Occasionally, teachers ask 'Where should each student start when using the *Comprehension Box*?'

The *Comprehension Box* is a resource to support teachers within their reading program. The boxes are not meant to be a formal reading program, although they can be used as the basis of a whole class or year level program.

They are designed to be fun, interesting and varied with the purpose of engaging students in a range of text types and genres across a variety of reading abilities within a classroom. Above all, the ultimate aim of the product is to instil in students with a love of reading.

COLOUR CODING

The cards within each box are ordered by difficulty, with the easiest cards at the beginning, working towards the more difficult cards at the back. For ease of use, different colours are used for each of the 15 sections.

The cards vary in difficulty, depending on the:

- topic (varying interest and background knowledge requirements)
- conceptual understanding required
- age-appropriateness
- artwork
- word count
- number of questions
- complexity of the questions
- length of the sentences
- complexity of sentence structure
- grammatical complexity (e.g. passive/active verbs)
- difficulty of the vocabulary
- length of the text, as determined by the typeface and line spacing.

During writing, the authors employed the Spache and Dale-Chall readability tests to grade the texts on the cards. Expert literacy and classroom teachers' opinions were also taken into consideration.

Teachers may:

allow students to select their own card from the first section of the box. (However, with this approach, students who are quickly and easily progressing through a card and getting all answers correct will need to move to a more challenging section further along in the box.)	**OR**	select a specific section of cards for students to complete, based on attained knowledge of each student's ability.

FIVE FINGER RULE

Teachers who allow students to select their own card may encourage the students to utilise the Five Finger Rule. Students read the first or any paragraph of the text. If the student gets 5 errors or more while reading, the text is too hard and they should choose a card nearer to the front of the colour band in or an earlier colour.
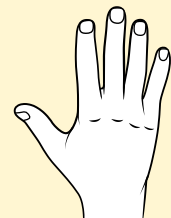
Five finger rule

0–1 = too easy

2–3 = just right

4 = okay to try

5+ = too hard

READING AGES

Teachers who wish to use a more formal approach to select a specific section of cards based on their knowledge of the student's ability can utilise the suggested reading ages in the charts below, or the Lexile ranking scope and sequence charts on the following pages.

Reading ages

The Comprehension Box series:

BOX 1	Suggested reading age		BOX 2	Suggested reading age		BOX 3	Suggested reading age
Red	5.0 – 5.2		Scarlet	8.0 – 8.2		Burgundy	11.0 – 11.2
Yellow	5.2 – 5.4		Peach	8.2 – 8.4		Saffron	11.2 – 11.4
Blue	5.4 – 5.6		Jade	8.4 – 8.6		Turquoise	11.4 – 11.6
Orange	5.6 – 5.8		Apricot	8.6 – 8.8		Copper	11.6 – 11.8
Green	5.8 – 5.10		Emerald	8.8 – 8.10		Khaki	11.8 – 11.10
Purple	5.10 – 6.0		Violet	8.10 – 9.0		Magenta	11.10 – 12.0
Brown	6.0 – 6.2		Olive	9.0 – 9.2		Tan	12.0 – 12.2
Black	6.2 – 6.4		Salmon	9.2 – 9.4		Aquamarine	12.2 – 12.4
Lime	6.4 – 6.6		Lilac	9.4 – 9.6		Ruby	12.4 – 12.6
Grey	6.6 – 6.9		Sapphire	9.6 – 9.9		Charcoal	12.6 – 12.9
Pink	6.9 – 7.0		Crimson	9.9 – 10.0		Coral	12.9 – 13.0
Lemon	7.0 – 7.3		Lavender	10.0 – 10.3		Maroon	13.0 – 13.3
Mauve	7.3 – 7.6		Teal	10.3 – 10.6		Denim	13.3 – 13.6
Silver	7.6 – 7.9		Indigo	10.6 – 10.9		Fuchsia	13.6 – 13.9
Gold	7.9 – 8.0		Bronze	10.9 – 11.0		Rust	13.9 – 14.0

LEXILE RANKINGS

See following pages:

Box 1 pages 4–8

Box 2 pages 9–13

Box 3 pages 14–18

What are lexile rankings?

