



Nonfiction Practice at Home

Reading nonfiction books helps children learn new vocabulary words and increases their background knowledge of the topics they read about. New guidelines in education have placed a greater importance on reading nonfiction text. By the end of fourth grade, students should be reading nonfiction at least half of the time. When they graduate from high school, they should be reading nonfiction 70% of the time. In order to get in enough nonfiction reading time, it is helpful to sometimes read it at home with your child. These websites have nonfiction text that your child can read for additional practice if you do not have any nonfiction books at home. Please read the text before having your child read it to make sure it is appropriate.

**[Lexile.com](https://www.lexile.com) allows you to copy text and paste it in the box to get the Lexile level (reading level) of a text. This link will lead you directly to the place on the website where you can get the text analyzed. Once you paste the text in the box, click on the blue box to the right that says analyze and the Lexile level will come up.

1. Check your local library for online subscriptions that are free if you have a library card. Tumble Books, for example, has some nonfiction books.
2. [The Library of Congress](#)
3. [National Geographic Kids - History](#)
4. [National Geographic Kids - Science](#)
5. [National Geographic Kids](#)
6. [Time for Kids](#)
7. [Room Recess Free Nonfiction Passages for Kids](#)
8. [Smithsonian Tween Tribune](#)
9. [Smithsonian Tween Tribune Junior](#)
10. [Kids Discover - Spotlights](#)
11. [Sports Illustrated for Kids](#)
12. [Kids Health](#)
13. [Nonfiction Resources from the Center for Urban Education](#)
14. [For the Teachers Reading Skills Practice \(Grades 3+\)](#)
15. [PBS Informational Texts](#)