Reading levels

It's important to make your text easy to read for the target audience

So how complex should it be?

Flesch–Kincaid Grade Level

Value	School level	Student age range
0-1	Pre-kindergarten - 1st grade	3-7
1-5	1st grade - 5th grade	7-11
5-11	5th grade - 11th grade	11-17
11-18	11th grade - 18th grade	17 and above

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The **BBC website** is one of the better examples of making text readable

It scores 5-6 on the scale - the reading level of a 10 to 12 year old

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Bold first paragraph

Short paragraphs - one idea per paragraph

Gaps between paragraphs

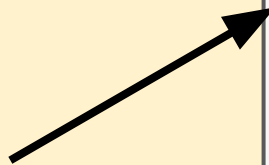Headings and subheadings to break up ideas

Simple language

Parents of pupils at a school in Nottinghamshire have said they have been left "angry, mad and disappointed" after it was announced children would have to drop a GCSE subject.

Year 10 pupils at The Brunts Academy in Mansfield currently study nine areas, five compulsory and four optional.
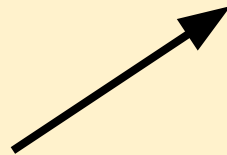
But the school has said it is cutting this to three options after Easter, saying this will allow "increased time and support" for the remaining lessons.

But parents said the decision had been taken without proper consultation and it had been done to suit the school, not students.

'Underhand and unfair'

In February pupils were asked to fill out a questionnaire about their workload.

Last week the school sent out an email saying 75% of pupils had reported their workload was "challenging" and adjusting the curriculum - by dropping the weakest subject for each pupil - would "build greater learning confidence".

Parent Neena Edwards said: "I'm angry, mad and disappointed.

"It was underhand and unfair. It is taking away lots of opportunity for the children.

"The way it was done - they were given this survey and like any 15-year-old, when asked if they had too much homework, they all said 'Yes!'.