



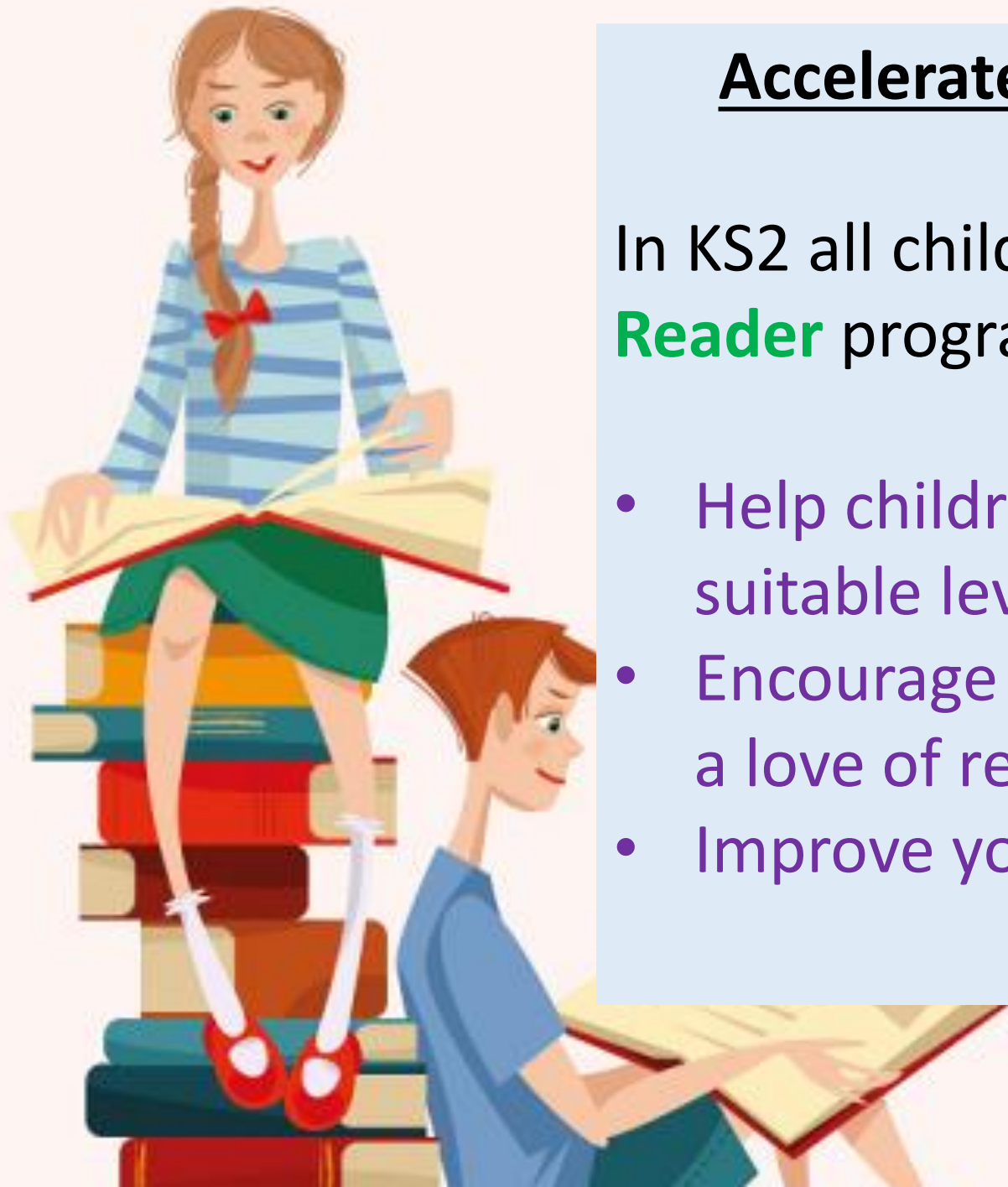
# Accelerated Reader



## Accelerated Reader: A Guide for Parents

In KS2 all children take part in the **Accelerated Reader** programme, which is designed to:

- Help children to find books that are of a suitable level for them.
- Encourage your child to read more and foster a love of reading.
- Improve your child's reading ability.

