

What is the Flesch Reading Ease score?

In the Flesch reading-ease test, higher scores indicate material that is easier to read; lower numbers mark passages that are more difficult to read.

Score	School Level	Notes
90.0–100.0	5th grade	Very easy to read. Easily understood by an average 11-year-old student.
80.0–90.0	6th grade	Easy to read. Conversational English for consumers.
70.0–80.0	7th grade	Fairly easy to read.
60.0–70.0	8th & 9th grade	Plain English. Easily understood by 13- to 15-year-old students.
50.0–60.0	10th to 12th grade	Fairly difficult to read.
30.0–50.0	college	Difficult to read.
0.0–30.0	college graduate	Very difficult to read. Best understood by university graduates.

Examples:

65 *Reader's Digest*
 52 *Time* magazine
 30 *Harvard Law Review*

What is the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level?

These readability tests are used extensively in the field of education. The "Flesch–Kincaid Grade Level Formula" instead presents a score as a U.S. grade level, making it easier for teachers, parents, librarians, and others to judge the readability level of various books and texts. It can also mean the number of years of education generally required to understand this text, relevant when the formula results in a number greater than 10.

* Source: Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flesch%E2%80%93Kincaid_readability_tests

But what about fiction? Or specifically, your genre?

Grade Level	Reading Ease	
2.7	96.4	The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway
4	94	The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
6	85	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling
6	83	Stephanie Meyer
6	80	Stephen King
6.5	81	J.R.R. Tolkein
6.8	74	Dan Brown
7.8	74	John Grisham
8	74	James Patterson
8.5	68	Danielle Steel
8.8	67	Michael Crichton
8.9	61.9	The Sound and the Fury, William Faulkner
12	62	David Copperfield, Charles Dickens

*Source: *The Content Strategist*: <https://contently.com/strategist/2015/01/28/this-surprising-reading-level-analysis-will-change-the-way-you-write/>

AND

<https://booknotesplus.wordpress.com/2015/04/21/readability/>

ORG MS	Your Copyedited Title	REVISED MS
200	pages	198
54,577	words	54,328

Readability Statistics

2.8	Sentences/Paragraph	2.8
4	Characters/Word	4.1
10.7	Words/Sentences	10.6
86.8	Flesch Reading Ease (1-100)	86.7
3.8	Flesh-Kincaid Grade Level	3.7

ADVERB list: Top 5 used in the MS

#	%		#	%
74	0.13559%	really	74	0.13621%
57	0.10444%	only	58	0.10676%
38	0.06963%	probably	38	0.06995%
329	0.60282%	forward	29	0.05338%
24	0.04397%	finally	24	0.04418%

Repeated Phrases list: Top 5 used in the MS

#	%		#	%
59	0.10810%	was going to	61	0.11228%
44	0.08062%	going to be	45	0.08283%
40	0.07329%	out of the	43	0.07915%
28	0.05130%	he was going	28	0.05154%
26	0.04764%	I need to	28	0.05154%

Repeated Words list: Top 5 used in the MS (excluding proper nouns/names)

#	%		#	%
244	0.44707%	didn't	246	0.45281%
224	0.41043%	going	225	0.41415%
209	0.38295%	I'm	210	0.38654%
204	0.37378%	about	205	0.37734%
175	0.32065%	just	175	0.32212%

Dialog word list:

#	%		#	%
143	0.26202%	said	122	0.22456%
52	0.09528%	asked	46	0.08467%