

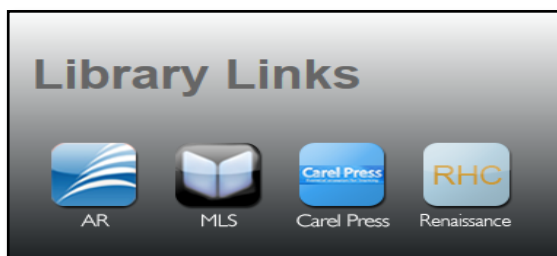
### Where can I take an AR quiz?

In school, from any PC with an internet connection. Log in, and click your internet shortcut.

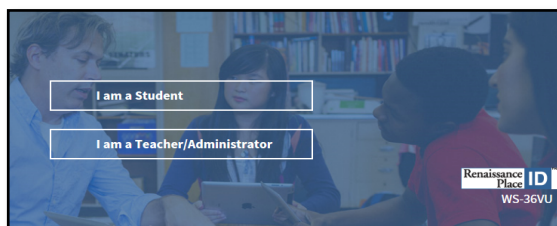
When the school intranet page is loaded, click 'library.'



Click 'links,' and then the 'AR' icon.



Click on 'I am a Student,' and type in your username and password.



You can also quiz in school on a tablet or a phone if the AR app has been downloaded.

### How do I check if books at home or from my local library are quizzed?

By using AR Bookfinder! You can do this from home as well as in school.

**In school**, log in to a PC and load your internet.

Click 'library,' 'links' and the 'AR Bookfinder' icon.

**From home**, load your internet. Go to

[www.wernethschool.com](http://www.wernethschool.com). Choose 'library' from the menu on the right, and click "Accelerated Reader".

You will find the Bookfinder link under 'Useful Links.'

#### Useful Links

**Renaissance Home Connect** - YOU can track your child's progress using the Home Connect program [here](#), which is linked to Accelerated Reader.

Ask your child for their AR username and password. You should have had a letter with this information. If you require this information again please email [nicola.heath@wernethschool.com](mailto:nicola.heath@wernethschool.com).

**AR Bookfinder** - Use this link to see if books that you may have at home or borrowed from your local library are quizzed

**Renaissance Learning** - for more information about Accelerated Reader and the company behind it.

### I want to show my parents how well I am doing. How can I do this?

By asking them to log in to Home Connect! This can be found on the Werneth website under 'library' and 'Accelerated Reader'. Your parents can log in using the same username and password that YOU use to quiz your books. Here, they can see your current targets, last book read and your quiz history. Your parents can also use the 'email setup' to track your future quiz results.



Student Guide to:

## Accelerated Reader



### WERNETH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Visit our website for further information and useful links:

[www.wernethschool.com](http://www.wernethschool.com)



### What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a reading scheme, which tracks your reading progress. You will use Accelerated Reader in Years 7, 8 and 9. We expect you to read an AR book at school and at home for an average of 20 minutes every single day.



### What is a STAR reading assessment and why do I take one at least every term?

A STAR reading assessment gives you 34 timed questions to answer. You will have mixture of sentences and paragraphs to read, and will be asked to select the correct answer from up to 4 options. When you give the right answer, you get a harder question. When you get one wrong, you are given an easier question. From this, it tells us the books that are best for you to read on the Accelerated Reader scheme, and we will set you three reading targets. If you are reaching your targets, your reading levels should rise every time you take the assessment.

### What do my targets mean?

- 1. Points target.** Every AR book is worth points, depending on how many words it has. You will be set either termly or half-termly points targets. The targets are based on your ZPD, the length of the term, and on you reading for a minimum of 20 minutes every day. Because of this, you should easily hit your points target.
- 2. Average Percentage Correct target.** This target looks at the number of questions you are getting right on your quizzes. You should be getting at least 85% of your questions right.
- 3. Book Level Target.** Over the school year, we will want you to improve your reading. Every term, we will ask you to aim for a book level that suits you. We will move you up when you quiz 3 books and achieve between 90% and 100%.

### I don't know what my targets and points are.

#### How can I find this information?

Log in to Accelerated Reader. Click the 'AR' icon and then 'Progress.'

### What is a ZPD?

ZPD stands for Zone of Proximal Development. This is a range of books that best suit your reading levels. Your ZPD will have 2 numbers and will look something like this: 2.3-3.6. This tells us that you will be able to read books that are at level 2 quickly and easily, and that you should get 90%-100% on your AR quiz. You should be able to read books that are up to a level 3.6 and score at least 85% on your quizzes, although you may find words in there that you are not sure of.

### What is a reading level?

The reading levels are on all of the library books on the Accelerated Reading scheme. You will find the levels around the top of the books. Each level has a colour, and there are posters up around the library that tells you what level the colours are. Your librarian and English teacher can help you if you are stuck.

### What is an Accelerated Reader quiz?

Once you have read your book, you need to log on to the Accelerated Reader website and take a quiz. You need to quiz your book as soon as you have finished it, whilst it is fresh in your mind.

The quiz will be 3, 5, 10 or 20 questions about the book. You will get 4 options and have to choose the right one. When you have finished the quiz, you will be given your results, and can look at any questions you get wrong. You then need to print off the report and take it to your English teacher or librarian to be signed, and then take it home.

