

Reading levels are based on seven popular readability formulas: *Flesch Reading Ease formula*; *Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level*; *Fog Scale*; *SMOG Index*; *Coleman-Liau Index*; *Automated Readability Index*; *Linsear Write Formula*. These formulas work by analysing the text and calculating the number of sentences, words, syllables and characters.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<p>Simple daily stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 words • 2 dive in deeper links • Extra key words 	<p>Simple daily stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 words • 3 dive in deeper links 	<p>Daily stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600 words • 4 dive in deeper links 	<p>Daily stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 words • 6 dive in deeper links • Extra key words 	<p>Daily stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 words • 6 dive in deeper links • 5 become an expert links with stories, videos and podcasts for further reading
<p>Daily posters (reading levels 1-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An A4 infographic published every day that uses visual art to pick apart and explain an important background issue in the news. 				
<p>Weekly photoquiz (reading levels 1-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visual photo-mystery where students have a chance to guess what the image is of and read the story behind it. 				
<p>Short epics (reading levels 1-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A daily 140-character snippet of the news which is light-hearted and made to make you smile. 				
	<p>News detectives (reading levels 2-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A daily worksheet for key stage two and three which acts like its own mini-newspaper. • Printable, portable for homework and simple to use in the classroom. 			
<p>Weekly videos (reading levels 1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One video per week that our editors consider to be a masterpiece of short, investigative film-making designed specifically for younger students or those with learning limitations. • Two activities. 		<p>Translations (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A loyal team of native speakers of French, German, Spanish, Arabic and Mandarin translate one story per week into their own language. 		
		<p>Quizzes (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A weekly general-knowledge quiz published on a Friday and a caption competition. 		
<p>Slideshows (reading levels 1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A weekly Geography slideshow for younger children called The World This Week. • Encourages reluctant readers through images and simple text. 		<p>Connections (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examines a weekly set text from the English syllabus. • Identifies five key themes which are then linked to contemporary news. 		
		<p>Daily video (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One video per day that our editors consider to be a masterpiece of short, investigative film-making. • Two activities. 		
<p>Primary themes (reading levels 1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assembly slideshow plus extensive background material timed to be relevant to the week in question. • Three engaging activities adapted to younger students / those with learning limitations. • Related posts for further reading. • We publish a themes calendar for you to print and display. 		<p>Special reports (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roundup of archive articles related to an ongoing topic in the news. 		
		<p>Secondary themes (reading levels 3-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assembly slideshow plus extensive background material timed to be relevant to the week in question. • Three engaging activities. • Related posts for further reading. • We publish a themes calendar for you to print and display. 		