

ACCELERATED READER PARENTS GUIDE





Why is reading so important?

- Reading is good for you because it **improves your:**
- Focus
- Memory
- Empathy
- Communication skills
- It can reduce stress
- Improve your mental health
- Help you live longer
- Allows you to learn new things to help you succeed in your work and relationships

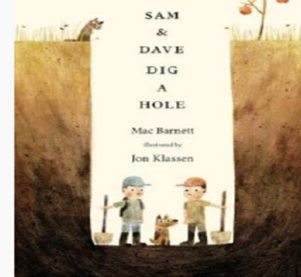




What Is Accelerated Reader



Accelerated
Reader



Sam & Dave Dig a Hole
by Mac Barnett

Quiz: 227630 EN Level: 1.9 LY Points: 0.5

My Rating:
One of the Best ★★★★★



You passed this quiz.
5 of 5 correct

% Correct

100

Points

0.5

Words Read

275

Print TOPS Report

Find My Next Book

Look at your TOPS Report

How could you use this score to help you choose your next book?

Interest Level	Age (in years)
LY - Lower Years	5-8
MY - Middle Years	9-13
MY+ - Middle Years+	12+
UY - Upper Years	14+



BL: 4.0
IL: UY
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[https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/.](https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/)

STAR Reading Tests



Jessie Sharp

It was lunchtime on Dana's first day at her new school. She wanted to make friends but sat down by herself. Then some girls at another table smiled and waved at her, so she sat down with them. Soon Dana was laughing with the other girls.

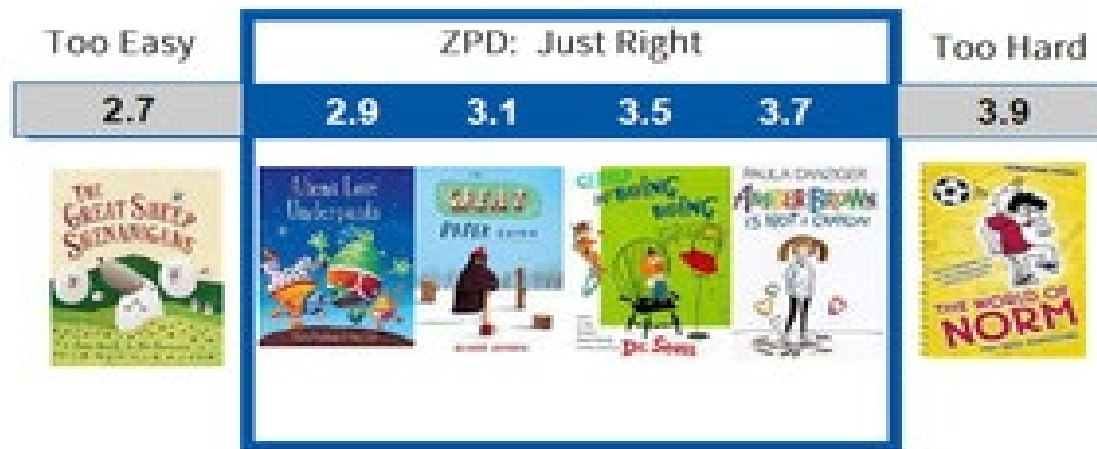
How does Dana solve her problem?

- ☐ 1 She forgets to bring her lunch to school.
- ☐ 2 She sits with some other girls at lunch.
- ☐ 3 She gives the other girls her lunch.



Book Level Range

Choose a book within your ZPD



- This is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation.
- Books that have a quiz on AR are given a 'book level' which represent the difficulty of the text.
- Book levels range from 0.5-13.5. Children should choose books within their range to make the most progress in their reading.



Points and interest level

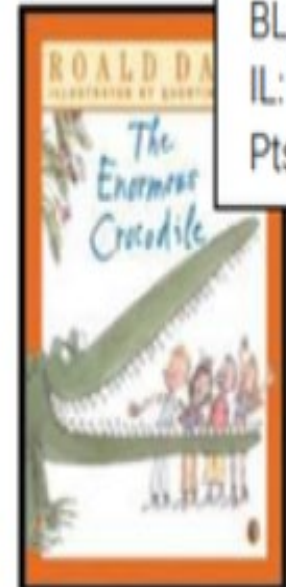
Every book that has an AR Reading Practice Quiz is given a points value. AR points are based on the length of the book (number of words). Pupils earn a percentage of points according to how well they pass the quiz.

The Interest Level indicates for which age group a book is suitable for. It does this based on the content and themes.

