

Text Complexity Analysis Template

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Text and Author	"A New Family", By: Pearson Reading Street Sleuth	Where to Access Text	Pearson Reading Street Sleuth, Unit 3 Week 5 (p.44-45)
Text Description			
<p>This is a realistic fiction story about a boy and his dad who find a bird's nest in the their garage.</p>			
Quantitative			
Lexile and Grade Level	Grade 1	Text Length	152 words
Qualitative			
Meaning/Central Ideas		Text Structure/Organization	
<p>The big idea is that baby birds grow and change after they are born.</p>		<p>Realistic story that incorporates facts about baby birds. Photographs are used to show the stages of development after the birds are born.</p>	
Prior Knowledge Demands		Language Features	
<p>Some general knowledge of baby animals and that most need care when they are born like human babies.</p>		<p>Realistic; conversational; sequential; familiar and easy to understand.</p>	
Potential Reader/Task Challenges			
<p>Birds can make nests in many different places, not just trees. Birds use many different objects to make their nests safe and warm.</p>			
Big Takeaway			
<p>Baby birds grow and change, and adapt to their environments.</p>			

Vocabulary Analysis Template

	Words that demand less teaching time (i.e. the definition is singular and concrete)	Words that demand more teaching time (i.e. words with multiple meanings and/or that are part of a word family)
Words that can be determined in context	<p>Feathers (tier 2) Motor (tier 2) Garage (tier 1)</p>	<p>Robin (tier 2) Hatched (tier 2)</p>
Words that cannot be determined in context	<p>tiny (tier 1) odd (tier 1)</p>	