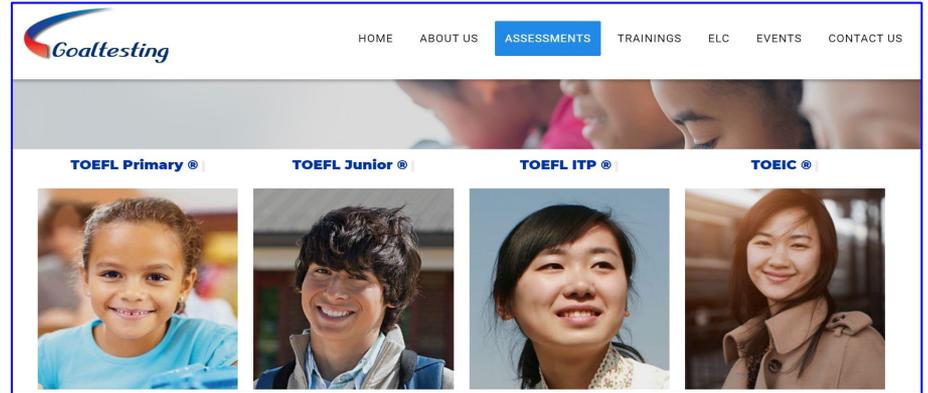
50 million tests in

180+ countries.

[See our tests.](#)



ETS is a team of education experts, researchers and assessment developers located in our Princeton, New Jersey office. This office is home to our administrative and related corporate divisions — from test item development and fairness review to research and test preparation creation to special accommodations compliance.



Goaltesting is a team of educational staff located in the Netherlands working in contact with ETS to run TOEFL Family of Assessments related divisions as the preferred network of ETS in the Netherlands and Switzerland.



# Serving for the average!



**memory**  
language  
**knowledge**  
reading  
**vocabulary**  
curiosity  
**perceptual**  
cognitive  
**interest**



*“When we design for the average, we design for no one.” - Todd Rose*



**Differentiation** : "...method of teaching that meets the diverse needs of students."

What are the needs of my individual students, then?



Using a summative assessment tool as formatively at the beginning of the school year might help to find out!



# The "A..HA" Moment!

## Results:

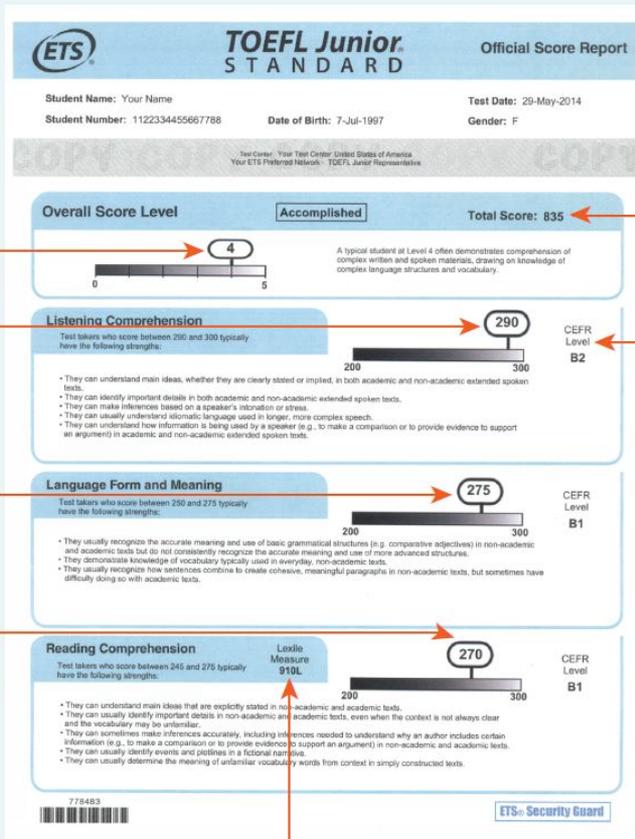
ETS TOEFL  
YOUNG  
STUDENT  
SERIES/  
TOEFL  
JUNIOR  
STANDARD  
TEST

with the help of a large scale assessment, I can have a snapshot of my class and adjust classroom instruction accordingly!

