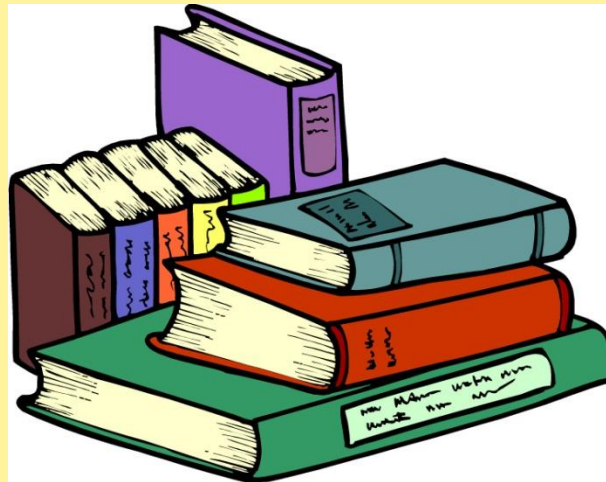


Accelerated reader



How does it work?

Children do a star reader test

This test is 34 questions long and gets progressively harder. It is testing children's comprehension knowledge.

We went for a _____ in the car.

- 1 ride
- 2 house
- 3 green
- 4 fun

Helena ran several miles a day to build up her
_____.

- 1 competent
- 2 reliance
- 3 skyscraper
- 4 stamina

"I'm stronger than you," the mouse told the elephant. The elephant picked up a big log.

"I can pick up a bigger log!" the mouse said.

The mouse couldn't move the log at all. Then the mouse laughed at himself. He had been very silly.

What does the mouse learn?

- 1 how to be stronger
- 2 to ask for help first
- 3 not to be so silly

Laura and her brother had not wanted to come here for the summer. The cottage was located in a remote mountain village. There wasn't a single cinema or arcade in the vicinity. The only people they had met since arriving were the caretaker and his son. On top of that, their father had forbidden them to follow the strange path behind the cottage.

This is the beginning of a longer story. What does it suggest will happen later in the plot?













- 1 The caretaker will train Laura's brother to take care of the cottage.
- 2 The children will take the forbidden path and find a mystery.
- 3 Laura and her brother will have a wonderful holiday after all.

What happens next?

Once a child has completed a STAR reader test they are given a range from which they can choose their reading books. Teachers may give children a number or a colour from which to choose their books.



Accelerated Reader Book Level Guide

	0.5 - 0.9
	1.0 - 1.4
	1.5 - 1.9
	2.0 - 2.4
	2.5 - 2.9
	3.0 - 3.4
	3.5 - 3.9
	4.0 - 4.4
	4.5 - 4.9
	5.0 - 5.9
	6.0 +
	Upper years

These colours
do not relate
to the previous
reading colour
system.

Renaissance (the company which runs Accelerated Reader) put the books through a computer system which decides which level the book is based on the vocabulary and sentence lengths in the book. This is why you may find books in the same series can be different book levels.

What happens next?

- Once a child has read a book they can do a reading practice quiz. It depends on the length of the book how long the quiz is, some are 5 questions, most are 10 questions and some longer books are 20 questions.
- Children need to get 60% correct to pass the quiz and they get instant feedback.

Students can see which questions were answered incorrectly at the end of a quiz and reflect on what important aspects they missed.

Teachers will be monitoring children's success on quizzes.

Reading Practice Quizzes pick out the most important questions about the text and show whether students have an understanding of what they have read.

Accelerated reader helps develop children's comprehension skills and vocabulary understanding alongside their decoding skills.

This is vital in preparing them for end of Key Stage 1 and end of Key Stage 2 assessments.

Example of a quiz

What happens next?

- When children pass a quiz they earn points.
- Children will be set a target number of points to achieve throughout a term.
- Certificates will be awarded for achieving their targets.
- The number of points a book is worth is recorded on the label on the inside cover of the book.

- If your child has books at home that they would like to read and you want to check if they are on Accelerated Reader you can use AR Book Finder to check the book level.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk>

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile