



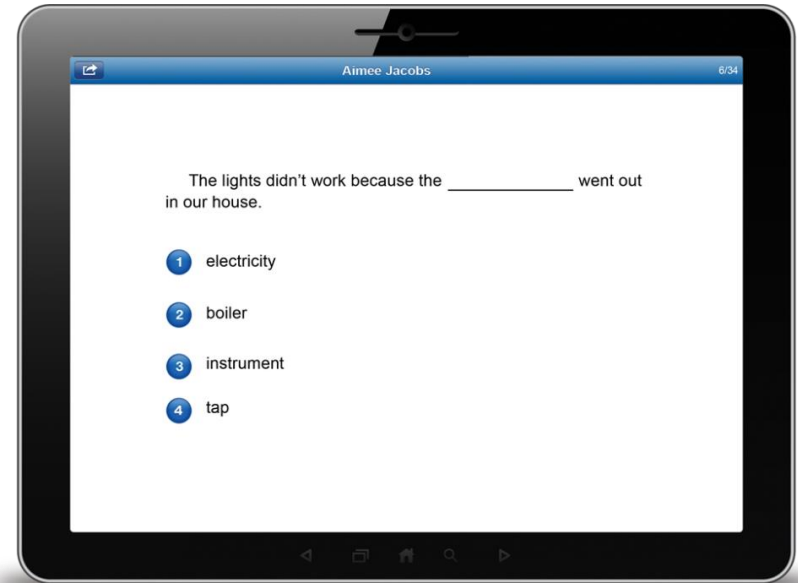
What parents need to  
know about Renaissance<sup>TM</sup>  
Accelerated Reader

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

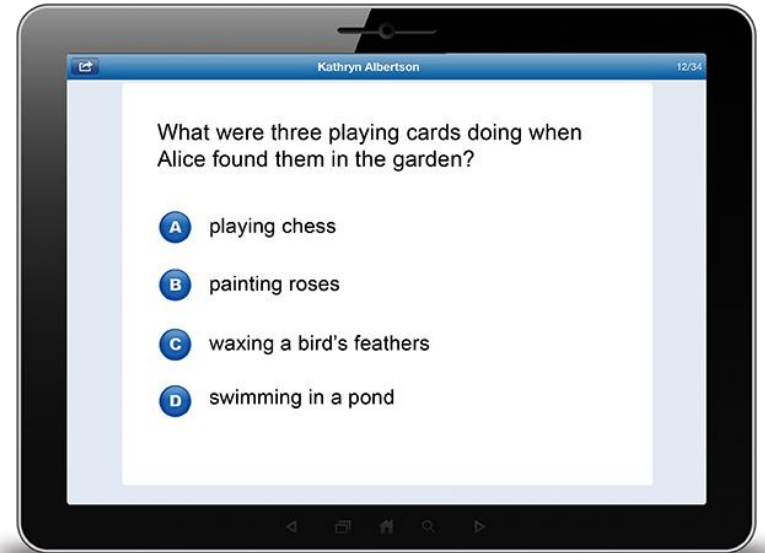
- awarded on a pro rata basis according to quiz success

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

<b>Quiz No 203031</b>	
<b>Holes</b>	
<b>Sachar, Louis</b>	
<b>BL: 4.6</b>	
<b>Points: 7.0</b>	<b>UY</b>