Lexile rankings are measures or scores given to texts based on the text's characteristics (or its difficulty level). The measure takes into account sentence length, individual words, word frequency and word count. Essentially, it measures the syntactic and semantic challenges the reader encounters when exposed to the text. Lexile rankings do not consider content, complex meanings or themes of texts; they are a scientific measure.

A lexile ranking is given as a numeric representation of an individual's reading ability or a text's readability (or difficulty), followed by an 'L' (Lexile).

The Lexile scale generally ranges from below 0L (Lexile) (Beginning reader) to above 2000L.

An example of a range of generalised lexile levels for each year is provided below. Note: There will always be some overlap in lexile rankings because the abilities of readers within one year level vary greatly.

Year level	Lexile range	Approximate chronological age (years)
Year 1	190L – 530L	6–7
Year 2	420L – 650L	7–8
Year 3	520L – 820L	8–9
Year 4	740L – 940L	9–10
Year 5	830L – 1010L	10–11
Year 6	925L – 1070L	11–12

How to use lexile rankings

Lexile rankings can be used to match readers with appropriate reading materials for their reading ability. Lower lexile rankings indicate texts with an easier readability and lower reading ability for readers. Higher lexile rankings indicate texts with a more difficult readability level and higher reading ability level.

Readers are assigned a lexile measure by:

being given a school-administered test that measures lexile or reading ability	**OR**	taking a standardised reading test that converts the test results to a lexile measure. (Many commonly-used reading assessments give reading ability as a lexile measure.)

Readers can then be allocated reading material that targets their lexile measure.

Teachers can expose readers to increasingly-difficult reading material to develop reading ability.

Lexile measures can be used to monitor a reader's progress in reading ability over a period of time.

Ultimately, teachers should use their expertise and knowledge of their students to place them in the correct colour section of the *Comprehension box*.

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Red – 1	Sssss	Description	450
Red – 2	Knock! Knock!	Humour	525
Red – 3	Happy birthday	Description	510
Red – 4	Nugget and Clucky	Recount	430
Red – 5	Eeek! Dragon!	Fairytale	450
Red – 6	Merrick, the mud monster	Fantasy	430
Red – 7	The legend of Muda, the pelican	Legend	510
Red – 8	Batty bats	Report	475
Red – 9	How the elephant got its trunk	Folktale	510
Red – 10	The mystery of the missing objects	Mystery	475
Yellow – 1	Little mice and big elephants	Folktale	525
Yellow – 2	Green spit	Report	550
Yellow – 3	Why the zebra has stripes	Folktale	450
Yellow – 4	Teddy bears	Recount	525
Yellow – 5	Birthday wish	Fantasy	450
Yellow – 6	Super Bob	Fantasy	550
Yellow – 7	Tick! Tock! Squeak!	Poetry	575
Yellow – 8	Jiggling jelly monster	Narrative	575
Yellow – 9	In the land of Nuts and Bolts	Science fiction	525
Yellow – 10	Floating egg tricks	Procedure	550
Blue – 1	Beetle's adventures	Poetry	575
Blue – 2	What's for breakfast?	Report	625
Blue – 3	The girl who could turn into a cat	Fantasy	525
Blue – 4	The magical treehouse	Fantasy	610
Blue – 5	Tarantulas	Report	600
Blue – 6	A newspaper's journey	Recount	610
Blue – 7	Four different dinosaurs	Report	610
Blue – 8	Protecting firefighters	Explanation	660
Blue – 9	Silky silkworms	Explanation	650
Blue – 10	The world's tallest man	Description	625