Student Name	Listening Score	Listening CEFR	LFM Score	LFM CEFR	Reading Score	Reading CEFR	Reading LXL	OSL	Total
	275	B1	280	B2	270	B1	910L	4	825
	225	A2	245	A2	270	B1	910L	3	740
	265	B1	230	A2	245	B1	775L	3	740
	250	B1	225	A2	240	A2	750L	2	715
	230	A2	220	A2	255	B1	815L	2	705
	250	B1	225	A2	230	A2	700L	2	705
	250	B1	230	A2	220	A2	645L	2	700
	235	A2	220	A2	225	A2	675L	2	680
	245	A2	225	A2	210	A2	590L	2	680
	230	A2	215	A2	220	A2	645L	2	665
	250	B1	200	*	215	A2	620L	2	665
	220	*	220	A2	220	A2	645L	2	660
	235	A2	220	A2	200	*	510L	2	655
	220	*	220	A2	210	A2	590L	1	650
	205	*	220	A2	220	A2	645L	1	645
	230	A2	200	*	215	A2	620L	1	645
	220	*	210	A2	200	*	510L	1	630
	200	*	205	*	200	*	510L	1	605
	200	*	200	*	200	*	510L	1	600



# Here are some results for you:



The Overall Score Level is in the range of 1–5 and is accompanied by an overall performance descriptor.

Section Scores range from 200–300 and are reported in five-point increments with section performance descriptors.

Scores from the three different sections should not be directly compared because the measures are scaled differently.

The Total Score is a sum of the three section scores and ranges from 600–900.

The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is a widely used tool for understanding different levels of language proficiency.

The score report provides a CEFR Level for each section. The performance descriptors for each section are adapted from the CEFR level descriptors to reflect the TOEFL Junior test content and the age of the test takers.

Each student will have a score report with performance descriptors, lexile levels, CEFR levels and section scores!

The Lexile® Measure matches English-language readers with appropriate texts. Use your Lexile Measure to find books at the right reading level. Browse the Lexile Book Database and find the right books for you at [www.lexile.com/toefljunior](http://www.lexile.com/toefljunior).



# LEXILE

A popular method used by schools to measure a student reader's ability is Lexile level or a Lexile Measure. A Lexile measure is a **valuable tool for teachers, parents, and students.**

**It is the measure of:**

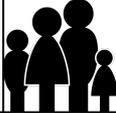
*HOW DIFFICULT  
A TEXT IS*

**or**

*A STUDENT'S  
READING ABILITY  
LEVEL*



# Why is it useful to know about the lexile level of my students?

 <b>Teachers</b>	 <b>Parents</b>	 <b>Students</b>
<p>Engage Ss in reading materials that accelerate their skills, or, for advanced readers, find materials that offer more challenge but are also age-appropriate.</p> <p>Personalize learning to help Ss navigate the path to gain more</p>	<p>Use your child's Lexile measure to connect your child with books targeted to their reading ability.</p>	<p>Enter your lexile to enjoy reading that matches your interests, likes, level and age.</p>



## Samples from textbooks:

The South American Galapagos archipelago inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. The archipelago, or group of islands, is scattered around the equator. As a young man, Darwin sailed to the islands. His original plan was to discover a new system for classifying plants. At that time, scientists had not yet agreed on a common way to order the millions of varieties of plants they encountered. Galapagos is home to an unusual variety of species. The array of life forms stunned Darwin. The plants and animals were similar on each island. But Darwin noticed that many had distinct characteristics. Based on these observations, he proposed that species never stop evolving. Each type goes on struggling to adapt to its surroundings. The ideas he brought back from Galapagos inspired a controversy that continues to this day. Many years later, one of the islands of Galapagos was named "Charles Darwin."

This is a B1 level text. If I go back to the results page, this is only manageable for 4 students in the class! How about the rest?



# Samples from textbooks:

Hi Samia,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see the new flat and all the work we've done on the kitchen since we moved in. We can eat at home and then go for a walk in the afternoon. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

This is an A2 level text. If I go back to the results page, this matches the levels of 11 students. 4 of them will get bored as it easy for them and another 4 will still have difficulty understanding!



