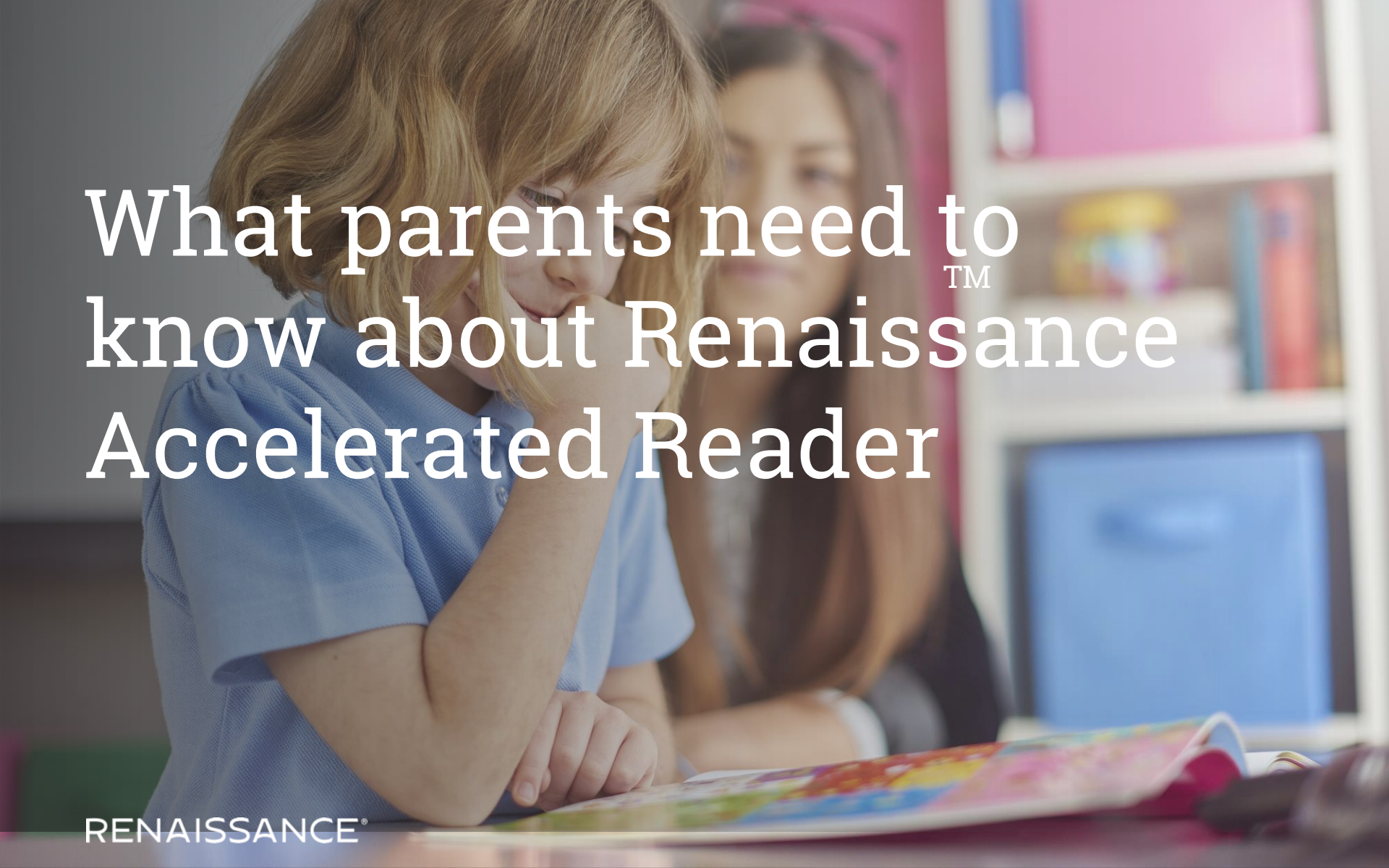

What parents need to know about Renaissance Accelerated Reader™

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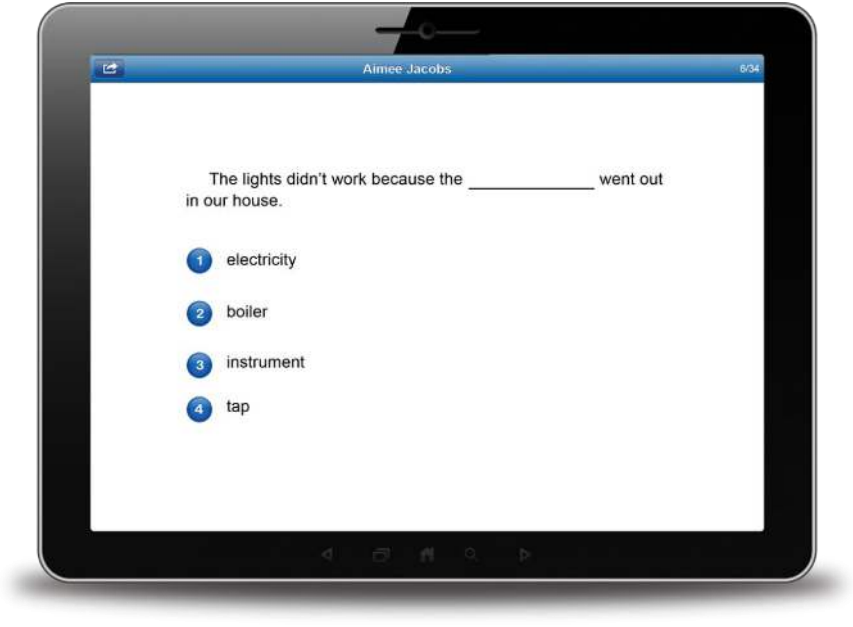
“ Our primary purpose is to accelerate learning for all children and adults of all ability levels and ethnic and social backgrounds, worldwide.”

Star Reading

- 20 minute computer-adaptive test used to assess reading ability.
- Tracks reading growth.