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Orange – 1	How to stop me bugging you	Exposition	550
Orange – 2	Floss, the tooth fairy	Fantasy	560
Orange – 3	Pop! Pop! Pop!	Explanation	550
Orange – 4	Money in my pocket	Poetry	635
Orange – 5	Dolphins	Report	550
Orange – 6	The Loch Ness monster	Report	600
Orange – 7	Pegasus and Bellerophon	Myth	610
Orange – 8	Quicksand	Explanation	610
Orange – 9	The wonder of worm poo	Recount	575
Orange – 10	Dolphin daze	Recount	510
Green – 1	Titanic	Report	700
Green – 2	The biggest animal on Earth	Report	625
Green – 3	Go Blue!	Recount	475
Green – 4	What shall we call him?	Poetry	690
Green – 5	Raptor	Report	550
Green – 6	Age-old toy	Description	610
Green – 7	The monster under my bed	Horror	475
Green – 8	Coin trick	Procedure	635
Green – 9	Time machine	Science fiction	690
Green – 10	Because an ant got mad!	Poetry	660
Purple – 1	The wind and the sun	Fable	660
Purple – 2	Magic card trick	Procedure	715
Purple – 3	Cloud spotting	Report	760
Purple – 4	Funny tummies	Explanation	780
Purple – 5	Upside-down houses	Exposition	715
Purple – 6	Luna, the moon	Report	775
Purple – 7	Cat alarm	Fable	725
Purple – 8	Computer curse	Horror	780
Purple – 9	Bells, Whittington and his cat	Folktale	725
Purple – 10	Snakes alive!	Report	815

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Brown – 1	The wolf in sheep's clothing	Fable	740
Brown – 2	Marvellous mucus	Explanation	775
Brown – 3	The oxygen cycle	Report	790
Brown – 4	Blobfish	Report	780
Brown – 5	Banana recipes	Procedure	810
Brown – 6	Bullies be gone!	Poetry	690
Brown – 7	A very different place	Recount	825
Brown – 8	Bad boy, Butch!	Narrative	715
Brown – 9	Bees	Report	760
Brown – 10	What is an island?	Report	790
Black – 1	Fire! Fire!	Recount	690
Black – 2	Streets of water	Description	775
Black – 3	Sun bears	Report	760
Black – 4	Playing hopscotch	Explanation	715
Black – 5	Down with electronic games!	Exposition	740
Black – 6	Wonderful mermaids	Description	860
Black – 7	Merry-go-rounds	Description	775
Black – 8	Skip! Skip! Skip!	Explanation	725
Black – 9	Enchanting unicorns	Description	800
Black – 10	Fishy senses	Report	740
Lime – 1	The legend of Black Bart	Biography	825
Lime – 2	It's not for sale!	Description	760
Lime – 3	Wriggling raisins trick	Procedure	750
Lime – 4	Living with the dinosaurs	Description	740
Lime – 5	Limerick fun	Poetry	900
Lime – 6	It's not what really happened!	Fantasy	825
Lime – 7	The Earth's slowest mammal	Report	790
Lime – 8	Invisible paint	Science fiction	760
Lime – 9	Hiccup! Hiccup! Hiccup!	Explanation	725
Lime – 10	Issun-Boshi, the tiny boy	Legend	835

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Grey – 1	Rainbows in the sky	Explanation	825
Grey – 2	Slugs and snails	Report	890
Grey – 3	Moths and butterflies	Report	760
Grey – 4	First trip to the movies	Recount	780
Grey – 5	Learn about the library	Explanation	800
Grey – 6	Tall poppies	Report	910
Grey – 7	Pirates ahoy!	Description	890
Grey – 8	Bundles of fur	Description	835
Grey – 9	Magic balloon trick	Procedure	840
Grey – 10	A river walk	Explanation	825
Pink – 1	Mighty moose	Report	810
Pink – 2	Hot-air balloon ride	Recount	790
Pink – 3	How to make a didgeridoo	Procedure	860
Pink – 4	Bring back writing slates	Exposition	835
Pink – 5	Lions make great pets	Letter	840
Pink – 6	Danger on the mountain	Recount	890
Pink – 7	Canteen food – Good or bad?	Discussion	865
Pink – 8	Are prairie dogs really dogs?	Report	890
Pink – 9	Ice-cream clowns	Procedure	900
Pink – 10	The first sandwich	Explanation	825
Lemon – 1	Laszlo Biro's invention	Explanation	900
Lemon – 2	Mrs Crank's house	Recount	850
Lemon – 3	Great big graves!	Report	910
Lemon – 4	Does a huntsman hunt men?	Report	915
Lemon – 5	Part human, part animal	Report	935
Lemon – 6	Was T. rex the king?	Report	890
Lemon – 7	The magic porridge pot	Folktale	835
Lemon – 8	Faster than sound	Report	875
Lemon – 9	Forest secret	Mystery	875
Lemon – 10	The loose-tooth fairy	Narrative	935

