



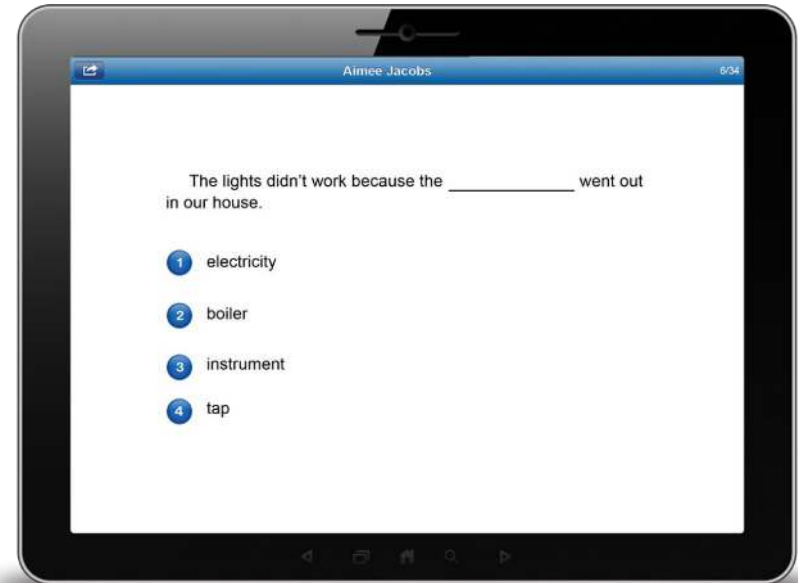
What parents need to  
know about Renaissance<sup>TM</sup>  
Accelerated Reader

RENAISSANCE®

“ 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.