- Provides students with a personalised reading range called the ZPD, and teachers with data to monitor student progress.



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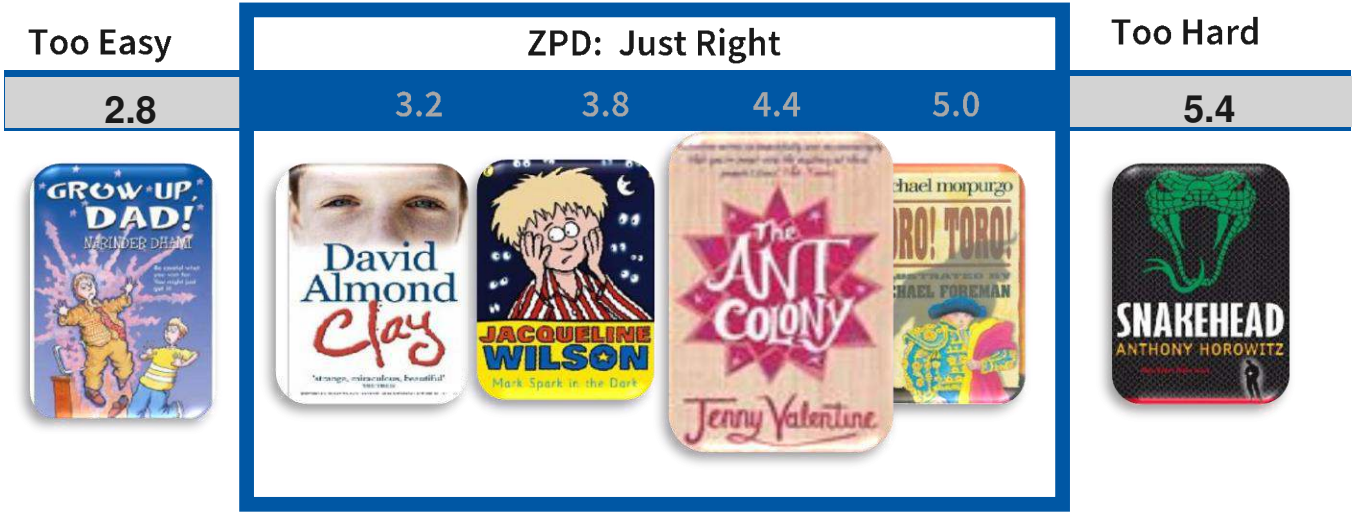
Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

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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Book Level

Can range between 0.2-13.5, calculated using

two main factors:

