

Houghton Mifflin Reading
Readability for Grade 2 Anthology



Title	Overall Readability	Type of Text	Guided Reading Level	Factors Affecting Readability	Readability Formula Score	DRP Score
Theme 1: Silly Stories						
Dragon Gets By	early grade 2	fantasy	I	strong picture support; brief sentences; straightforward narrative structure; tongue-in-cheek humor	2.4	43.8
Julius	early grade 2	fantasy	I	strong picture support; limited text on each page; straightforward narrative structure	2.5	49.2
Mrs. Brown Went to Town	early grade 2	fantasy	J	strong picture support; limited text on each page; rhyming verse; some challenging vocabulary	2.6	51.0
“The Surprise” from George and Martha Round and Round	early grade 2	fantasy	L	Less picture support; some challenging vocabulary; wry humor	2.0	45.3
Hippos	late grade 2	nonfiction	M	Descriptive, informational text; some vocabulary may be unfamiliar	2.7	50.4



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Theme 2: Nature Walk						
Henry & Mudge and the Starry Night	early grade 2	realistic fiction	J	brief chapters; limited text on each page; strong picture support; straightforward narrative; short sentences	2.4	46.2
Exploring Parks with Ranger Dockett	early grade 2	nonfiction	J	strong picture support; simple narrative structure; some science vocabulary	2.5	51.7
Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?	early grade 2	realistic fiction	J	strong picture support; limited text on each page; narrative structure includes guessing game elements; some science vocabulary	2.5	43.8
Owl Moon	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	M	Strong picture support, literary language w/some long sentences	2.5	45.9
Owls	mid grade 2	nonfiction	L	informational text w/straightforward narration, some vocabulary may be unfamiliar	2.3	48.3



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Theme 3: Around Town: Neighborhood & Community						
Chinatown	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	J	strong picture support; simple narrative structure; concept of a “city-within-a-city” may be unfamiliar; some Chinese words/names	2.6	50.1
A Trip to the Firehouse	mid grade 2	nonfiction	J	strong picture support; straightforward narrative structure; longer sentences; high-interest, familiar topic; some technical terms	2.6	51.1
Big Bushy Mustache	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	K	strong picture support; simple narrative structure; some Spanish words/phrases	2.7	47.1
Jamaica Louise James	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	K	strong picture support; limited amount of text on pages; first-person narrative switches from present to past and back to present	2.7	48.3
Grandpa’s Corner Store	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	K	Picture support helps interpret/extend text; text density on pages varies; natural-sounding dialogue; literary language	2.3	47.8
Barrio: Jose’s Neighborhood	mid grade 2	nonfiction	L	Informational text written in straightforward narrative style; some challenging vocabulary; some Spanish words may be unfamiliar; some photographs help support text	2.7	54.9



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Theme 4: Amazing Animals						
Officer Buckle and Gloria	mid grade 2	fantasy	K	Strong picture support; simple narrative structure; some difficult vocabulary	2.7	50.1
Ant	mid grade 2	nonfiction	K	strong picture support for high-interest nonfiction; light to moderate text density; some unfamiliar science terms	2.7	50.0
The Great Ball Game	mid grade 2	folktale	K	strong picture support; simple narrative pourquoi tale structure; some challenging vocabulary	2.5	44.6
Little Grunt and the Big Egg	mid grade 2	fantasy	J	Picture support helps interpret text; much familiar vocabulary; high-interest, humorous subject	2.8	45.4
Mighty Dinosaurs	late grade 2	nonfiction	L	Straightforward, expository nonfiction; high-interest topic; some words may be unfamiliar	3.3	52.4



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Theme 5: Family Time						
Brothers and Sisters	mid grade 2	nonfiction	K	strong picture support; narrative shifts to introduce different children	2.6	46.4
Jalapeño Bagels	late grade 2	realistic fiction	L	strong picture support for simple first-person narrative; moderate text density; longer sentences; some Spanish and Yiddish words may be unfamiliar	2.8	48.9
Carousel	late grade 2	realistic fiction	L	strong picture support; simple narrative structure, moderate text density; some challenging vocabulary	2.8	49.0
Thundercake	late grade 2	realistic fiction	M	strong picture support; simple narrative structure, some challenging vocabulary	2.9	48.6
“A Curve in the River” from More Stories Julian Tells	mid grade 2	realistic fiction	N (Fountas)	Straightforward narrative w/little description; much familiar vocabulary, but reading must be sustained over longer period because of length	2.1	43.8
Slippery Siblings	late grade 2	nonfiction	O	Informational text; topic may be unfamiliar; some challenging vocabulary; little picture support	2.9	48.7



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Theme 6: Talent Show						
The Art Lesson	late grade 2	realistic fiction	M (Fountas)	strong picture support; simple narrative structure; light to moderate text density	2.9	50.2
Moses Goes to a Concert	late grade 2	realistic fiction	M	strong picture support; straightforward narrative structure but concept of deafness/sign language may be unfamiliar	2.8	50.4
The School Mural	late grade 2	realistic fiction	M	Strong picture support; brief chapters support simple narrative structure; variety of characters introduced; some names may be unfamiliar	2.9	49.1
Raymond's Best Summer	late grade 2	realistic fiction	N	limited picture support; increased text density; some challenging vocabulary; familiar subject	2.9	53.2
Join the Circus!	late grade 2	nonfiction	O	narrative nonfiction; subject may be unfamiliar; some challenging vocabulary and Chinese names	3.2	54.5