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Mauve – 1	Wiley Wolf	Letter	800
Mauve – 2	Great homework excuses	Procedure	835
Mauve – 3	Crazy Horse	Biography	925
Mauve – 4	Green polar bears!	Explanation	900
Mauve – 5	Wish carefully	Horror	835
Mauve – 6	Birds that can't fly	Report	935
Mauve – 7	Dragon + fly = dragonfly?	Report	960
Mauve – 8	Reading by touch	Biography	865
Mauve – 9	Elephant and monkey	Fable	825
Mauve – 10	A fire-fearing dragon	Fantasy	840
Silver – 1	Legend of the giant's bridge	Legend	975
Silver – 2	Making marshmallows	Procedure	975
Silver – 3	Dr Dolittle's adventures	Book review	960
Silver – 4	Horse ballet	Report	975
Silver – 5	Forest den	Fantasy	925
Silver – 6	Treasure trove	Narrative	860
Silver – 7	Lambing season	Recount	940
Silver – 8	The real Pinocchio	Book review	975
Silver – 9	The tortoise who talked too much	Folktale	935
Silver – 10	Androcles and the lion	Fable	985
Gold – 1	How a hot-air balloon works	Report	740
Gold – 2	Amazing animals	Report	670
Gold – 3	Skin – the body's blanket	Explanation	620
Gold – 4	Kung-fu	Report	940
Gold – 5	Green sea turtle	Report	620
Gold – 6	Batter up for tee-ball!	Explanation	640
Gold – 7	World records	Description	960
Gold – 8	LEGO™	Description	960
Gold – 9	Chocolatey fruit balls	Procedure	620
Gold – 10	What's the difference?	Retrieval chart	*

*Could not be given a lexile ranking due to text format

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Scarlet – 1	Why is the sky so high?	Folktale	690
Scarlet – 2	The badger and the magic fan	Fable	840
Scarlet – 3	Why the earth shakes	Explanation	900
Scarlet – 4	April Fool's Day tricks	Explanation	875
Scarlet – 5	The man, his son and the donkey	Fable	840
Scarlet – 6	Catch that cheese!	Description	910
Scarlet – 7	The not so abominable snowman	Recount	825
Scarlet – 8	Jokes	Fairytale funnies	725
Scarlet – 9	Sir Galahad	Legend	935
Scarlet – 10	Captain Thunderbolt	Biography	860
Peach – 1	Buried alive	Report	940
Peach – 2	Things called cars	Science fiction	910
Peach – 3	Mr Peard's beard	Poetry	900
Peach – 4	The tomato throwing contest	Letter	910
Peach – 5	Under our skeleton	Report	955
Peach – 6	What's in a name?	Explanation	850
Peach – 7	Foods that can poison pets	Explanation	940
Peach – 8	Why is the sea salty?	Folktale	860
Peach – 9	The legend of Echo and Narcissus	Legend	925
Peach – 10	The egg and bottle experiment	Procedure	950
Jade – 1	No ordinary dog	Myth	975
Jade – 2	The Bremen town musicians	Fairytale	825
Jade – 3	Escape from the black hole	Science fiction	950
Jade – 4	Speedy spider	Horror	915
Jade – 5	Detective Dan and the dead dancer	Mystery	580
Jade – 6	Peculiar platypus	Report	990
Jade – 7	Why? Why? Why?	Explanation	890
Jade – 8	The perils of Patrick	Poetry	910
Jade – 9	The two Japanese frogs	Poetry	865
Jade – 10	Blood-squirting horned creatures	report	940