# Samples from textbooks:

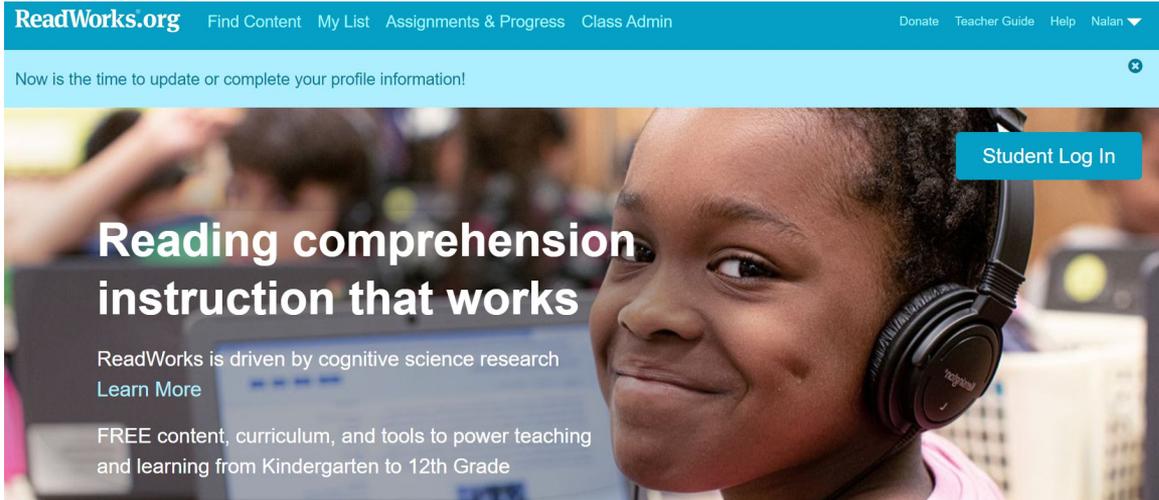


This is an A1 level text. If I go back to the results page, this is manageable for only 4 students in the class! The others will not be challenged at all!

CLICK ON THE IMAGES TO FIND OUT MORE!

# Tools

---



ReadWorks.org Find Content My List Assignments & Progress Class Admin Donate Teacher Guide Help Nalan ▼

Now is the time to update or complete your profile information!

Student Log In

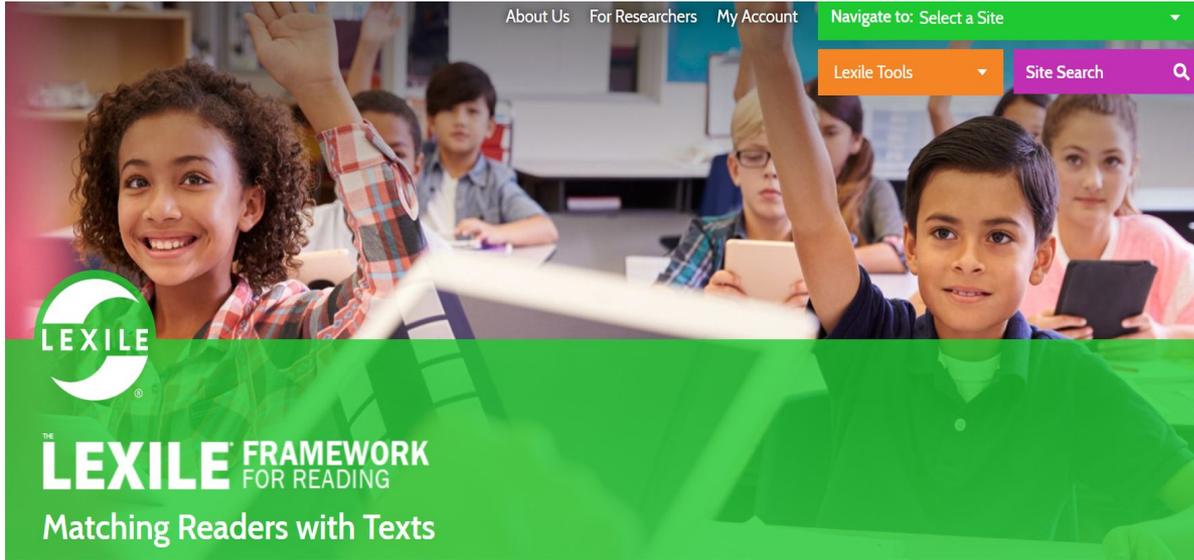
## Reading comprehension instruction that works

ReadWorks is driven by cognitive science research  
[Learn More](#)

FREE content, curriculum, and tools to power teaching and learning from Kindergarten to 12th Grade

- ❑ Search by grade or by lexile
- ❑ Multiple choice and written answer questions
- ❑ Explicit and inferential questions
- ❑ Less complex versions of original passages.
- ❑ Designed to provide access for struggling students.

# Tools



- ❑ Find books that match the child's measure
- ❑ Look up a book's measure
- ❑ Copy and paste a text to analyze its lexile level
- ❑ Build summer reading lists

# Tools



ETS TOEFL Junior.

ETS TOEFL Primary.

Home

Library

Log In

日本語

简体中文

English

한국어

Find  
the right  
**Books**  
for you

Now with  
Instant  
Reading!

1

Enter Lexile Measure

L

Enter

2

Choose Interests

3

Find Books

## Book Results 660L to 730L Current Lexile Range

### 33113 results

Please note that some Lexile measures have recently updated. For more information, visit <https://lexile.com/beginning-readers>.

