



**Frequently Asked Questions with Accelerated Reader**

- Q. Is it ok to read a few pages per night instead of a whole book?**  
A. Yes, students can take their time to finish a whole book. They should be either read to or read independently. The reading level you were provided with is the one at which they should be able to read independently.
- Q. If it is ok to read a few pages per night, when do I send the response sheet and form to school?**  
A. Once the book has been finished, please briefly ask a few comprehension questions, such as, can you summarize the story, or who are the characters, etc. (a packet came home in February which has such questions, too!)
- Q. Can we choose any random book we have in the book shelf and check the book level online afterwards?**  
A. You can choose any book of interest, but it should be on the child's AR level (independent reading level) and ideally the child should read by him or herself. If the book is a little higher, let's say the child is at a 1.2 independent reading level but the book is at a 1.7 reading level, you can read the book to or with the child. To determine how the book is read, book levels should always be looked up before reading the book. This ensures that students read books that are on their level. Only once you have checked in with the child, you can fill out the form and send it back to school. The form indicates to the teacher that the child is ready to take a quick computerized comprehension quiz on the book she/he read! Most books have AR quizzes, so that is what makes the program so great and emphasizes the connection between school and home!
- Q. If the book is short and can be read completely in 1 reading, will the kids take multiple tests in 1 week? Do they get tested on every book they read?**  
A. The students don't have to test each week. They test whenever they have finished their next book. Students get tested whenever you send in the response sheet that your child is ready to test. Testing may take a while, given the fact that there is a limited number of computers in each classroom.
- Q. Is it ok if I ask students the questions about the story and have them write down the answers?**  
A. Writing is very closely linked to reading and a written response to a book they have read will increase their writing skills, too! If your child is in first grade, students don't have to write down answers, you can ask questions and they can answer orally if you like, so you can determine if they are ready to be tested on the book at school.
- Q. Do we send the book to school so you know what the answer is when quizzing them?**  
A. You can send the book or simply the title. By typing in the book title, students can find the quiz themselves.



**Q. Do we need to buy books for our child?**

A. No, your child can read any book that they are interested in. Please look up the level of the book and check if it is in your child's reading range. If the book is at a higher level, your child may attempt to read the book independently and see how he/she scores on the quiz, or you may read the book to or with the child.

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