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Apricot – 1	Spruce Goose	Description	990
Apricot – 2	Harry Houdini	Biography	985
Apricot – 3	Eat your carrots, Cam	Poetry	875
Apricot – 4	Not from this planet	Science fiction	925
Apricot – 5	Stranger danger	Narrative	865
Apricot – 6	Keeping sailors safe	Explanation	910
Apricot – 7	Beautiful but deadly	Recount	910
Apricot – 8	Trouble with the truth	Exposition	875
Apricot – 9	As dead as a dodo	Report	955
Apricot – 10	The art of fighting	Report	1015
Emerald – 1	Laughable limericks	Poetry	910
Emerald – 2	Get wet playing hockey!	Explanation	935
Emerald – 3	McFly, the hero	Recount	965
Emerald – 4	Belle and Sebastian	Book review	925
Emerald – 5	Healthy eating	Explanation	910
Emerald – 6	How foo fighters became UFOs	Explanation	990
Emerald – 7	The magic bike	Supernatural	900
Emerald – 8	Happy Harry, Sour Sally	Narrative	850
Emerald – 9	Mucous men from Mars	Science fiction	570
Emerald – 10	Rumble's freedom	Narrative	840
Violet – 1	The princess and the pea	Fairytale	600
Violet – 2	No tv before school	Discussion	875
Violet – 3	Silver Hoof	Folktale	910
Violet – 4	An extreme sport	Description	990
Violet – 5	Puzzling planet	Science fiction	935
Violet – 6	The game	Science fiction	860
Violet – 7	Is everything big down under?	Explanation	1035
Violet – 8	Make a volcano	Procedure	1010
Violet – 9	The legend of the monkey and the crocodile	Legend	910
Violet – 10	That's loud!	Report	965

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Olive – 1	Desert beauty	Report	1035
Olive – 2	Mercury and the axemen	Fable.	925
Olive – 3	Cuchulain, warrior boy	Myth	910
Olive – 4	The magic surfboard	Adventure	935
Olive – 5	The prize	Narrative	910
Olive – 6	Indra and the peacock	Legend	985
Olive – 7	A foolish old man moves mountains	Legend	890
Olive – 8	Queen of the English Channel	Interview	910
Olive – 9	The Taj Mahal	Explanation	1025
Olive – 10	Moving along	Procedure	900
Salmon – 1	Through the portal to a crystal world	Science fiction	950
Salmon – 2	Vampire visit	Horror	860
Salmon – 3	Space junk	Report	920
Salmon – 4	Lapland – not the North Pole	Explanation	830
Salmon – 5	Trust me. You'll love it	Narrative	470
Salmon – 6	Ready for a horse?	Recount	890
Salmon – 7	Bonbon Crackle!	Poetry	790
Salmon – 8	What's on the menu?	Explanation	810
Salmon – 9	The rock in the road	Legend	840
Salmon – 10	Animal camouflage	Report	940
Lilac – 1	The legend of Urashima Taro	Legend	910
Lilac – 2	Voices from the attic	Fairytale	910
Lilac – 3	The master of mime	Biography	1010
Lilac – 4	The cave of Lascaux	Description	950
Lilac – 5	The killer tree	Report	965
Lilac – 6	Why is it so?	Explanation	910
Lilac – 7	The world's greatest bike race	Description	940
Lilac – 8	Animal-eating plants	Report	975
Lilac – 9	The lost temples of Angkor	Recount	1015
Lilac – 10	Africa	Report	1040

