# Accelerated Reader

#### What is Accelerated Reader?

- A computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.
- Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace.
- When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer.
- Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher uses to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

#### How it works

- Children using Accelerated Reader choose their own book to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.
- Teachers will help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.
- If your child does not do well on a quiz, the teacher will support your child with a range of strategies.

How much will my child read during each day?

According to research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate (average percentage correct) on Accelerated Reader see the greatest gains.

# 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.
- When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what has been read.
- Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading.

#### Star Reading

- This is a computerised reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology.
- Questions continually adjust to your child's responses.
- If the child's response to a question is correct, the difficulty level of the next question is increased.
- If the child misses a question, the difficulty level of the next question is reduced.
- The assessment uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20 minutes.

#### Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

- In independent literature-based reading, ZPD is the range of books that will challenge your child without causing frustration or loss of motivation.
- Your child will receive a ZPD range after taking a Star Reading assessment.
- Children reading primarily in their ZPD are going to give themselves an appropriate level of challenge that will encourage increased progress from their increased comprehension.
- They don't need to read exclusively in their ZPD but can wander a little outside (above or below) their ZPD.

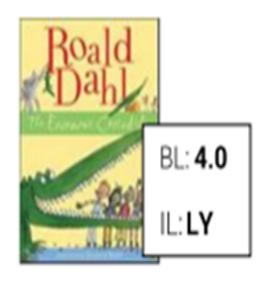
#### What are points?

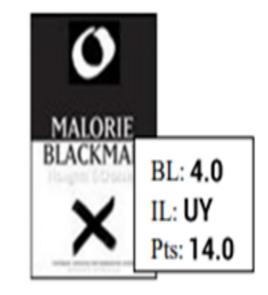
- Every book that has an AR Practice Quiz is given a points value.
- AR points are based on the length of the book (number of words).
- Children earn a percentage of points according to how well they pass the quiz.

#### What is interest level?

- The interest level indicates for which age group a book is appropriate, based on the content and themes.
- These are recommendations only and teachers and parents are recommended to use their best judgement when guiding children.
- The examples have a book level of 4.0 since both have short sentences and vocabulary that is simple. However, Noughts and Crosses is intended for older children – Upper Years, while The Enormous Crocodile is Lower Years.

Interest Level	Age
LY–Lower Years	5 - 8
MY–Middle Years	9 - 13
MY+ - Middle Years Plus	Ages 12+
UY—Upper Years	14+





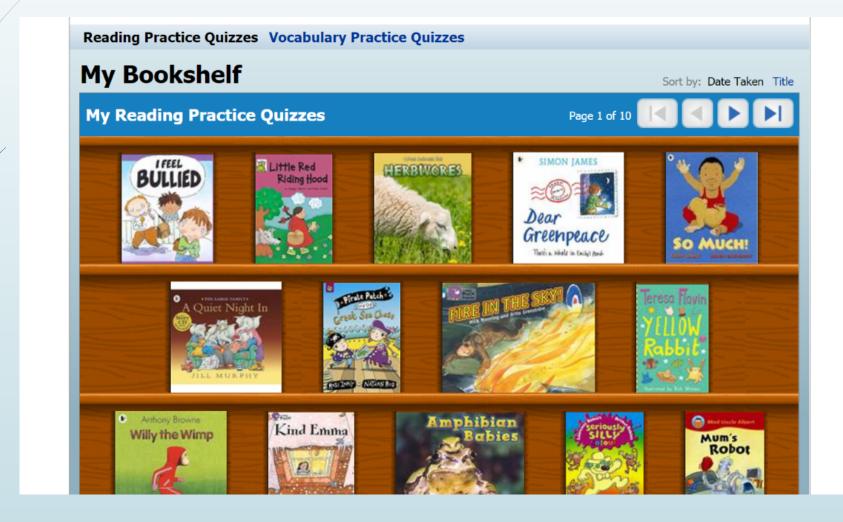
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