



# Accelerated<sup>TM</sup> Reader

## What is Accelerated Reader?

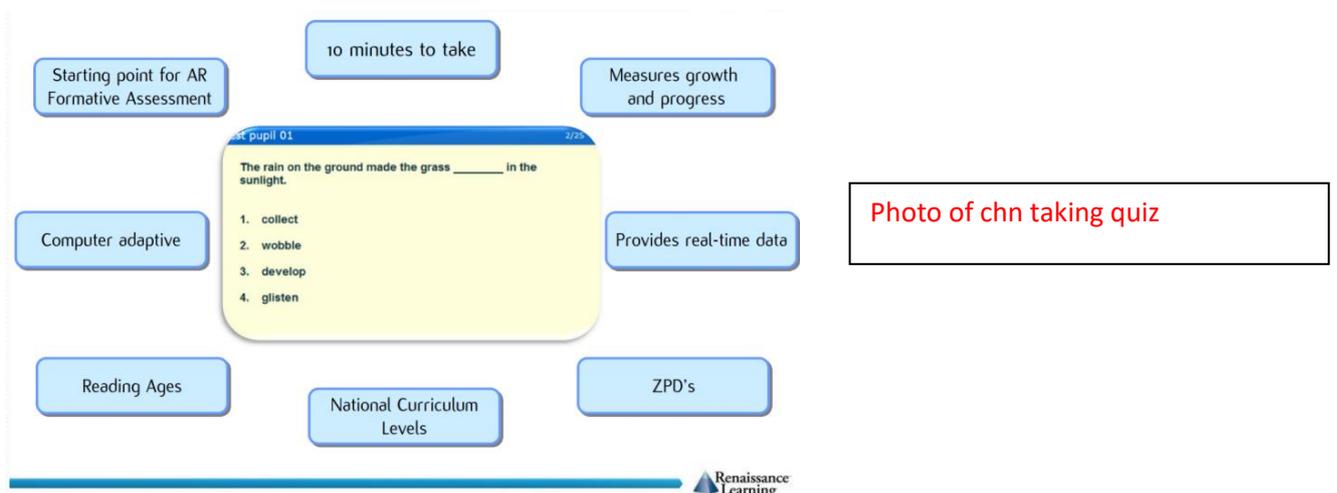
This reading scheme is offered by a worldwide company, called Renaissance Place. It is designed to help children to read more and to understand what they are reading. Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice – it involves two types of quiz.

1. **STAR Reading** – determines the current reading level
2. **Accelerated Reader** – a database of quizzes to test comprehension of books read.

## How does it work?

### 1. **STAR Reading**

At the beginning of this the Autumn Term 2020, all children in KS2 will take a short 'Star Test' (comprehension questions) using a laptop. It is the result of the 'Star Test' which determines the current reading ability of a child and provides them with their



ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development).

The ZPD provides an individual range of book levels recommended for each pupil's reading ability. Children will use this ZPD to choose books within their book level.



## Book selection

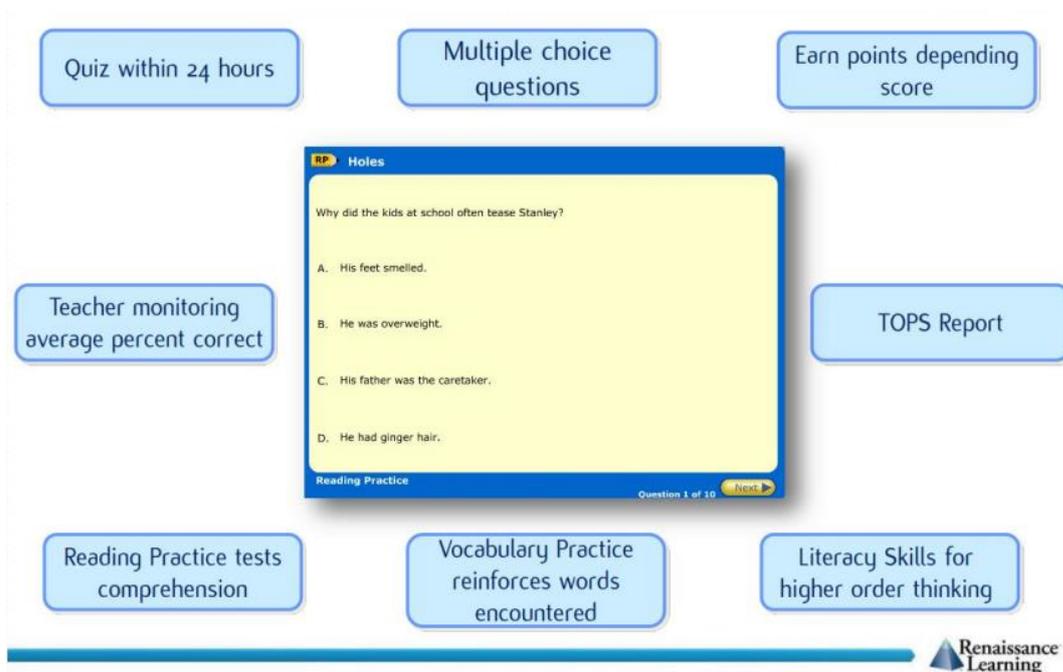
Once the children are aware of their ZPD reading range, they are able to independently choose books. Our books have been re-colour coded to correspond to the ZPD ranges. The children then take their chosen book home to read.

Colour	ZPD
Yellow	0.0 – 1.9
Green	2.0 – 2.9
Blue	3.0 – 3.9
Red	4.0 – 4.9
Purple	5.0 – 5.9
Black	6.0 +

ZPD colour codes

## 2. Accelerated Reader – a database of quizzes to test comprehension of books read.

Once the children have carefully read the book, they are able to take a comprehension quiz (Accelerated Reader) in school using an iPad/laptop. Depending on the length of the book the quiz length can vary from 3, 5 or 10 questions. Please find an example question below. Once the children have completed the quiz they will receive instant feedback with their results, including the opportunity to review inaccurate answers.





## Reading Everyday

- 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.

## How can you help your child to be a better reader?

- Encourage your child to read at home every day because they will get better at reading if they practice.
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, having a collection of books at home, visiting your local library or bookshop regularly and by letting your child see you reading.
- When reading with your child stop and ask them questions about the text to be sure your child is understanding what they have read.
- Try to regularly discuss books that everyone in your family is reading or has read.

**We wish you and your child lots of success with Accelerated Reader.**