

4th — 5th Grade



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Should We Ban Plastic Bags?





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Plastic bags are one of the most problematic forms of garbage. In New York alone, about 23 billion plastic bags are used each year. The average person uses more than 700 plastic bags every year. The United States averages more than 1,500 plastic bags per household. Worldwide, the number of plastic bags used exceeds five trillion per year. With these large numbers, it is no surprise that so many plastic bags end up in landfills and in the ocean.



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ABOUT LEXILE LEVELS



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The Lexile Framework® for Reading measures are scientific, quantitative text levels. When the Lexile of a text is measured, specific, measurable attributes of the text are considered, including, but not limited to, word frequency, sentence length, and text cohesion. These are difficult attributes for humans to evaluate, so a computer measures them.

Common Core State Standards uses Lexile level bands as one measure of text complexity. Text complexity ranges ensure students are college and career ready by the end of 12th grade. Lexile measures help educators scaffold and differentiate instruction as well as monitor reading growth.

Grade Band	Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations
K-1	190L-530L
2-3	420L-820L
4-5	740L-1010L
6-8	925L-1185L

Keep in mind when using any leveled text that many students will need scaffolding and support to reach text at the high end of their grade band. According to Appendix A of the Common Core Standards, "It is important to recognize that scaffolding often is entirely appropriate. The expectation that scaffolding will occur with particularly challenging texts is built into the Standards' grade-by-grade text complexity expectations, for example. The general movement, however, should be toward decreasing scaffolding and increasing independence both within and across the text complexity bands defined in the Standards."





Overview of How to Teach Guided Reading

Gone are the days of Round Robin reading. Research shows the best way to conduct guided reading is by assigning small chunks of text for students to read silently, with you by their side for guidance.

What the Teacher does:

- Introduces the text
- Models effective pre-, during, and post-reading
- Teaches vocabulary, both through preteaching and context clues
- Assigns small chunks of reading to students (while they sit with their small group)
- Listens to students read aloud one at a time to the teacher to guide student fluency and engagement
- Asks comprehension questions
- Guides retellings
- Guides activities for a focus skill

What the Students Do:

- Engage in discussions with the teacher and groupmates
- Practice reading small chunks of text silently and aloud to the teacher
- Answer questions (typically orally)
- Practice key skills independently
- Practice rereading to improve fluency and comprehension

How to Use the Small Group Lesson Plan

Each week focuses on one book. The main focus of guided reading should be general reading comprehension. Each lesson is designed to last approximately 15 minutes.

- Mondays: Prereading activities
- Tuesdays-Wednesdays: Reading the text in chunks.
- Thursdays: Rereading and retelling
- Fridays: Assessment and skill focus

Notes Section: This is designed so you can jot observational notes about a specific student's progress right on the lesson plan.

Running Record Form: Each week, conduct a running record for each student. This will help ensure students are grouped properly and track student fluency.



READING SMALL GROUP PLANS

Week of: _____

Students:

Focus Skill:

Standard:

Book:

MON.

Pre-Reading

Build Schema: What do you think this text is about? What helped you make this prediction?

Example: I think this text is about why we should stop using plastic bags. I think this because there is a picture of a reusable shopping bag on the cover.

- ☐ Picture Walk
- ☐ Oral Predictions
- ☐ Review vocabulary in glossary. As you review each word, have students find the words on the page.

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During Reading

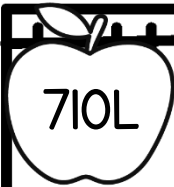
Students read pages 2-3 quietly. As students read in their heads, rotate through students to have them read aloud to you. After everyone has read, ask:

1. What is the text about? (Some places are banning the use of plastic bags.)
2. What do we know about them? (The plastic bags hurt the environment. We use tons of them and they wind up in landfills.)

Students read page 4 quietly. As students read, select students to read aloud to you. After everyone has read, ask:

1. What reasons does the author list to prove plastic bags are bad? (They wind up in landfills, they leak chemicals into the soil, they are eaten by animals who cannot digest them.)

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FLUENCY SCORE

	Total Words	-	Errors	=	Words Per Minute (WPM)	Accuracy % (WPM + Words Read) X 100
1 st Read						

FLUENCY COMPONENTS

- ☐ Rate
- ☐ Accuracy
- ☐ Punctuation
- ☐ Expression

Should We Ban Plastic Bags?

Many states have begun banning single-use plastic bags. This ban is occurring not only in the United States but also around the world. This has been a **divisive** move that has split opinions. Advocates of the ban argue that the number of plastic bags used is large. The bags harm the environment, and plastic bags are dangerous for human health. To stop these hazards, plastic bags should be eliminated from regular use. If people don't use them, then fewer will be made.

Plastic bags are one of the most **problematic** and overused forms of garbage. In New York alone, about 23 billion plastic bags are used each year. The average person uses more than 700 plastic bags annually. In the United States, the average is more than 1,500 plastic bags per household every year. Worldwide, the number of plastic bags used **exceeds** five trillion per year. With these large numbers, it is no surprise that so many plastic bags end up in **landfills** and in the ocean.



Plastic bags are also bad for the environment. Although plastic bags can be reused and recycled, they often are not. Most plastic bags end up in landfills. When they are thrown away, they leach chemicals into the soil at landfills. Others make their way to water sources. There, they break down and are eaten by sea life. This can harm or kill animals, who cannot digest plastic.

And it isn't just the environment that suffers. Plastic bags threaten human health, too. Plastic is made from crude oil. It mixes toxic chemicals. This process causes air and water pollution that can lead to **devastating** health problems for people. Plastic bags are also made from non-renewable sources.



Eliminating single-use plastic bags from everyday use is a logical conclusion. It will solve the problem. We can reduce the amount of plastic used, protect the environment, and **guard** our own health. Isn't protecting our world worth the small hassle?

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the text. Be sure to go back into the text to support your answer.

1. Use context from the text to help determine a substitute for the word "divisive."

Word	Word Origin	Clues from the Text	Word Substitute
divisive	dividere (Latin) = force apart		

2. Read this excerpt from the text.

"Worldwide, the number of plastic bags used exceeds five trillion per year."

Which of these words is closest to the meaning of the word "exceeds"?

- a. extends
- b. utilizes
- c. reduces
- d. surpasses

3. Read the sentence in the context of the passage.

"This process causes air and water pollution that can lead to devastating health problems for people."

What is the impact of the author's choice of words on the tone?

- a. The use of the word "pollution" adds a scary tone.
- b. The use of the word "devastating" adds a serious tone.
- c. The use of the phrase "process causes" adds a suspicious tone.
- d. The use of the phrase "for people" adds an accusing tone.

4. Which detail from the text provides evidence for the claim that plastic bags are one of the most problematic and overused forms of garbage?

- a. In New York alone, about 23 billion plastic bags are used each year.
- b. Plastic bags are also bad for the environment.
- c. Others make their way to water sources. There, they break down and are eaten by sea life.
- d. This can harm or kill animals, who cannot digest plastic.

5. Read this sentence from the text.

"...we can reduce the amount of plastic used, protect the environment, and guard our own health."

Which word or phrase from the final paragraph best helps the reader understand the meaning of "guard"?

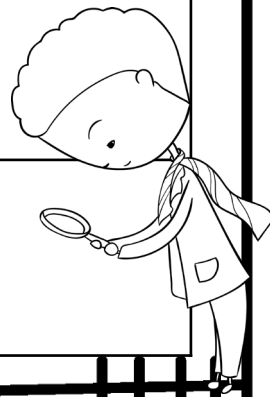
- a. logical
- b. amount of plastic
- c. protecting
- d. small inconvenience



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