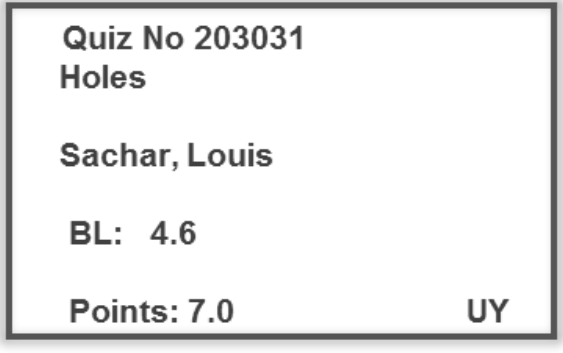
- average sentence length
- vocabulary difficulty

Interest Level relates to content and appropriateness

LY = lower years, approx. age 5-8 (KS1)
MY = middle years, approx. age 9-13 (KS2/3)
UY = upper years, approx. age 14+ (KS4)

Points based on word count

- awarded on a pro rata basis according to quiz success



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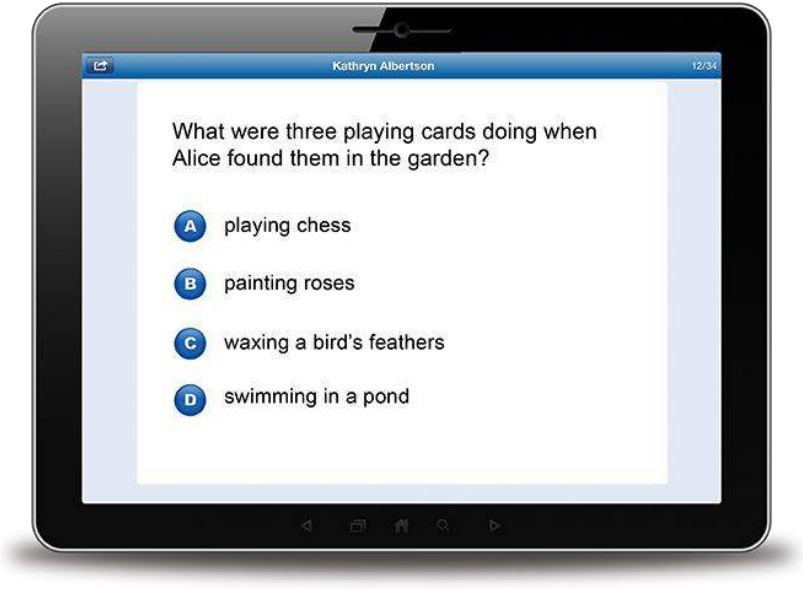
Renaissance Accelerated Reader

- A database of over 27,000 book quizzes
- Measures comprehension
- All quizzed books have a Book Level
  - An estimate of the reading difficulty of the text
  - Based on average sentence length and the difficulty of words
  - Ranges between Book Levels 0.2-13.5



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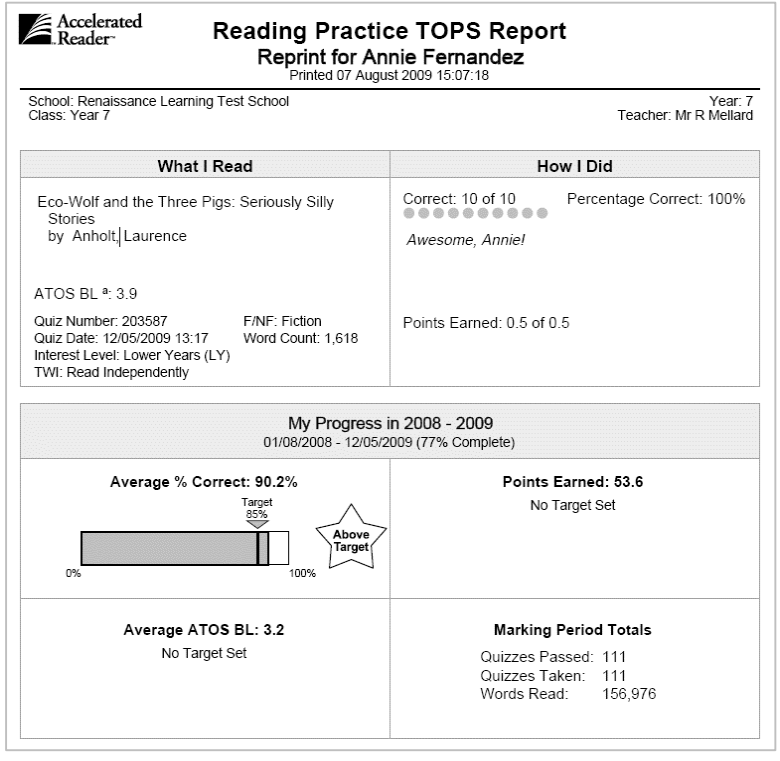
Teachers monitor pupils' progress