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Sapphire – 1	Jenna vs the giant cricket	Narrative	925
Sapphire – 2	Tsunami!	Explanation	950
Sapphire – 3	Mind-reading machines	Explanation	900
Sapphire – 4	Accidental hero	Narrative	935
Sapphire – 5	The point	Narrative	940
Sapphire – 6	Grandma's socks	Poetry	835
Sapphire – 7	No sweat?	Explanation	860
Sapphire – 8	Where's Mrs Smith?	Narrative	630
Sapphire – 9	Dragged out to sea	Explanation	940
Sapphire – 10	Dragon rider	Science fiction	975
Crimson – 1	How water came to the plains	Myth	840
Crimson – 2	Arachne and Athena	Myth	1020
Crimson – 3	You'll be sorry!	Science fiction	950
Crimson – 4	Not the usual bus	Science fiction	835
Crimson – 5	The mystery of Mrs McRae's wig	Narrative	900
Crimson – 6	The picture in the hallway	Science fiction	875
Crimson – 7	Sprites and elves in the sky	Report	1010
Crimson – 8	Recipe for a cattle dog	Explanation	1035
Crimson – 9	Lost tribes	Report	955
Crimson – 10	Hiroshima	Report	1025
Lavender – 1	He'll never hear the end of it!	Recount	910
Lavender – 2	Rolling! Rolling! Rolling!	Procedure	1000
Lavender – 3	Extinct mammals	Report	1025
Lavender – 4	Lone survivor in the Antarctic	Recount	1020
Lavender – 5	Phineus and the harpies	Myth	985
Lavender – 6	Fascinating body facts	Explanation	935
Lavender – 7	Basketball vs netball	Description	1010
Lavender – 8	A most unusual animal	Report	1025
Lavender – 9	Killer disease	Report	1025
Lavender – 10	The amazing Amazon River Basin	Report	1010

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Teal – 1	The singing, ringing tree	Fairytale	825
Teal – 2	Splitting the apple	Legend	975
Teal – 3	Valley of the Fairy Chimneys	Report	975
Teal – 4	Tiddlywinks!	Procedure	955
Teal – 5	The snow goose	Book review	910
Teal – 6	The leaning tower	Description	965
Teal – 7	Try a triathlon	Explanation	975
Teal – 8	Knight in shining armour	Recount	940
Teal – 9	Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby	Fairytale	965
Teal – 10	Running with the bulls	Recount	1010

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Indigo – 1	Letter from a pirate of the Caribbean	Letter	950
Indigo – 2	Plastic milk	Procedure	1010
Indigo – 3	Blood-sucking parasites	Report	990
Indigo – 4	Who took it?	Poetry	800
Indigo – 5	Jupiter appoints a frog king	Fable	910
Indigo – 6	Twiguntus, Cowbelliantus and Perchnosius	Fairytale	875
Indigo – 7	Can we go home now?	Recount	875
Indigo – 8	Old Man Winter and the step sisters	Folktale	900
Indigo – 9	Tea - the drink that made a nation	Report	935
Indigo – 10	The mystery of the white deer	Folktale	910

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Bronze – 1	Ghost ship	Report	975
Bronze – 2	Enter the clone zone	Science fiction	1040
Bronze – 3	Epsilon Eridani	Science fiction	1075
Bronze – 4	To catch a thief	Mystery	900
Bronze – 5	The lady with the lamp	Recount	915
Bronze – 6	Alcatraz	Report	975
Bronze – 7	Winter wonderland surprise	Recount	935
Bronze – 8	Time travel	Explanation	875
Bronze – 9	How Arthur became king	Legend	973
Bronze – 10	Rip van Winkle	Legend	910

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Burgundy – 1	The mysterious animal	Poetry	955
Burgundy – 2	True to nature	Fable	965
Burgundy – 3	The tennis ball	Supernatural	860
Burgundy – 4	A hairy problem	Fantasy	990
Burgundy – 5	Why Rory was late	Supernatural	915
Burgundy – 6	Dinner party disaster	Email	990
Burgundy – 7	Tallest, largest, fastest, slowest, longest …	Report	975
Burgundy – 8	Last minute assignment	Diary	1010
Burgundy – 9	Intriguing Irish legends	Legend	1015
Burgundy – 10	No such thing as monsters	Supernatural	1035
Saffron – 1	The Trojan horse	Legend	1010
Saffron – 2	Slipping, sliding and spinning	Procedure	910
Saffron – 3	The mirror of Matsuyama	Folktale	965
Saffron – 4	The urban rodent and the rural rodent	Fable	1065
Saffron – 5	Prisoners in hiding	Recount	1010
Saffron – 6	Pandora's box	Myth	1025
Saffron – 7	5 January 2072	Diary	910
Saffron – 8	Atlantis: Legend or lost city?	Legend	1050
Saffron – 9	The day the sky fell	Explanation	1020
Saffron – 10	Deceived!	Email	1100
Turquoise – 1	What an ordeal!	Report	1050
Turquoise – 2	The Bermuda Triangle	Report	1055
Turquoise – 3	How guitars work	Explanation	985
Turquoise – 4	Stop shark finning!	Exposition	1040
Turquoise – 5	Hands off our pavlova!	Explanation	1110
Turquoise – 6	Good deeds vs bad deeds	Fable	975
Turquoise – 7	Watery habitats	Report	1110
Turquoise – 8	The silver sword	Book review	1020
Turquoise – 9	The mermaid of Zennor	Legend	910
Turquoise – 10	The armadillo that longed to sing	Myth	935

Card colour and number	Title	Genre	Lexile ranking
Copper – 1	The New 7 Wonders of the World	Report	1150
Copper – 2	Mummification	Explanation	1050
Copper – 3	The Lady of Shallot	Legend	985
Copper – 4	Fatal experiment	Report	1035
Copper – 5	A man of great courage	Biography	1100
Copper – 6	Sigurd the dragon-slayer	Legend	975
Copper – 7	Howling wolves!	Legend	1075
Copper – 8	Shaka Zulu	Biography	1055
Copper – 9	My 'good luck, bad luck' gran	Recount	950
Copper – 10	Escape from Alcatraz	Recount	1070
Khaki – 1	The legend of Beowulf and Grendel	Legend	1035
Khaki – 2	Icee Pearl and the seven musos	Fractured fairytale	1085
Khaki – 3	Jennifer Rowe (aka Emily Rodda)	Biography	1050
Khaki – 4	Changing faces	Report	1100
Khaki – 5	The BIG bears	Report	1010
Khaki – 6	Close encounters	Report	1110
Khaki – 7	The curse of the pharaoh	Report	1025
Khaki – 8	The way of St James	Letter	975
Khaki – 9	Munch! Munch! How did they get their lunch?	Time line	1025
Khaki – 10	Stopping and starting	Procedure	1015
Magenta – 1	The march of the red crabs	Report	1040
Magenta – 2	Education: Then to now	Time line	975
Magenta – 3	Uncovering the ultimate snake	Recount	1110
Magenta – 4	Perseus and Medusa	Myth	1010
Magenta – 5	Seven Wonders of the Natural World	Report	1175
Magenta – 6	High school horror!	Poetry	975
Magenta – 7	Crime scene investigator	Description	1165
Magenta – 8	Go, go, Gigi!	Narrative	990
Magenta – 9	Crop circles: Aliens or art?	Report	1050
Magenta – 10	Skateboard evolution	Report	1095

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Tan – 1	Why flamingoes are pink—and other stuff!	Report	1110
Tan – 2	Venomous? Vicious?	Description	1175
Tan – 3	Daedalus and Icarus	Myth	1150
Tan – 4	RipStik® falls	Newspaper article	1080
Tan – 5	Time line of natural disasters	Time line	1100
Tan – 6	Scout around for fun and adventure	Report	1070
Tan – 7	An evening with Genghis Khan	Interview	990
Tan – 8	The return of a champion	Biography	1050
Tan – 9	'Unuseless' inventions	Report	1140
Tan – 10	Beady creations	Procedure	1100

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Aquamarine – 1	Introducing the 'cushion plant'	Report	1055
Aquamarine – 2	Wild about Harry	Book review	1055
Aquamarine – 3	Carve her name with pride	Biography	1055
Aquamarine – 4	Super submarine experiment	Procedure	1010
Aquamarine – 5	Ode to the great grizzly bear	Poetry	1035
Aquamarine – 6	The man who never was	Recount	1110
Aquamarine – 7	Krishna and the serpent	Myth	1065
Aquamarine – 8	Ancient Egypt	Report	1115
Aquamarine – 9	A day in the life of Megalodon	Diary	1100
Aquamarine – 10	Jacques Cousteau—a man and the ocean	Biography	1085

