

READING LEVEL OF CHEMCOM

Initial results on reading level for Chemcom are:

- Dale-Chall reading test 9.2
- Flesch Reading Ease reading test at 55.33 or Flesch grade level 8.0
- FOG Reading Test 10th grade
- SMOG Reading Test 10th grade

What teachers are saying about *Chemcom*:

"An Arkansas chemistry student said: *I've learned more in this chemistry course than another course in high school and enjoyed it more.* This student was one of over 300 students in my high school using the Chemcom textbook. The book is used by 75% of the chemistry students in the school. It is a popular program meeting the needs of today's students." Arkansas teacher

"I teach sophomores and juniors in Chemcom in Texas. My students are mostly African American and Hispanic. They thoroughly enjoy the class. The *Striking It Rich* is a favorite. I have had several students that have been turned on to chemistry, came into my Chem II AP class and have made a 4 and 5 on the AP exam. My failure rate is low, but I require the students to perform. I have been teaching Chemcom from the beginning and have seen a growth in our Chemistry program. We use Chemcom in our regular program. The readability is right for our students." Texas teacher.

On becoming a science teacher....

"If it hadn't been for Chemcom I wouldn't be here today" Student in a science methods class at University of Georgia

"I teach in a southern suburban district. The district is approximately 48% minority and about 70% attend post secondary schools. I teach students that are college bound but traditionally have not enjoyed science. 40% of our students take chemistry using Chemcom. As Chemcom students they not only come to love chemistry but they are willing to take more advanced sciences such as AP Chemistry and Physics." a South Carolina teacher

"My students are college prep juniors, interested in liberal arts. When they discover that science can be fun, in ChemCom, and they feel success in science and frequently enroll in senior level science courses. Last year a Chemcom senior earned a 5 on the AP Biology Test." Chemistry teacher Los Angeles Unified School District

"I just received word that one of my Chemcom students entered a graduation program in Chemistry at Berkeley. This is the first time in my 30 years of teaching that chemistry has become so alive for the students. Thank you Chemcom!"
Maryland teacher, teaching IB and University High School Chemistry.

"I have taught Chemcom for 10 years to juniors and seniors students who do not plan to be science majors in college. These students continually come back and tell me Chemcom was my favorite subject . My students especially like the real life applications and about 90% are successful. About 40% of the chemistry students in my school are in Chemcom. Oregon teacher

"My chemistry students say that Chemcom engages them enough to make chemistry less difficult to read." New York state teacher

"Chemistry in the Community has been understandable with respect to readability for my juniors in high school. They especially enjoyed the *Putting It All Together* activities since they become more accountable and took ownership for their learning. These students were average students for their learning. These students were average students and some were motivated to go on to careers in the science area." New York state teacher

"I have used the Chemcom program for 10 years to educate primarily 9th grade students, in a private school environment. My students find the text easy to read and return in later years with fond memories of many of the activities, especially the lab experiments." Texas teacher

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