

Accelerated Reader: A parent's guide.

What is AR Reading?

AR Reading is an online platform which assesses what level children are reading at and sets them a range of books which they can access using their ability level. It also provides an online quiz for children to access in school after they have finished a book to decode their understanding and comprehension of the book that has been read. AR Reading ensures that children are accessing books that are at the correct level for their reading ability. This will include some books that children can read easily to build confidence and some books which will provide appropriate challenge. The 'Star Quiz' also sets targets for each child to ensure that they reach their full potential. These will be shared with staff in school and you at home to ensure that we provide each child with the opportunity to thrive as readers.

How does AR Reading work?

The process starts with a 'Star Quiz' which your child will have already completed in school. This then provides teachers with detailed feedback, including the level that your child should be reading and the quizzes that they can access. This is known as the Zone of Proximal Development (or ZPD for short). The Star Quiz will be completed each term so that the books which children are reading can continue to match their reading ability.

ZPD (Book Level)

At Chaucer, children are encouraged to select a book within their ZPD range and this will be guided by their class teacher. These levels represent the difficulty of the text. Book Levels range from 0.1 – 13.5. Children are encouraged to choose books within their range to make the most progress.

Choose a book within your ZPD



Points and Interest Level

Every book in school will have a points value associated with it. AR points are based on the length of book (number of words). Pupils will earn a percentage of points according to how well they pass the quiz. The interest level indicates for which age group a book is suitable for; it does this based on the content and themes.

An example label explained:

Quiz No 201198
The Island of Adventure

Blyton, Enid
B.L.: 5.1
Points: 9.0

ZPD Level

MY

Points available on AR quiz.

Interest Level

A rough guide:

Interest Level	Age (in years)
LY - Lower Years	5-8
MY - Middle Years	9-13
MY+ - Middle Years+	12+
UY - Upper Years	14+

Quizzes

For many of the books that your child will read, Renaissance provides a quiz which can be accessed at school. This should be taken within a day or two of them completing their book. These will be carried out in school.

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The Island of Adventure

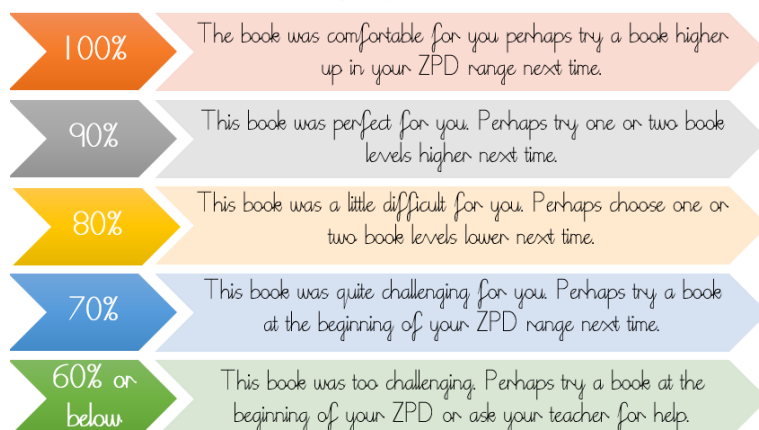
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Children will need to input their quiz number which can be found on the spine of their book.

Upon completion of the quiz, children will be given a percentage score. Along with their teachers, they will use this to decide on their next steps.

What does my quiz score tell me?




Below are the steps which children are encouraged to follow for the optimum use of Accelerated Reader.

STEP ONE:
CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK

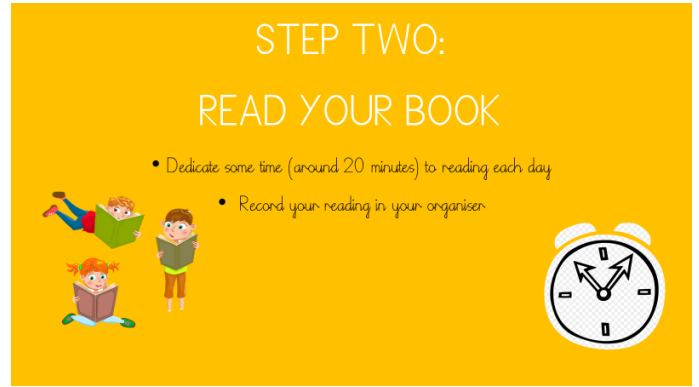
- Check that it is in your ZPD range.
- Look at the cover
- Read the blurb
- Read the first page.

Are you interested? Are you hooked?



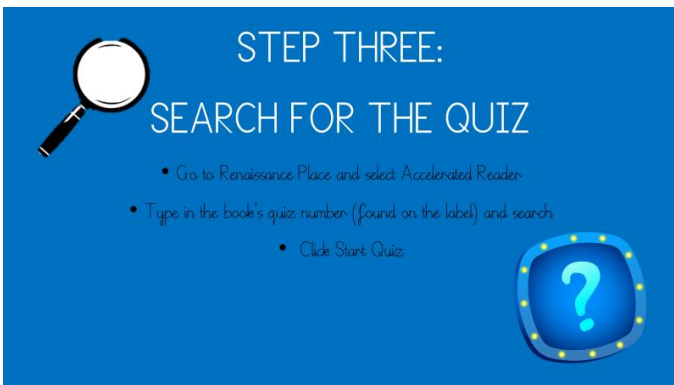
STEP TWO:
READ YOUR BOOK

- Dedicate some time (around 20 minutes) to reading each day
- Record your reading in your organiser



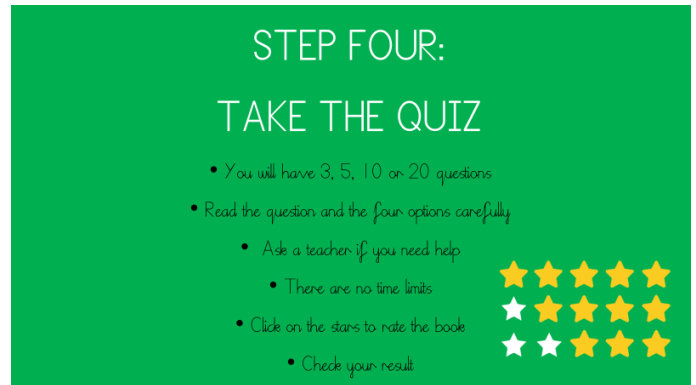
STEP THREE:
SEARCH FOR THE QUIZ

- Go to Renaissance Place and select Accelerated Reader
- Type in the book's quiz number (found on the label) and search
- Click Start Quiz



STEP FOUR:
TAKE THE QUIZ

- You will have 3, 5, 10 or 20 questions
- Read the question and the four options carefully
- Ask a teacher if you need help
- There are no time limits
- Click on the stars to rate the book
- Check your results



If you would have books at home and would like to see if they have an online quiz, you can search using the following website:

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>