

Three Ways to Apply Lexiles to EBSCO Databases

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Lexiles are most easily applied in the school databases. Ultra, Middle, Primary and Topic Search have two visible Lexile limiters: "Lexile Reading Level", with a drag down box and "Lexile Reading Score", where users have more flexibility in applying Lexiles.

1. "Lexile Reading Level" is pretty straightforward. Simply use the drag down box and highlight the desired Lexile range.

2. For "Lexile Reading Score" Type in a specific Lexile score and the search will be restricted to a range of articles 100 higher or lower than that score.

3. All of the databases, with the exception of Newspaper Source, Academic and Business Source Premier are Lexile'ed. Only HTML articles have a Lexile score. At this time PDF articles do not. In databases where there are Lexile scores but they are not visible, a field code can be used to apply Lexiles. Try the following searches in Health Source Consumer or Masterfile Premier.

RANGE: *stem cell and lx 800-1100* This will give you articles w/in the 800-1100 range

MAXIMUM: *stem cell and lx -1100* This will give you articles on stem cells that are less than 1100 Lexile

MINIMUM: *stem cell and lx 1100-* This will give articles at 1100 or higher.