Lexile Range: 660L - 730L, All Categories

Results per page: 20 Sort by: Book Popularity



#### The Lightning Thief

by: Riordan, Rick  
Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or ...

Pages: 384  
ISBN13: 9780788856299

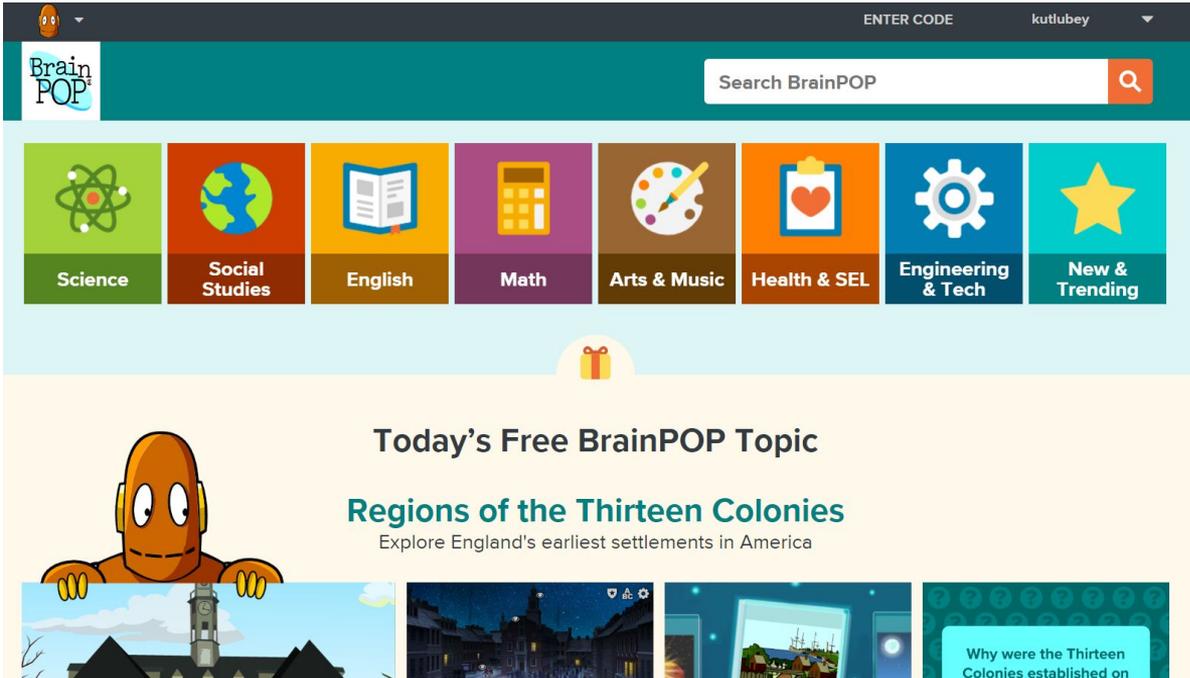
680L

### Popular Books



### My Reading Lists

# Tools



The screenshot shows the BrainPOP website interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with a small character icon on the left, the text "ENTER CODE" in the center, and the username "kutlubey" on the right. Below this is a teal header bar containing the BrainPOP logo on the left and a search bar with the text "Search BrainPOP" and a magnifying glass icon on the right. A row of eight colorful icons represents different subject areas: Science (atom), Social Studies (globe), English (book), Math (calculator), Arts & Music (palette), Health & SEL (heart on clipboard), Engineering & Tech (gears), and New & Trending (star). Below the icons is a light blue banner with a gift icon. The main content area has a yellow background and features the text "Today's Free BrainPOP Topic" followed by the title "Regions of the Thirteen Colonies" and the subtitle "Explore England's earliest settlements in America". To the left of this text is a cartoon character peeking over a banner. Below the text are four small image thumbnails: a clock tower, a night street scene, a tablet showing a landscape, and a text box with the question "Why were the Thirteen Colonies established on".

## Accelerate learning with flexible solutions that create equity and depth in the classroom and deliver proven results.

With game-based foundational literacy learning, proven-effective differentiated literacy instruction, and a curriculum platform designed to deepen thinking, we help unlock every student's potential.

Why Achieve3000?



## World History

# Prehistoric Times: Using Fire and Tools in the Stone Age

 Present  Save  Share  Hide  Print

 Add To Text Set



Activities



# THANK YOU !

---



**Nalan Atabek, Educational Consultant**  
**GOALTESTING**

**[nalanatabek@goaltesting.com](mailto:nalanatabek@goaltesting.com)**