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Accelerated Reader: A Parents' Guide



Accelerated
Reader



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What Is It?

Accelerated Reader is the most widely-recognised computerised reading platform and has been around since 1998.

It monitors reading practice and progress, helping teachers guide children to books that are suitable for their individual reading levels. Children take a quiz after reading the book to check they have understood it.

Children self-select books, rather than feeling 'forced' to read something. Taking ownership of their learning is a powerful tool.



Read the book

- Pick a book you think you'll enjoy!
- Check it is within your ZPD.
- Start reading!



Take the quiz

- Take your quiz as soon as you have finished your book.
- Check you've got the right quiz-look at the quiz number!



Get your results!

- Review any questions.
- Check your progress.
- Take the Vocabulary Quiz (if available).



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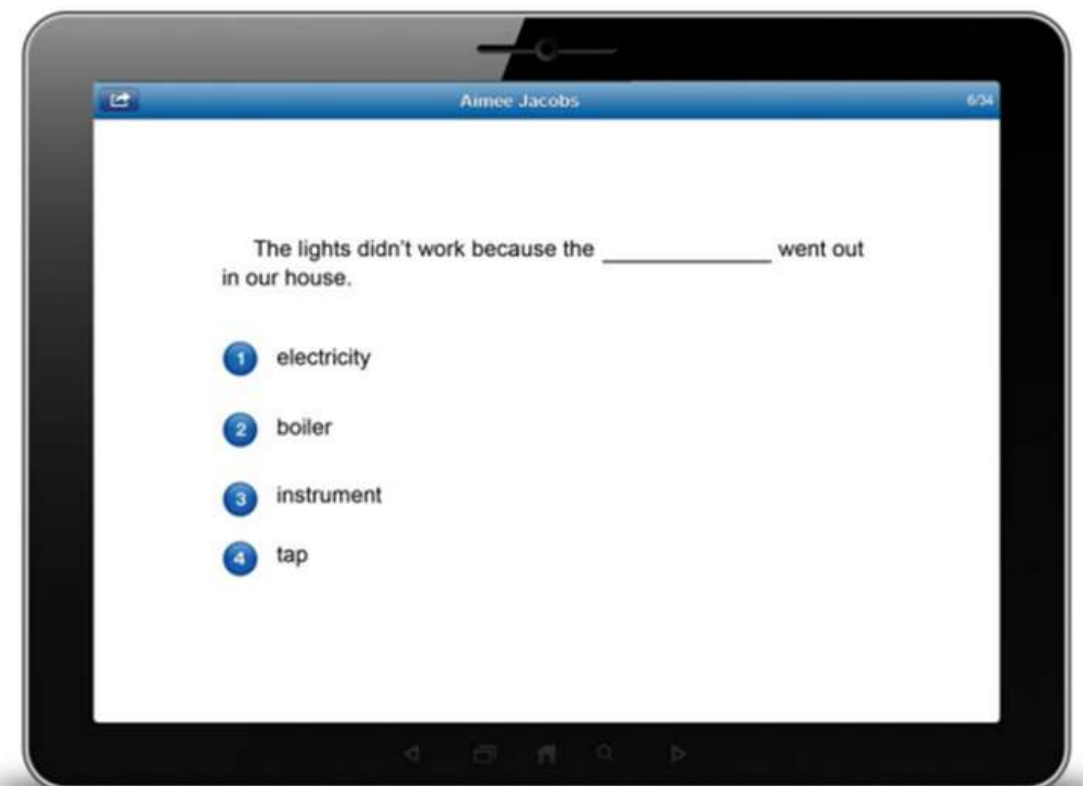
Before the programme properly begins, children take a short diagnostic reading test called STAR.

The platform continually adjusts questions based on their answers. If the child's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is reduced.

This provides the child with a personalised reading age, the ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development).

Teachers use this data to track student progress. The STAR test will be taken three times per year, approximately September, January/February and May/June.

How Does Accelerated Reader Know My Child's Reading Level?



Taking the STAR tests also provides children with excellent practice for the mandatory NGRT. This is the online age-standardised reading test which all private schools in Dubai have to set each term. It is part of the UAE's drive towards raising reading literacy.

What does ZPD mean?

After taking the STAR diagnostic, children are given a Zone of Proximal Development. This indicates the range of their current reading ability.

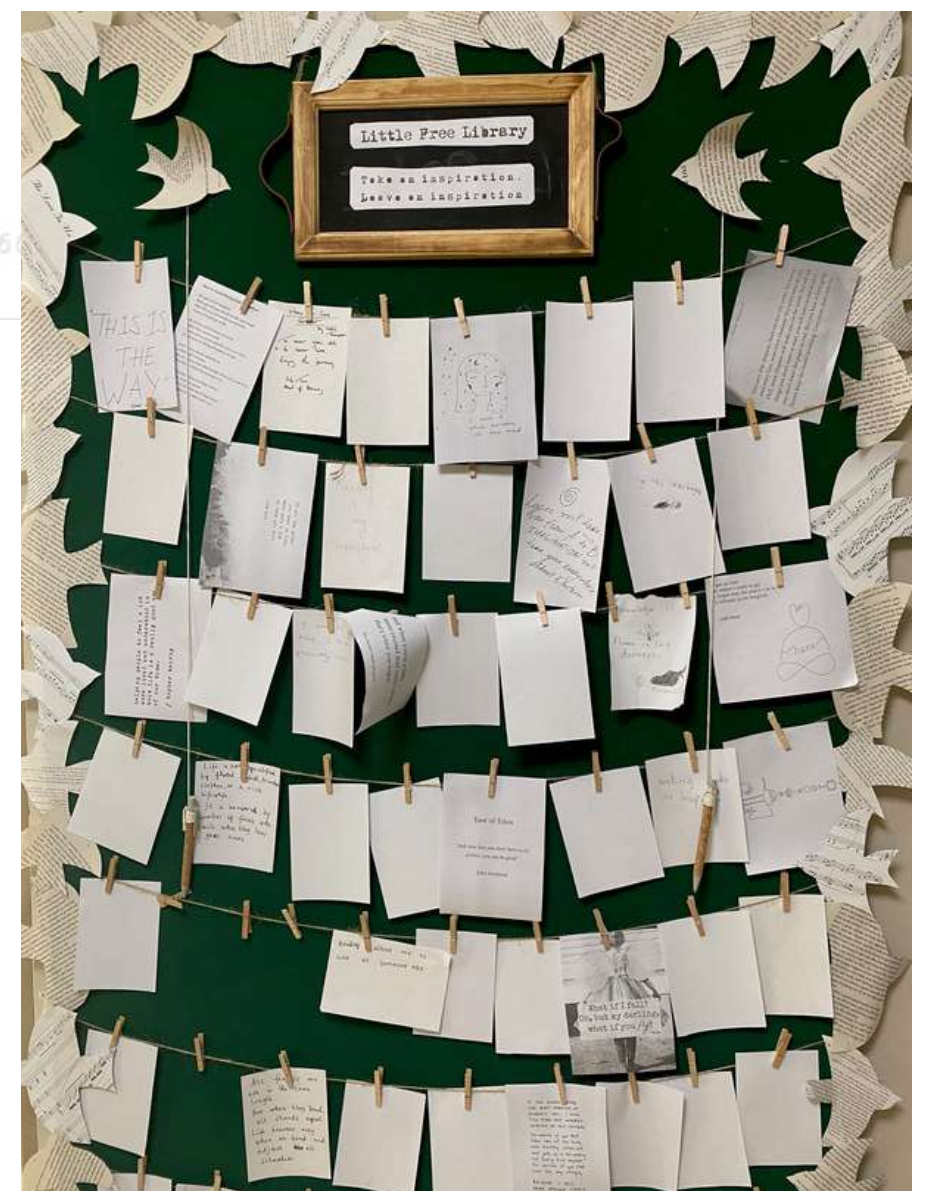
A range of book levels recommended for each student based on their reading ability
The student has free rein to choose books from within their entire ZPD range



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How will my child choose a book that's right for their level?



