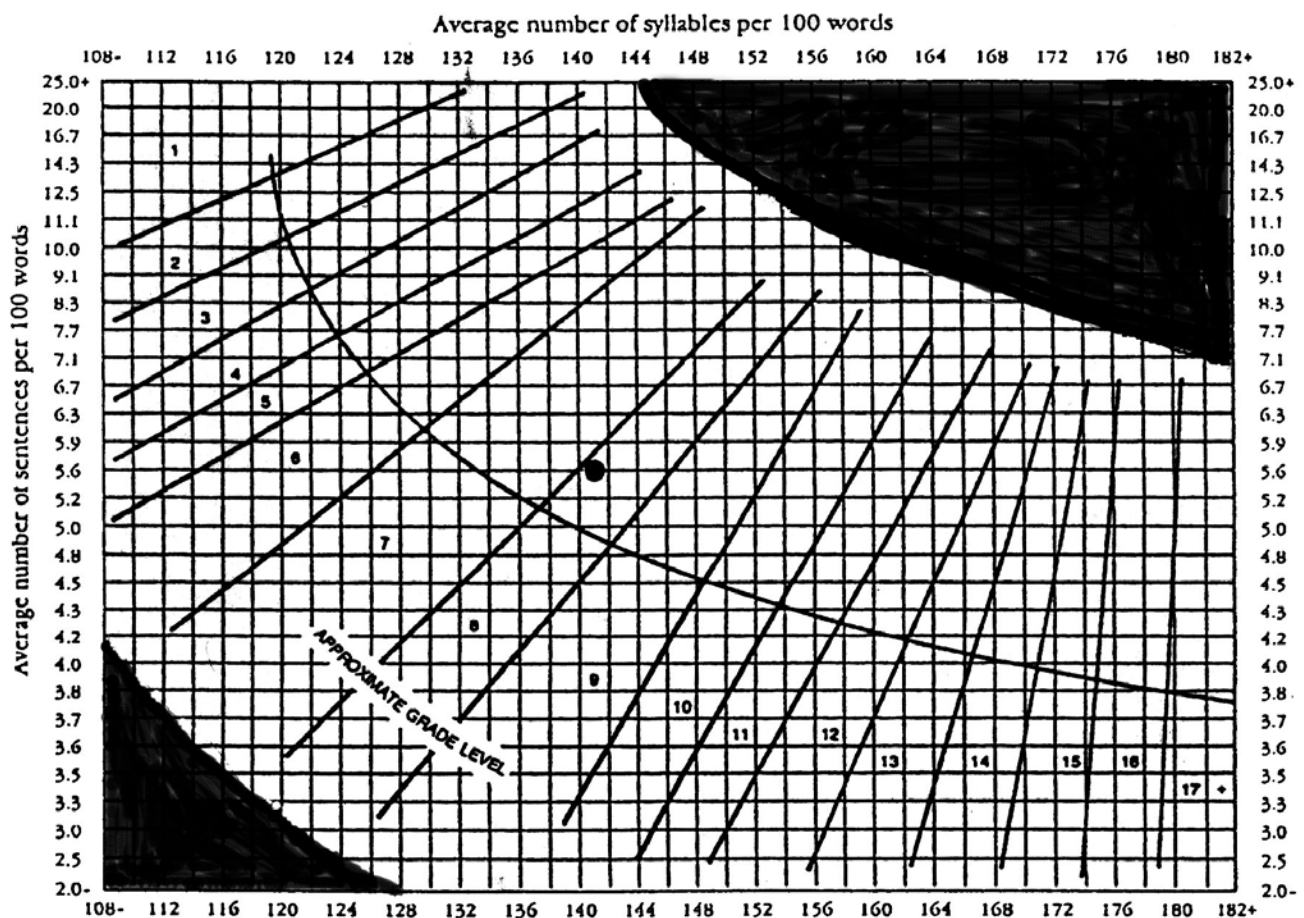


# How to use the Fry Graph to Estimate Reading Level

1. **Count 100 words.** Note where you begin and where you end. Hyphenated words are counted as 1 word. It is best to count 3 separate 100 word passages.
2. **Count the number of sentences in each 100 word passage.** If the passage ends in the middle of a sentence, estimate how much of the sentence is included, e.g., 1/10, 2/10, etc.
3. **Count the number of syllables.** Numbers and acronyms (e.g. HIV) count as 1 word with 1 syllable for each number or letter, e.g., 25 = 2 syllables.
4. **Plot on graph.** Find reading level. Note: Not valid if in shaded areas. Also, if 3 passages are done, average before plotting.

Fry Graph for estimating reading level. Developed by Edward Fry, Rutgers University Reading Center, New Jersey.



**FIGURE 4-2**

Fry graph for estimating readability—extended