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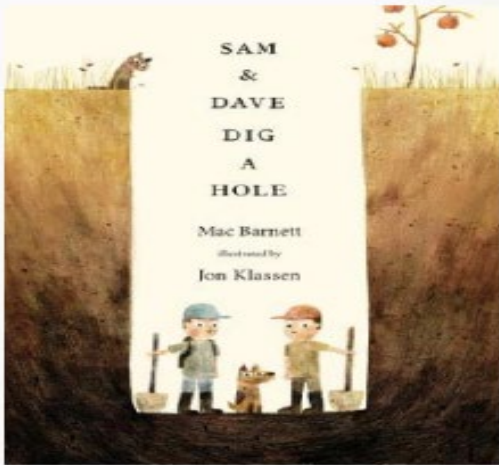


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Points and interest level

As mentioned above, children take a quiz once they have finished their book. It is important that children take their quiz as soon as possible after finishing their book (no more than a week later!) as this can affect their scores. Once they have finished their quiz children can immediately see if they have passed. If they pass they can review their incorrect answers.



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What does my score tell me?

100%

This book was comfortable for you, perhaps try a book higher up in your ZPD range next time.

90%

This book was perfect for you. Perhaps try one or two book levels higher next time.

80%

This book was a little difficult for you. Perhaps choose one or two book levels lower next time.

70%

This book was quite challenging for you. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD range next time.

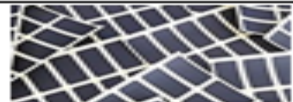
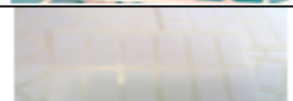
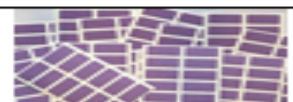
60% or below

This book was too challenging. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD or speak to your teacher for help.

Choosing a book



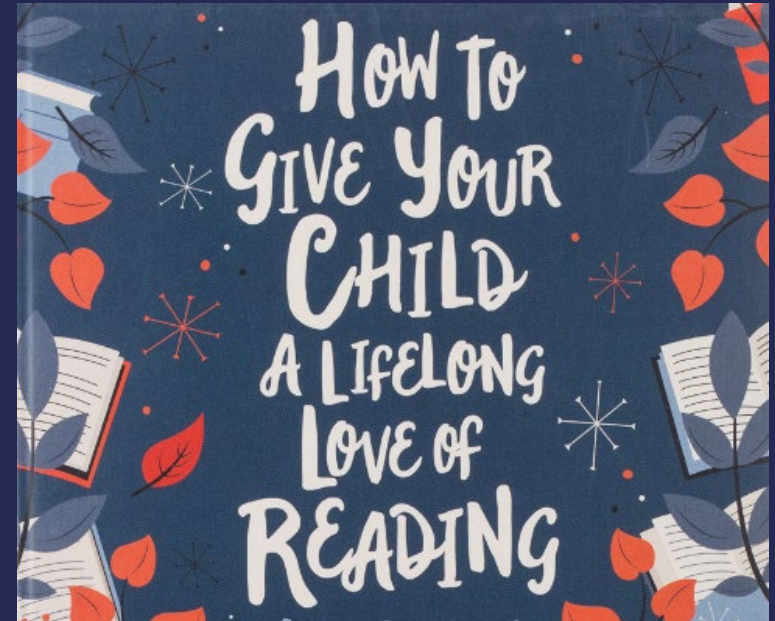
Accelerated Reader

<i><1.5 – 1.9</i>	<i>Jet</i>	
<i>2.0 – 2.4</i>	<i>Quartz</i>	
<i>2.5 – 2.9</i>	<i>Topaz</i>	
<i>3.0 – 3.4</i>	<i>Diamond</i>	
<i>3.5 – 3.9</i>	<i>Emerald</i>	
<i>4.0 – 4.9</i>	<i>Ruby</i>	
<i>5.0 – 5.9</i>	<i>Amethyst</i>	
<i>6.0 – 7.9</i>	<i>Sapphire</i>	
<i>8.0 +</i>	<i>Amber</i>	

How Can I help my child become a Better Reader?



- Encourage your child to read at home
- Visit the local library/ bookshop
- Read with them no matter how old they are
- Ask them questions about their book





7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1** Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2** Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', even for older children. So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3** Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'If the erosion is attacking the cliff face, what do you think could happen next?'

- 4** Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Describing the big idea of a chapter or a topic develops memory and maximises learning. For example, 'how do microwaves work?'

- 5** Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, encourage them to keep a log of the books/articles they have written that are interesting to them, they can add key information.

- 6** Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make reading a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. You can discuss them when you are in the car or even cooking together. For example, 'What text are you studying in Drama?' or discuss the impact of social media on teenagers in PSE.

- 7** Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. For example, they can borrow texts from the school library. You could encourage them to download Goodreads or the Kindle app—many books are free.

What if my child doesn't like reading?



- Using Accelerated Reader, your child will choose the books he/she wants to read.
- The teacher or librarian will make certain the book is at the right level, so that after completing the book, your child should do well on the AR Reading Practice Quiz.
- Success on the quiz will encourage your child to read more. With guidance from the teacher, and success, even students who say they don't like reading will develop a love of reading.

How will I know if an AR book has a book has an AR Quiz?



You can also visit the AR BookFinder™ at to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.

All school library and classroom books should have the AR levels on the outside or inside cover of the book.

<https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/>.