

	Reading Age Formulae	<i>Lesson Plan</i>																
<i>Activity</i>		<i>Notes</i>																
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>T: What is meant by the 'Reading Age' of a text? (<i>Age at which a person should be able to read the text</i>)</p> <p>T: Why do we need to be able to estimate the Reading Age of a book?</p> <p>T: What can affect the 'Reading Age'? (<i>Size of text, length of sentences, length of words, etc.</i>)</p> <p>T: There are different ways of estimating the Reading Age; we'll look at three of the methods.</p>	<p>T: Teacher P: Pupil</p> <p>Discussion with Ps on their understanding of what is meant by 'Reading Age'. (Preparation could be to ask Ps to bring in texts of different types, newspapers, etc.)</p> <p>Try to get Ps to decide the criteria that make a text easy or difficult to read.</p>																
2	<p>Practical Exercise</p> <p>T: Here are three formulae for finding the Reading Age. Working in pairs, I want you to complete the table.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="274 981 1082 1216"> <thead> <tr> <th>Text</th> <th>Forecast</th> <th>Fog</th> <th>Flesch</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>You have 20 minutes to do this.</p>	Text	Forecast	Fog	Flesch	A				B				C				<p>Either use texts brought in by Ps (with copies for each P to ensure that they are working on the same text) or use the prepared ones on OS 1.1.</p> <p>Give all Ps a copy of OS 1.2. Ps should work in pairs.</p> <p>Clarify the meaning of terms used here.</p>
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3	<p>Comparisons</p> <p>T: What conclusions can you make? (<i>Not very accurate formulae</i>)</p> <p>T: Can you design a better method?</p>	<p>Discussion with whole class; check their answers and discuss whether the concept of Reading Age really is valid.</p>																
4	<p>Design</p> <p>T: For homework, design your own method of assessing Reading Age, and test it out on 4 or 5 pieces of text.</p>																	