- Accelerated Reader provides instant feedback and tracks all scores
- Teachers monitor quiz results and provide encouragement & guidance
- Students aim to average 85% or above on their comprehension quizzes. This indicates good comprehension and will lead to greater progress in reading ability



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Reading Practice TOPS Report
Reprint for Annie Fernandez
Printed 07 August 2009 15:07:18

School: Renaissance Learning Test School
Class: Year 7
Year: 7
Teacher: Mr R Mellard

What I Read	How I Did
Eco-Wolf and the Three Pigs: Seriously Silly Stories by Anholt, Laurence ATOS BL [a]: 3.9 Quiz Number: 203587 Quiz Date: 12/05/2009 13:17 Interest Level: Lower Years (LY) TWI: Read Independently F/NF: Fiction Word Count: 1,618	Correct: 10 of 10 Percentage Correct: 100% *Awesome, Annie!* Points Earned: 0.5 of 0.5

My Progress in 2008 - 2009
01/08/2008 - 12/05/2009 (77% Complete)

Average % Correct: 90.2%
Target 85%
0%
100%
Above Target

Points Earned: 53.6
No Target Set

Average ATOS BL: 3.2
No Target Set

Marking Period Totals
Quizzes Passed: 111
Quizzes Taken: 111
Words Read: 156,976

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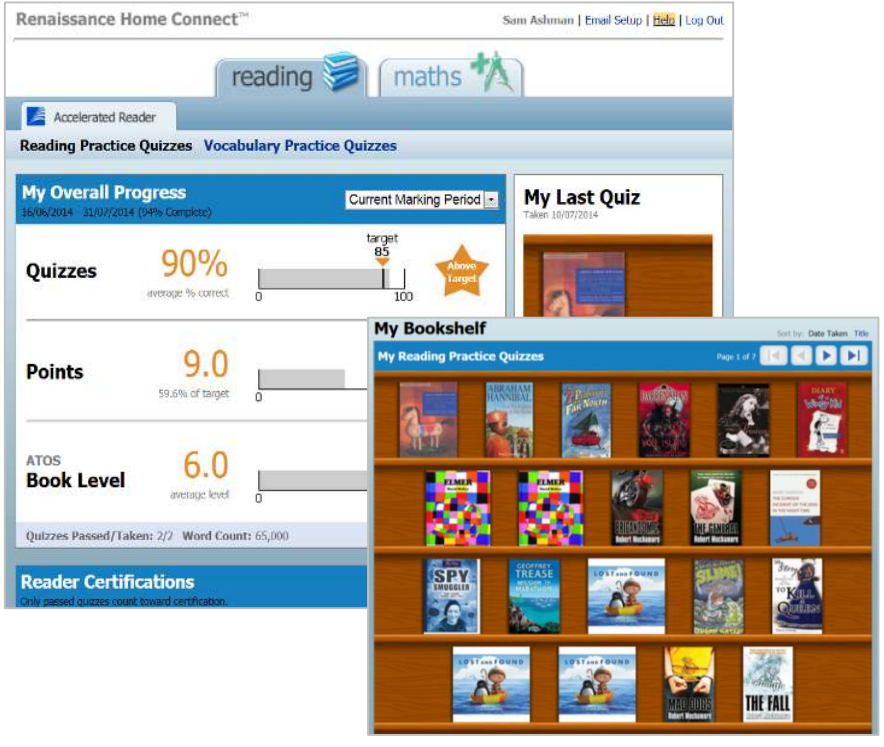
Home Connect™

- Parents can track their children's reading from home using the website Home Connect
- Add email addresses and receive instant feedback on quiz results
- The Bookshelf shows all books read and quizzed on by the student for Accelerated Reader



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AR BookFinder™

- AR BookFinder is a search engine for all books with Accelerated Reader quizzes
- It can be accessed through Home Connect
- Quick Search to see if a book has an AR quiz
- Use Advanced Search to check using various book criteria such as book level or topic

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