



## **What is Accelerated Reader<sup>®</sup>?**

Decades of data and research have revealed that effective reading practice needs to include deep engagement, active ownership of learning, and an appropriate level of challenge. Educators use Accelerated Reader to support this type of “perfect reading practice” and motivate your child to want to read more and discover a lifelong love of reading.



## **What books are included in Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader doesn't include “books.” Renaissance creates Accelerated Reader quizzes for most fiction and nonfiction trade books as well as curated nonfiction articles.

We currently have almost 200,000 quizzes in our database (10,000 are in Spanish), and we add thousands more each year, for classic literature, award winners, long-time favorites, and many of today's most popular titles.

Our quiz writers research the latest titles and write quizzes every week. Check out Renaissance [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder](#)<sup>®</sup> to see if we have a quiz for your child's favorite book. If it's not there, click the [Suggest Quizzes](#) link. We'll be happy to add it to our list!



## **My child says she hates reading. How can I help?**

If your child doesn't like reading, there could be many factors at play. Here are some ideas to try to encourage your child to have a new outlook on reading:

- Read with her. At any age, reading aloud can be fun and a good way to find topics and genres you have in common
- Model reading yourself and talk with your child about what you're reading
- Begin with audiobooks and encourage your child to read along with them
- Encourage reading *any* material on *any* device. Make the most of e-reading apps, online articles, magazines, comics, or manga in addition to books. If your child is a gamer, suggest books on her favorite video games
- Take an interest in what interests your child and read about it. Share articles on her favorite sports teams or pull out a cookbook and explore recipes together

Reading becomes rewarding when you provide opportunities for your child to explore the things she likes or you enjoy an adventure together.

Explore the Advanced Search on [Accelerated Reader BookFinder](#)<sup>®</sup> to look for topics your child might be interested in.



## Why does my child’s teacher promote Accelerated Reader and stress setting goals?

The intention of Accelerated Reader is to give you and your child’s teacher insight into your child’s reading practice habits.

When educators set goals based on an individual child’s needs, goal setting promotes “perfect reading practice.”

Accelerated Reader goals are typically set for the following:

- **Average percent correct:** The most important goal for all students is to average at least 85 percent on quizzes. This indicates a student is reading with a high level of comprehension, which accelerates reading growth. Averages of 90 percent are associated with even greater gains
- **Points:** Point goals indicate how much reading students are expected to do. Accelerated Reader provides point goals that are appropriate for each student’s reading ability, the amount of time that teachers schedule for daily reading practice, and the length of the marking period. In this way, point goals are individualized, fair, and realistic
- **Average book level:** The book-level goal helps ensure students read at a level appropriate for them as individuals. It represents a minimum level of difficulty. Goals are set at the low end of students’ ZPDs to encourage them to read freely throughout an appropriate range

Talk to your child’s teacher about [Renaissance Home Connect®](#) to see your child’s Accelerated Reader goals and track his or her progress toward achieving them.



## Useful tools for parents

- [Renaissance Home Connect](#)<sup>®</sup>: See your child's Accelerated Reader goals and celebrate his or her achievements
- [Accelerated Reader BookFinder](#): Search for books with a corresponding Accelerated Reader Quiz as you are helping your child find his or her next great read
- [Using myON at Home](#): Guides, video tutorials, tips, and activities to help students and families get reading on myON
- [Reading Strategies for Parents](#): Download this helpful document for ideas and activities you can use to nurture your child's love of reading