

# What are Lexia® Close Reads?

## Overview

Created for upper-elementary students, Lexia Close Reads provide opportunities for critical reading and analysis with a variety of real-world text types and engaging topics. The full-color student readers are organized in sets and can be used to develop fluency and comprehension while promoting higher-order thinking, collaboration, and discussion.

### Student Readers

The two-page **student readers** include plays, fables, myths, science fiction, realistic fiction, and informational passages—all with engaging content and robust vocabulary. They support skill development in:

- Identifying main idea and details
- Exploring narrative text structure
- Comparing and contrasting
- Analyzing cause and effect
- Sequencing events
- Evaluating an author's viewpoint
- Making inferences and conclusions
- Predicting outcomes
- Using text evidence
- Recognizing conventions of drama



## Teacher Guides

The detailed **teacher guides** can be used to facilitate critical analysis and higher-order thinking through text-dependent questions, collaborative activities, and peer discussions. For each passage, the accompanying teacher guide includes:

- Text summary
- Lexile® measure
- Key vocabulary
- Focus question
- Reading strategies
- Discussion and writing prompts
- Reproducible graphic organizer
- Answer key

## Why are Close Reads important?

Close Reads were developed to increase student exposure to texts that promote critical analysis and the development of reading comprehension skills. The passages mirror those presented in the Lexia® Core5® Reading online program and can be used to reinforce and build upon the online learning. Students will extend skills by:

- Building academic vocabulary
- Developing close reading strategies
- Exploring text features (e.g., graphics, maps, captions, headings)
- Strengthening oral and written language skills
- Answering questions that require increasingly complex thinking

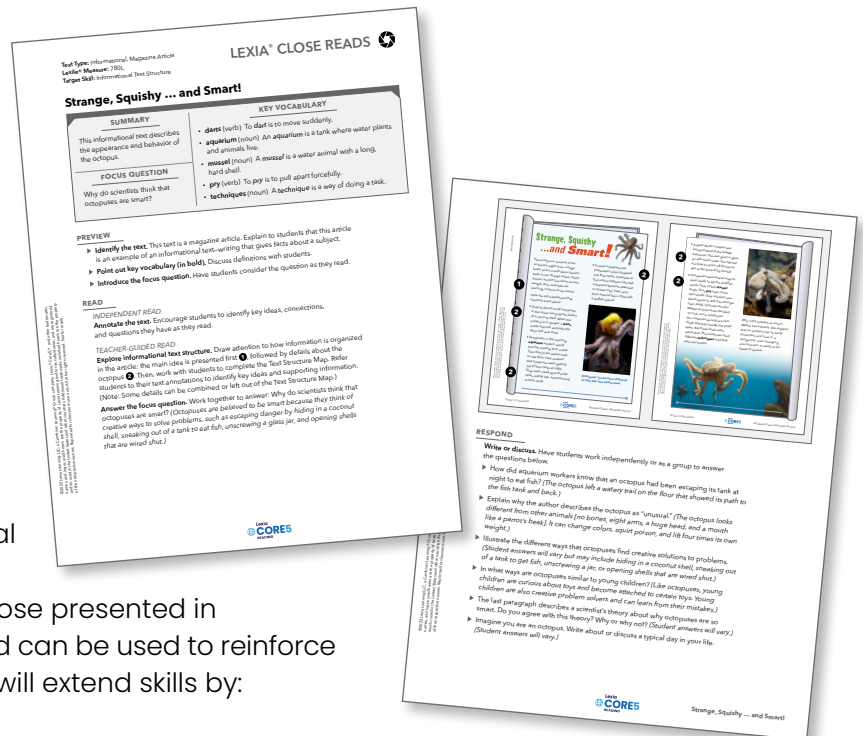
## How can Close Reads be used?

### For small group sessions

Close Reads are ideal for small groups of students. Opportunities for collaboration and expressive language development often motivate students who struggle to work independently.

### For individual student instruction

Close Reads can serve as an intervention tool for students who are struggling with a specific comprehension skill or text type, or for students who consistently struggle in the comprehension strand of Core5.



Look for the Close Reads in the  
*Support for Instruction* section of  
the Core5 Resources Hub.



SET 1	Genre	Target Skill	Lexile® Measure
Telling the Truth	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	540L
A New Record!	Drama	Inferences and Conclusions	NA
The Unbelievable Bamboo	Informational, Magazine Article	Informational Text Structure	700L
The Clownfish's Poisonous Home	Informational, Encyclopedia Article	Compare and Contrast	620L
Play a Party Game	Informational, Blog Entry	Sequence and Procedure	560L
The Donkey and the Salt	Narrative, Fable	Narrative Text Structure	580L
<b>SET 2</b>			
Louis Braille	Informational, Encyclopedia Article	Sequence and Procedure	610L
A Blue-Ribbon Friend	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	560L
Strange, Squishy ... and Smart!	Informational, Magazine Article	Informational Text Structure	780L
The Invasion	Narrative, Science Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	560L
Watery Forest	Informational, Blog Entry	Informational Text Structure	720L
Light Moths, Dark Moths	Informational, Magazine Article	Cause and Effect	790L
<b>SET 3</b>			
The Crowded House: A Folktale	Narrative, Folktale	Narrative Text Structure	760L
Two Deserts	Informational, Travel Guide	Compare and Contrast	810L
In Grandfather's Day	Narrative, Science Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	930L
Green Soup	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Compare and Contrast	830L
A Modern-Day Dragon	Informational, Magazine Article	Informational Text Structure	880L
Flash Flood Rescue	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Inferences and Conclusions	800L



SET 4	Genre	Target Skill	Lexile® Measure
Yusef Learns Tatreez	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	780L
Cellphone Signals	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	790L
Animal Fact, Animal Fiction	Informational, Magazine Article	Informational Text Structure	890L
Saving the Rainforests of the Ocean	Informational, Blog Entry	Cause and Effect	810L
Expressions from the Ancients	Informational, Magazine Article	Informational Text Structure	780L
Talent Show Tryouts: A Skit in One Act	Drama	Inferences and Conclusions	NA
<b>SET 5</b>			
An Uninvited Guest	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Narrative Text Structure	870L
We Can All Be Winners Here!	Persuasive, Letter to the Editor	Persuasive Text Structure	880L
Splendid Spiders	Informational, Blog Entry	Informational Text Structure	900L
Cloudy Skies	Informational, Reference Book	Informational Text Structure	910L
The Business of Zoos	Informational, Newspaper Article	Inferences and Conclusions	970L
Balancing the Needs of People and Plovers	Informational, Magazine Article	Cause and Effect	980L
<b>SET 6</b>			
Phaethon: A Greek Myth	Narrative, Myth	Narrative Text Structure	870L
The Travels of Marco Polo	Informational, Encyclopedia Article	Informational Text Structure	920L
A Close Circle of Friends	Narrative, Realistic Fiction	Predicting Outcomes	880L
Living with the "Good Germs"	Informational, Magazine Article	Compare and Contrast	930L
The Mystery of the Nazca Lines	Informational, Travel Guide	Informational Text Structure	920L
Wealth and Worries	Drama	Inferences and Conclusions	NA