

Reading Recovery Levels and Text Groupings

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Developmental Stage	Reading Recovery Levels	Levels > Groups	It can be useful to say
Emergent	1 – 5 or 6	1 – 2 Group A 3 – 5 Group B	Emergent A Emergent B
Early	6 – 11 or 12	6 – 8 Group C 9 – 11 Group D	Early C Early D
Transitional (Fluent)	12 – 17 or 18	12 – 14 Group E 15 – 17 Group F	Transitional E Transitional F

Self-extending (Experienced)	18 +	18 +	Self-extending
Advanced	Beyond Reading Recovery Levels	n/a	Advanced

I personally don't believe that we need Reading Recovery Levels beyond Level 18 or so. Round up to 20 if you like! For self-extending and advanced readers, we can use other criteria (discussed during session) to match texts to children for appropriate "instructional reading". However, for teachers who are required to use levels beyond Level 18, levels for self-extending readers could be:

Self-extending (Experienced)	18 – 23+	18 – 20 Group G 21 – 23 Group H	Self-extending G Self-extending H
Advanced	Beyond Reading Recovery Levels	n/a	Advanced