



# Accelerated Reader™

## A Guide for Parents



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From Year 2 most students take part in the **Accelerated Reader** programme, which is designed to do the following things:

- Find books that are the right level for your child
- Encourage your child to read more
- Improve your child's reading ability



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# How it works...

Most students take a **Star Test**, which is a computer-based test that measures a student's reading ability through a series of 34 questions.

Every test for every student is different, and the computer selects different questions for each student dependent on how well they answer the previous questions. Essentially, the computer adapts the test to suit your child.

The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 40 minutes.



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# A ZPD score is recorded in their reading record

ZPD is two numbers that the student uses to choose their next reading book.

3.2 – 4.6

Lowest number

Highest number

The lowest number is the lowest level of book the student should be choosing.

The highest number is the highest level of book the student should be choosing.

Students keep a record of all their ZPDs in their planners or exercise books.

A new STAR test takes place every term, so students can see improvements in their reading level, but also choose more challenging books.

# AR Quizzes

A quiz is different from a STAR test because students only take a quiz **after** they have **finished** a book.

There are usually about 10 questions on the book that has been read. At the end of the quiz the students are given a percentage to show them how well they have done.

There are some important rules for taking quizzes:

- The book the child is quizzed on **must be a book they have read in the last two weeks**. AR is not a memory test but rather measuring reading ability.
- A student cannot take a quiz until they have read the entire text.
- Quizzes must be done individually, not with anyone's help.



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# “How much should my child read each day?”

- According to Renaissance Learning’s research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains.
- Therefore, your child should have at least 20 minutes set aside for reading during day.
- English teachers set reading homework on top of the other English homework they set.

# “How can I help my child become a better reader?”

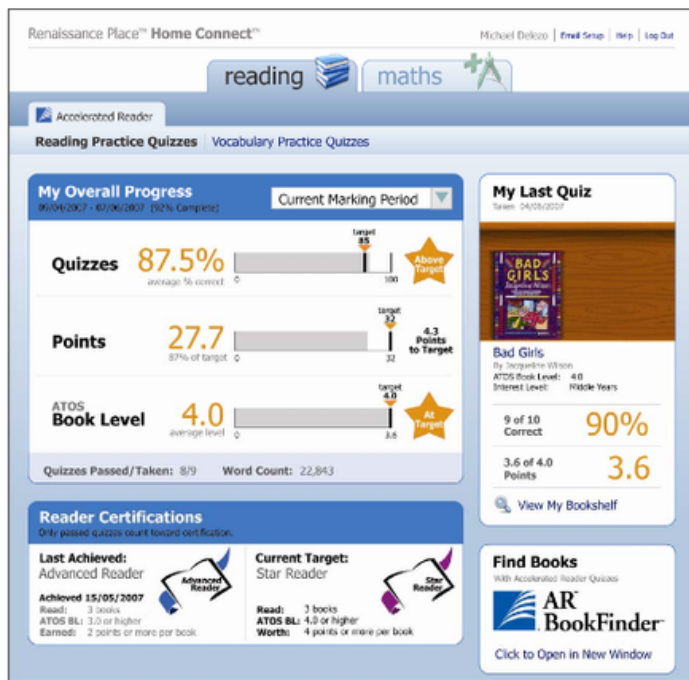
- As with anything, performance improves with practice.
- Encourage your child to read at home.
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library, charity shop or bookshop on a regular basis and by letting your child see you reading.
- When reading with your child stop and ask questions to be sure your child comprehends what they have read and in general make a habit of discussing books that each of you has read.

# How will I know how my child is doing?

You can access your child's AR information in Renaissance Place Home Connect from any web-enabled computer.

<https://ukhosted41.renlearn.co.uk/8462046/>

User name      AExample (First name initial, Surname full)  
Password        ABC (not case sensitive)



- Once in the programme, you can view your child's progress towards targets and books read.
- You can also access AR BookFinder to search for titles of interest.
- You can only access information about your own child.




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Reading Practice Quizzes Vocabulary Practice Quizzes

**My Overall Progress**

03/01/2017 - 07/04/2017 (14% Complete)

Current Marking Period 

**Quizzes** 40% average % correct



**Points** 0.5 No Target Set

**ATOS Book Level** 2.1 average level No Target Set

Quizzes Passed/Taken: 1/3 Word Count: 1,621

**Reader Certifications**

Only passed quizzes count toward certification.

<b>Last Achieved:</b> None	<b>Current Target:</b> No Target Set
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**My Last Quiz**

Taken 10/01/2017



The Cat in the Hat Comes Back

By Dr. Seuss  
ATOS Book Level: 2.1  
Interest Level:

0 of 5 Correct 0%

0.0 of 0.5 Points 0.0

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Average book level.

Last book read and quizzed on. Include % correct and points earned from book.

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