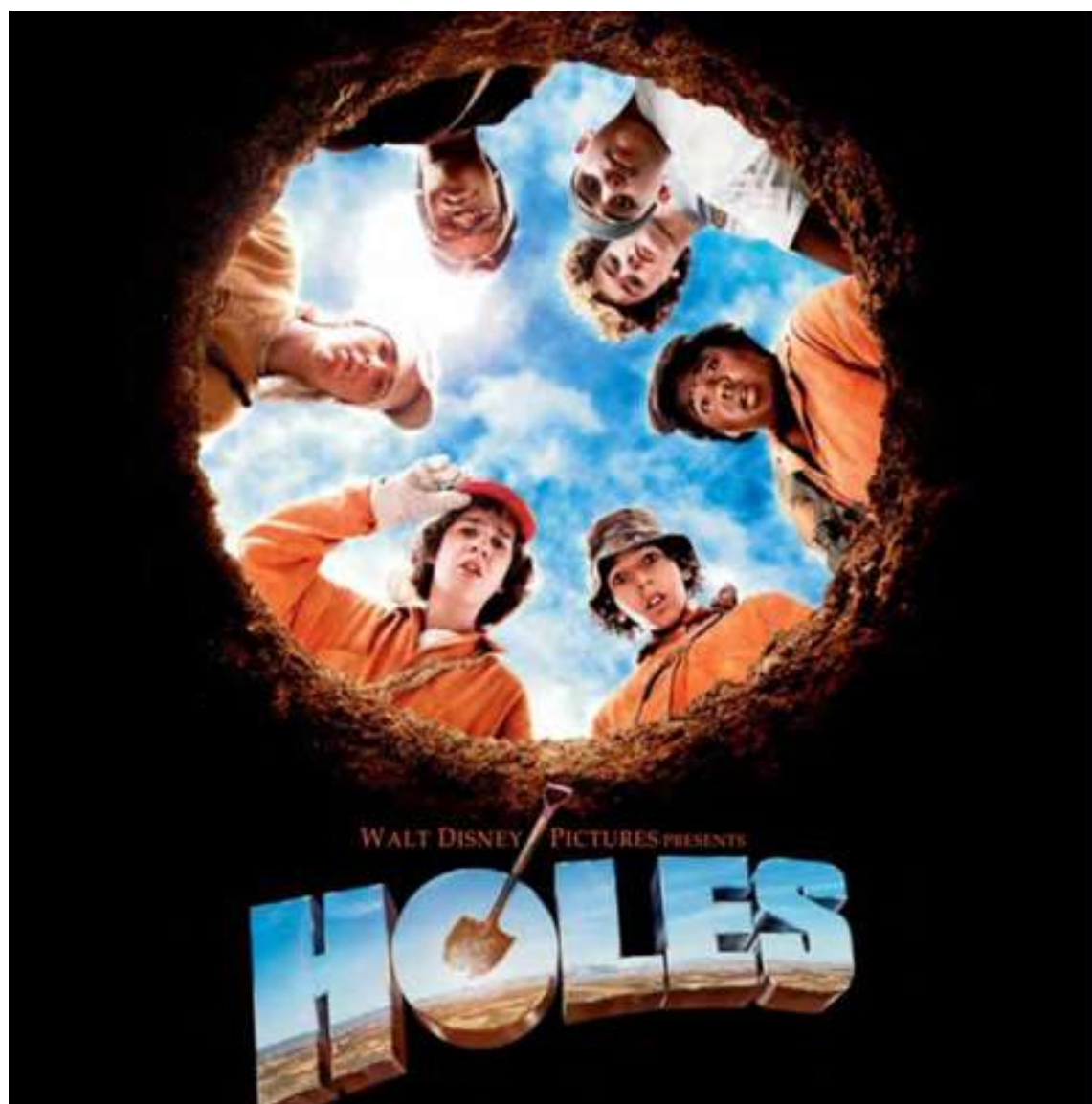
Book levels help readers choose a book within their ZPD. This is calculated using two main factors:

- Average sentence length
- Vocabulary difficulty

How will my child choose a book with suitable content?

Interest levels relate to content and appropriateness. At DIA Emirates Hills, this looks like...

LY: Lower Years	Approx. age 5 – 8 years	Up to Year 4
MY: Middle Years	Approx. age 9 – 13 years	Years 5 to 8
UP: Upper Years	Approx. age 14+ years	Year 9 +



Quiz No 203031
Holes
Sachar, Louis
BL: 4.6
Points: 7.0 UY

How often should they read?



If children engage properly with Accelerated Reader, they need to read on a daily basis. This is where parents are invaluable! Encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes a day to see the best results.

STUDENT LOGIN

Your child can scan this QR code to login at home and take an AR quiz!



In Secondary, your child's English teacher will help them with logging in for the first time. As parents, you will also receive login details, usually by the end of September, so that you can also see your child's progress.



For students: Throughout the year, there will be different challenges and competitions within Accelerated Reader here at DIA Emirates Hills. For example, compete against classmates to see who can get the best quiz scores, win prizes for being the class to have read the most words in your year group, and compete in House reading challenges.

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