Alberta Reading Benchmarks for adults

ARB Chart for Benchmarking Materials

Title of Text: **Benchmark level:**

Type of Text:

Text	Examples
Characteristics of Text: • Visuals • Formatting • Organizing features (headings, subheadings)	
Vocabulary: • Concrete, common nouns, simple action verbs, one and two syllable words • Complex, longer words • Abstract words	
Decoding Skills: • Easily sounded out • Irregular spelling • Number of syllables • affixes	
Sentence Structure: • Length • Simple, complex or compound	
Types of Reading Tasks: • Identification of letters, sounds, sight words • Matching words • Comparisons, simple or complex, number of items • Choosing from several possibilities • Cycling • Using formatting to find information • Sorting relevant and irrelevant information • Answering questions stated in the negative • Search criteria from several parts of a text	