# Matching Scholars to Independent Level Texts

**USING LEXILE MEASURES**

In order to becoming a stronger reader, scholars need to read volumes of a range of texts. It’s essential to match scholars to appropriate texts that they can grapple with independently. For scholars that are below grade level, we utilize STEP (F&P) Levels to match scholars to independent level texts. For scholars that are at or above grade level, based on the universal screeners, we recommend using Lexile measures. This is a one-pager, which provides guidance on **how to match scholars at or above grade level to independent level texts**.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

If a scholar is above the accumaticity and Lexile measure triggers for their grade level, they could read texts that are ~50 Lexile measures above or below their Lexile measure. This is equivalent to approximately half a year range in either direction.

**3-STEPS FOR MATCHING SCHOLARS**

1. Ensure the scholar is above both the Lexile measure and accumaticity triggers for their grade level in accordance with our [Reading Assessment Triggers](https://manyminds.achievementfirst.org/sites/NetworkSupport/Team%20SS/Documents/Triggers%20-%20Fluency%20Universal%20Screeners%206.9.xlsx?Web=1).

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| **Grade** | **Lexile Trigger** | | | **Accumaticity** | | |
|  | BOY | MOY | EOY | BOY | MOY | EOY |
| 3rd | 520 | 740 | 740 | 60 | 80 | 85 |
| 4th | 740 | 830 | 830 | 80 | 100 | 115 |

1. Round their Lexile measure to the nearest 50L.
2. Give the scholar a range of 50 Lexile measures above and below their Lexile measure for the independent reading level.

*Note: Just as when we match scholars using STEP (F&P), we need to monitor to ensure that choice of text is truly independent by listen to scholars read to confirm it is truly the right match.*

**EXAMPLE**

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|  | **Typical 3rd Grade Scholar** | **Typical 4th Grade Scholar** |
| **Scholar Profile** | * 775L on MOY STAR Rdg. Screener * 118 wcpm on MOY Fluency Screener | * 910L on MOY STAR Rdg. Screener * 120 wcpm on MOY Fluency Screener |
| **Matched Lexile** | **750L- 850L** | **850L-950L** |

**NON-EXAMPLE**

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|  | **Typical 3rd Grade Scholar** | **Typical 4th Grade Scholar** |
| **Scholar Profile** | * 700L on MOY STAR Rdg. Screener * 110 wcpm on MOY Fluency Screener | * 880L on MOY STAR Rdg. Screener * 90 wcpm on MOY Fluency Screener |
| **Result** | **Use STEP (F&P) because this scholar is below the Lexile measure trigger.** | **Use STEP (F&P) because this scholar is below the accumaticity trigger.** |