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Ruby – 1	What is a 'carbon footprint'?	Explanation	1050
Ruby – 2	Liquid, gas or solid?	Report	1015
Ruby – 3	The Bayeux Tapestry	Report	1010
Ruby – 4	'Twas the night before Christmas	Poetry	985
Ruby – 5	The kappa	Folktale	1035
Ruby – 6	FMX champion: Robbie Maddison	Biography	1080
Ruby – 7	Pele: From myth to science	Myth	1050
Ruby – 8	A tale of two brothers	Folktale	935
Ruby – 9	My extraordinary best friend	Supernatural	950
Ruby – 10	Stop felling trees!	Exposition	980

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Charcoal – 1	Venom: Killer or saviour?	Report	1035
Charcoal – 2	Mummies of the peat bogs	Report	1040
Charcoal – 3	Scars, scabs and other stuff!	Explanation	1040
Charcoal – 4	Rudy Mentary's maths problems	Humour	935
Charcoal – 5	Dr Livingston, I presume	Report	1025
Charcoal – 6	Isadora's secret	Fantasy	925
Charcoal – 7	The amazing axolotl	Report	1110
Charcoal – 8	The gold colt and the fire dragon shirt	Folktale	1000
Charcoal – 9	A catastrophic voyage	Historical recount	1100
Charcoal – 10	How warthog and lion became enemies	Legend	975
Coral – 1	Where did the water go?	Narrative	965
Coral – 2	Sleepless sleepover	Supernatural	925
Coral – 3	Catch of the day	Narrative	980
Coral – 4	Ice hotel: A hot destination!	Explanation	1035
Coral – 5	Africa's wild swine	Report	1025
Coral – 6	Secret sense	Narrative	925
Coral – 7	Manga	Report	1070
Coral – 8	Elusive giant	Report	1065
Coral – 9	Don't throw that out!	Narrative	980
Coral – 10	Legend of a bear lover	Legend	935
Maroon – 1	The blue light	Fairytale	985
Maroon – 2	Into deep space	Report	1120
Maroon – 3	Virtually you	Explanation	1125
Maroon – 4	Phobias	Report	1065
Maroon – 5	Such a strange fellow …	Horror	1000
Maroon – 6	Life's a scream with Zinbah!	Science fiction	1010
Maroon – 7	The mystery of the school hall	Mystery	1035
Maroon – 8	The weird ones	Narrative	955
Maroon – 9	The Devils Marbles and Wave Rock	Report	1200
Maroon – 10	The legend of Oochigeas	Legend	955

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Denim – 1	The four-legged 'fuzz'	Interview	1000
Denim – 2	Huberta, the traveller	Recount	990
Denim – 3	Caviar: Exotic and extravagant	Report	1035
Denim – 4	Stinkiest jobs in history	Description	*
Denim – 5	The adventures of the tin soldier	Fairytale	985
Denim – 6	Sedna and the birdman	Myth	935
Denim – 7	Old Dalai Lama, new body	Report	1095
Denim – 8	How volcanoes came to New Zealand	Legend	1070
Denim – 9	The Ugly House	Description	950
Denim – 10	Australia's standing stones	Newspaper report	1110
Fuchsia – 1	The elusive Scarlet Pimpernel	Book report	1040
Fuchsia – 2	Messages	Narrative	950
Fuchsia – 3	Jellyfish	Report	1050
Fuchsia – 4	The spirit guardian of Yosemite	Poetry	1035
Fuchsia – 5	The ghost of Mount Fuji	Myth	1110
Fuchsia – 6	Aardvarks aren't …	Report	1080
Fuchsia – 7	Space pirates, beware!	Science fiction	1065
Fuchsia – 8	PETA – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	Report	1070
Fuchsia – 9	The science of chocolate	Report	1075
Fuchsia – 10	The party of the year	Narrative	750
Rust – 1	Australia's unwelcome guests	Report	1240
Rust – 2	Nelson Mandela	Biography	1035
Rust – 3	The ballad of a joker	Ballad	970
Rust – 4	Liar, liar!	Report	1230
Rust – 5	The farewell	Narrative	950
Rust – 6	Leviathan is summoned	Narrative	1020
Rust – 7	Double you	Explanation	1030
Rust – 8	Clever homes	Description	1080
Rust – 9	What's really going on inside?	Poetry	570
Rust –10	Incredible internet	Explanation	1150

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