# 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



## 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

●	0.0 - 1.9
●	2.0 - 2.9
●	3.0 - 3.9
●	4.0 - 4.9
●	5.0 - 5.9
●	6.0 +

Quiz No 203031  
Holes

Sachar, Louis

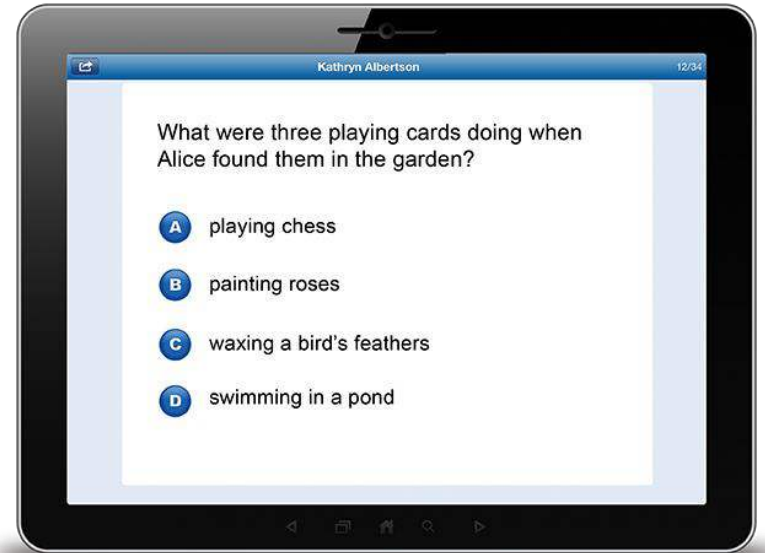
**BL: 4.6**

**Points: 7.0**

**UY**

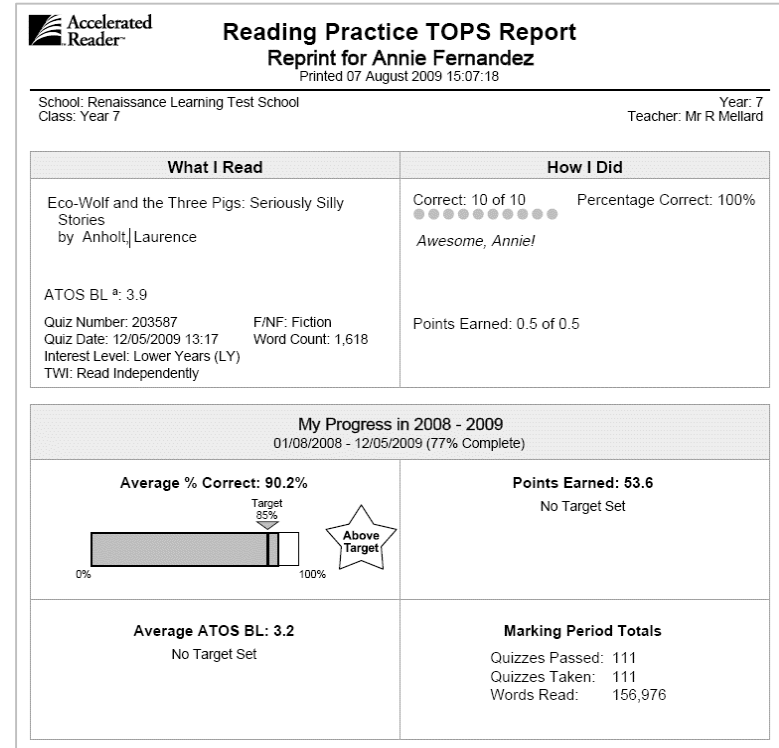
# Renaissance Accelerated Reader

- 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



# 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



# 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

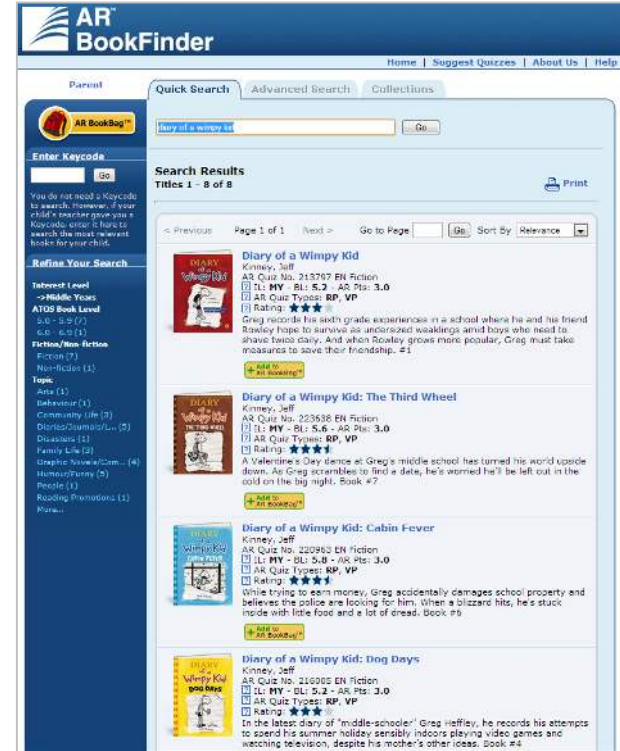
The screenshot displays the Renaissance Home Connect interface for a user named Sam Ashman. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** Includes 'reading' and 'maths' tabs, and a user profile section with 'Email Setup', 'Help', and 'Log Out' links.
- Accelerated Reader:** A sub-section with tabs for 'Reading Practice Quizzes' and 'Vocabulary Practice Quizzes'.
- My Overall Progress:** Shows performance metrics for the current marking period (16/06/2014 to 31/07/2014, 94% complete).
  - Quizzes:** 90% average % correct, with a target of 85 and a star indicating 'Above Target'.
  - Points:** 9.0, which is 59.6% of the target.
  - ATOS Book Level:** 6.0 average level.
  - Summary:** Quizzes Passed/Taken: 2/2, Word Count: 65,000.
- My Last Quiz:** A section for the most recent quiz taken on 10/07/2014.
- My Bookshelf:** A grid of book covers for 'My Reading Practice Quizzes'. The books shown include 'ABRAHAM LINCOLN', 'A Princess and a Pea', 'THE WINDS OF WAR', 'DEARLY MINE', 'FLAME', 'THE SANDS OF TIME', 'THE SPY WHO SHOT ME', 'LOST AND FOUND', 'MEADOWS', and 'THE FALL'.



# 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



The screenshot displays the AR BookFinder website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and links for Home, Suggest Quizzes, About Us, and Help. Below this, a search bar is visible with the text 'diary of a wimpy kid' entered. The search results are displayed in a list format, showing the first three results for 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books. Each result includes the book title, author (Kinney, Jeff), AR Quiz No., TL, MY, BL, AR Pts, AR Quiz Types, and Rating. The first result is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' (AR Quiz No. 213707, EN Fiction, Rating: 4 stars). The second is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel' (AR Quiz No. 223438, EN Fiction, Rating: 4 stars). The third is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever' (AR Quiz No. 220983, EN Fiction, Rating: 4 stars). The fourth result is partially visible: 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days' (AR Quiz No. 216005, EN Fiction, Rating: 4 stars). A left sidebar contains a 'Refine Your Search' section with filters for Interest Level, Middle Years, AR Book Level, Fiction/Non-Fiction, Topic, and more.