What are Lexia® Skill Checks?
Overview

Skill Checks are one of the embedded assessment tools used in Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® to provide timely and actionable insights. Skill Checks complement the placement tool and Lexia's patented *Assessment Without Testing®* process to provide a comprehensive picture of a student's acquisition of literacy skills.

These short, strategic checks occur at the end of most levels in PowerUp. They cover essential skills for each activity, providing valuable and actionable insights into a student's understanding of skills, and guiding teacher support and skills tracking.

Skill Checks provide a way to validate student understanding as students progress to the next level, demonstrating the student's mastery of key skills. They also highlight profiles of students' strengths across activities and illuminate areas where additional reinforcement may be beneficial.

The design and student experience in Skill Checks is similar to the learning units in PowerUp. This consistency promotes student confidence and success as they demonstrate their learning.
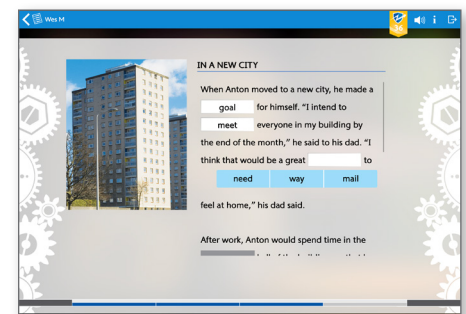
How do Skill Checks differ from the PowerUp learning experience?

Skill Checks are a flexible, quick check for learning. They are intended to provide a confirmation of a student's understanding of key skills. By design:

- Skill Checks do not include corrective feedback or instructional branching.

- Responses are saved after each question, so students can return to the section where they left off if a unit is not completed.

When do Skill Checks occur?

- After students have finished the learning activities in each level of the PowerUp Word Study and Grammar strands, they move on to the Skill Check for that level.

- After students have finished the learning activities in Level 3, Level 6, Level 9, Level 12, Level 14, and Level 16 in the Comprehension strand, they move on to the Skill Check for each of those levels.

How long does a Skill Check take to complete?

- Each Word Study and Grammar Skill Check consists of four units, based on a set of key skills from the level. Each Skill Check in these strands includes 24 questions.

- Each Comprehension Skill Check consists of two or three passages with multiple choice questions. Each Skill Check in this strand includes 12 questions.

- The length of time it takes each student will depend on the student and the strand and level in which they are working. Most students will need less than ten minutes to finish a Skill Check.

- Without instructional branching, a Skill Check is shorter than a typical PowerUp learning activity.

What happens after a Skill Check?

After completing a Skill Check, students celebrate the completion of a level and move on to the next level. You can find Achievement Certificates on the *PowerUp Resources Hub* and Lexia Skill Builders in the *Action Plan* on the myLexia *Class Overview*. Skill Check data is included in the *Student Skills Report* and *Student Detailed Skills Report.*

Data Review Process

Where and how should Skill Check data be reviewed?

As soon as a student finishes a level, you can review Skill Check data by logging into myLexia and viewing the *Student Skills Report* and *Student Detailed Skills Report*. You can also incorporate this data into your monthly or quarterly data reviews as an indication of student performance on key skills.

To consider Skill Check data as part of your regular myLexia data routine:

1. On the *Student Skills Report*, review the student's **Skill Check Score.** Is performance **below 75%?** If yes, prioritize additional data review, including the student's *Rate and Accuracy* for each activity.

2. On the *Student Detailed Skills Report,* review the student's unit performance. Are there specific **units with a higher number of errors?** If yes, provide additional teacher-mediated instruction and practice opportunities using Lexia instructional resources, such as Lexia Anchor Charts and Lexia Lessons.