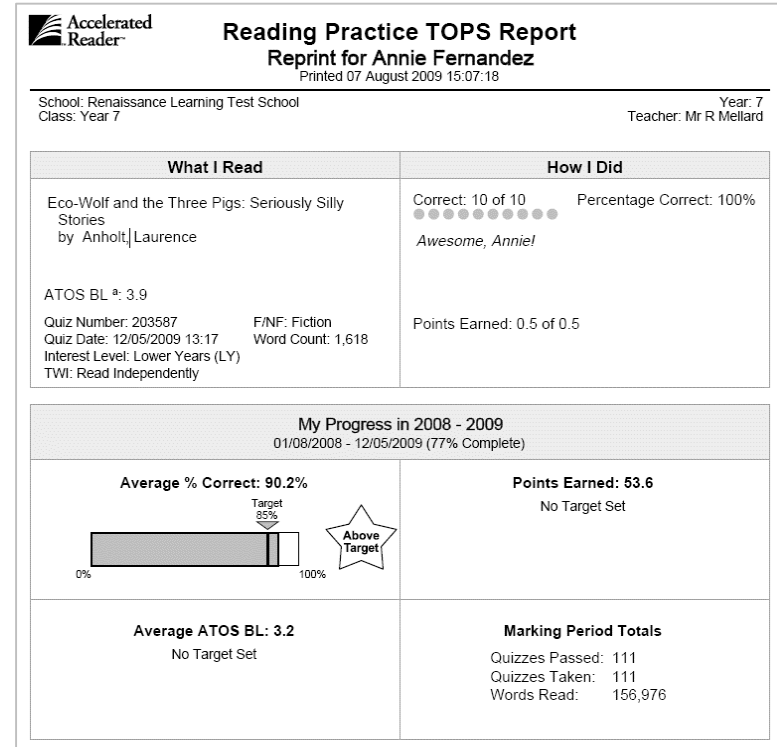
# Renaissance Accelerated Reader

- 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

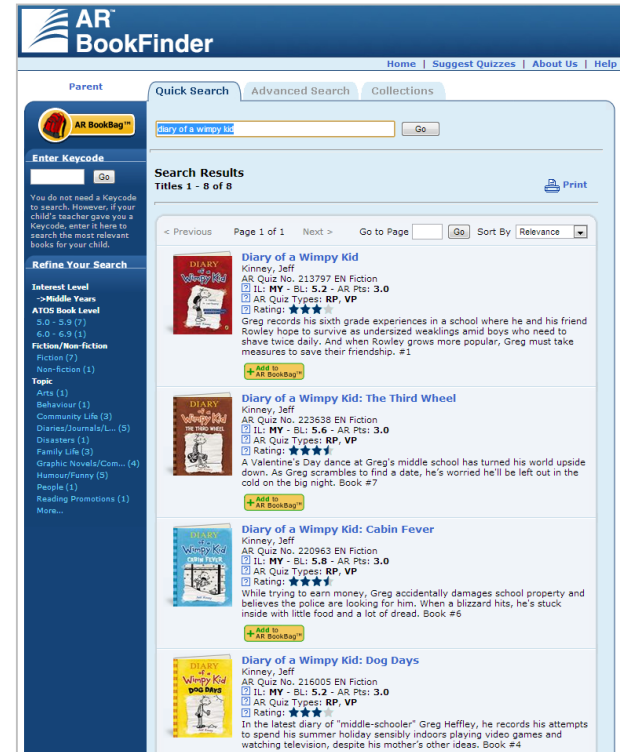
The screenshot displays the Renaissance Home Connect™ interface for a user named Sam Ashman. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** Includes 'reading' and 'maths' tabs with corresponding icons.
- Accelerated Reader:** A sub-section header.
- Reading Practice Quizzes / Vocabulary Practice Quizzes:** Two tabs for quiz selection.
- My Overall Progress:** A summary section for the 'Current Marking Period' (16/06/2014 - 31/07/2014, 94% Complete). It features three progress indicators:
  - Quizzes:** 90% average % correct, with a target of 85 and an 'Above Target' star.
  - Points:** 9.0, which is 59.6% of the target.
  - ATOS Book Level:** 6.0 average level.
- My Last Quiz:** A section for the most recent quiz, taken on 10/07/2014.
- My Bookshelf:** A grid of book covers under the heading 'My Reading Practice Quizzes'. The books shown include titles like 'ABRAHAM HANSHAL', 'A Princess and a Knight', 'MAD DOGS', 'THE FALL', 'SPY SMOUGLES', 'GEORGEY TREASE', 'LOST and FOUND', 'SLIPPER', 'MAD DOGS', and 'THE FALL'.
- Reader Certifications:** A section at the bottom stating 'Only passed quizzes count toward certification'.



# 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 site 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 main content area shows search results for 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books. The first result is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Kinney, Jeff, with an AR Quiz No. of 213797, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 5.2 - AR Pts: 3.0, AR Quiz Types: RP, VP, and a Rating of ★★☆☆. A brief description follows: 'Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a school where he and his friend Rowley hope to survive as undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shove twice daily. And when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take measures to save their friendship. #1'. Below the description is a yellow 'Add to AR BookBag™' button. The second result is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel' by Kinney, Jeff, with an AR Quiz No. of 223638, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 5.6 - AR Pts: 3.0, AR Quiz Types: RP, VP, and a Rating of ★★☆☆. The description reads: 'A Valentine's Day dance at Greg's middle school has turned his world upside down. As Greg scrambles to find a date, he's worried he'll be left out in the cold on the big night. Book #7'. The third result is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever' by Kinney, Jeff, with an AR Quiz No. of 220963, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 5.8 - AR Pts: 3.0, AR Quiz Types: RP, VP, and a Rating of ★★☆☆. The description states: 'While trying to earn money, Greg accidentally damages school property and believes the police are looking for him. When a blizzard hits, he's stuck inside with little food and a lot of dread. Book #6'. The fourth result is 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days' by Kinney, Jeff, with an AR Quiz No. of 215005, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 5.2 - AR Pts: 3.0, AR Quiz Types: RP, VP, and a Rating of ★★☆☆. The description says: 'In the latest diary of "middle-schooler" Greg Heffley, he records his attempts to spend his summer holiday sensibly indoors playing video games and watching television, despite his mother's other ideas. Book #4'. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with 'Refine Your Search' options, including Interest Level (5.0 - 5.9 (7), 6.0 - 6.9 (1)), Fiction/Non-fiction (Fiction (7), Non-fiction (1)), and Topic (Arts (1), Behaviour (1), Community Life (3), Diaries/Journals/L... (5), Disasters (1), Family Life (3), Graphic Novels/Com... (4), Humor/Funny (5), People (1), Reading Promotions (1), More...).