



## The Lexile Framework for Reading in Action

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### First Sentence

- Pre-Reading
- During Reading
- Post Reading

**Description:** First Sentence is a pre-reading activity that encourages students to make creative predictions about the reading material based on the first sentence of the text.

**How It Works:** First Sentence presents students with a series of questions based on the first sentence of a text. The questions encourage students to make predictions about the author, content, and purpose, as well as clarify their own interest in the subject.

**How It Can Be Used:** First Sentence is can be useful across all content areas, though it is often used in ELA classes with works of fiction.

- ◆ Students can revisit their answers to the First Sentence activity after reading the text to determine their accuracy of prediction.
- ◆ First Sentence can be useful for engaging students with text that may at first glance seem intimidating or uninteresting.