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TEXT DENSITY	Information Density	An average of one to three verbs, nouns or adjectives per sentence	An average of four to six verbs, nouns or adjectives per sentence	An average of seven to ten verbs, nouns or adjectives per sentence	An average of greater than 10 verbs, nouns or adjectives per sentence
	Passage Length	One to three paragraphs	Four to six paragraphs	Six to ten paragraphs	More than ten paragraphs
LANGUAGE FORM AND STRUCTURE	Language Forms	Simple sentences and simple grammatical forms	A few sentences and/or grammatical forms that are more sophisticated (e.g., compound S, prepositional phrases)	An even mix of sophisticated and simple sentences or grammatical forms	Over half of the passage consists of more complex sentences and/or grammatical forms (e.g., relative clauses, adverbials, passive voice, reported speech)
	Vocabulary	All high frequency, commonly used vocabulary	Few content-specific, metaphoric, uncommon meaning, or idiomatic words	A number of content-specific, technical, metaphoric, uncommon meaning and/or idiomatic words or expressions	A large number of content-specific, technical, metaphoric, uncommon meaning or idiomatic words or expressions