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75 percent comprehension level. A SMOG test score of 10 predicts a 90-100 percent comprehension level for a student reading at the tenth grade level. For other tests, a score of 10 predicts that a student with a tenth grade reading level can be expected to comprehend 50-75 percent of the content found within a book.

Conclusion

The SMOG procedures for determining textbook reading levels are quick and accurate. However, determining the reading level of a textbook is only half an answer. The reading level of the students must also be assessed since all students in the same grade do not read at the same level. Also, it should be remembered that most reading tests used to determine student reading levels measure the student's "frustration level" of reading. The "frustration level" is the level at which a student encounters reading difficulty. Under these conditions most students read best at least two grade levels below their "frustration level".

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