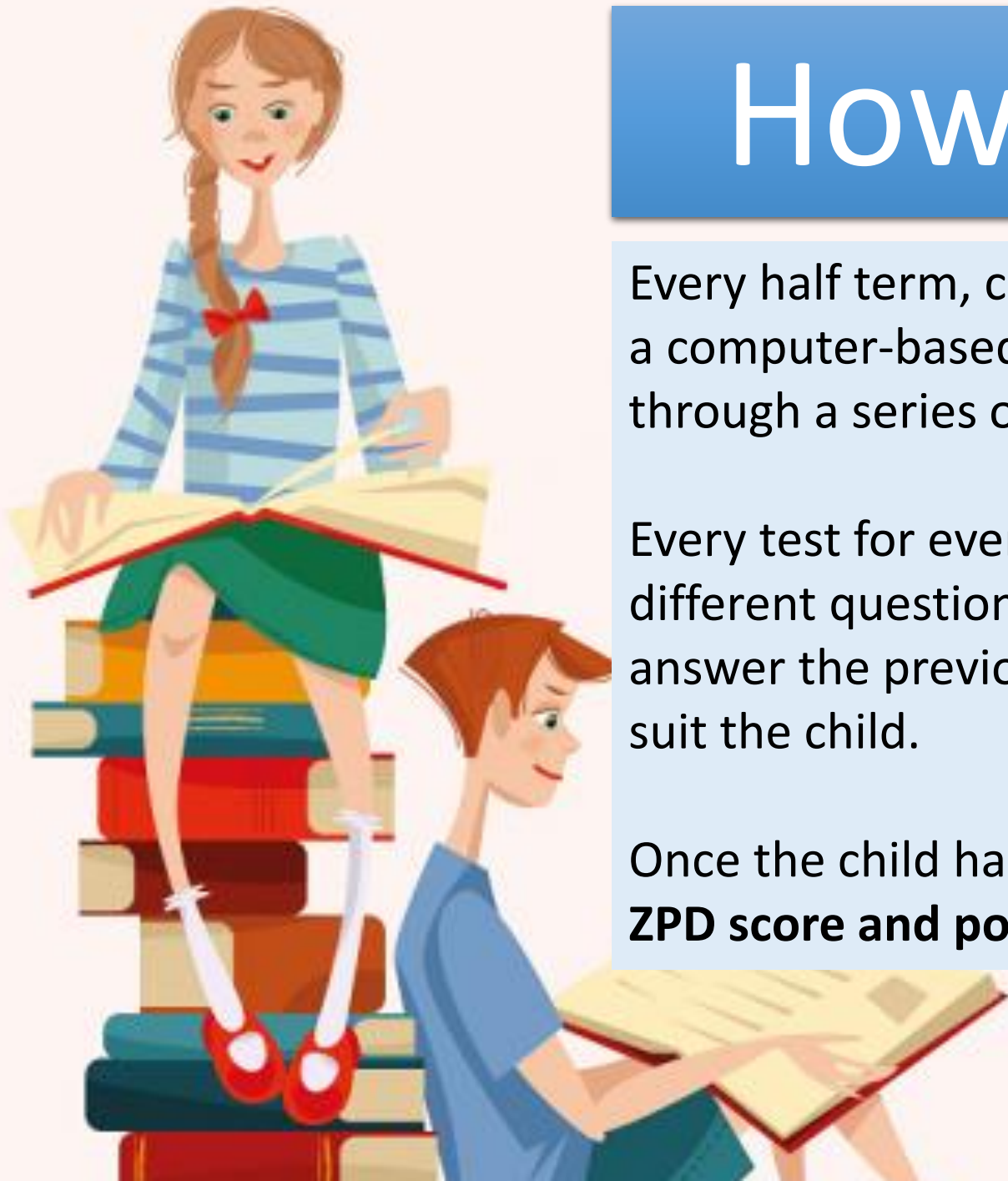


# How does it work?

Every half term, children in KS2 take a **Star Assessment**, which is a computer-based test that measures a child's reading ability through a series of questions.

Every test for every child is different, and the computer selects different questions for each child dependent on how well they answer the previous questions; the computer adapts the test to suit the child.

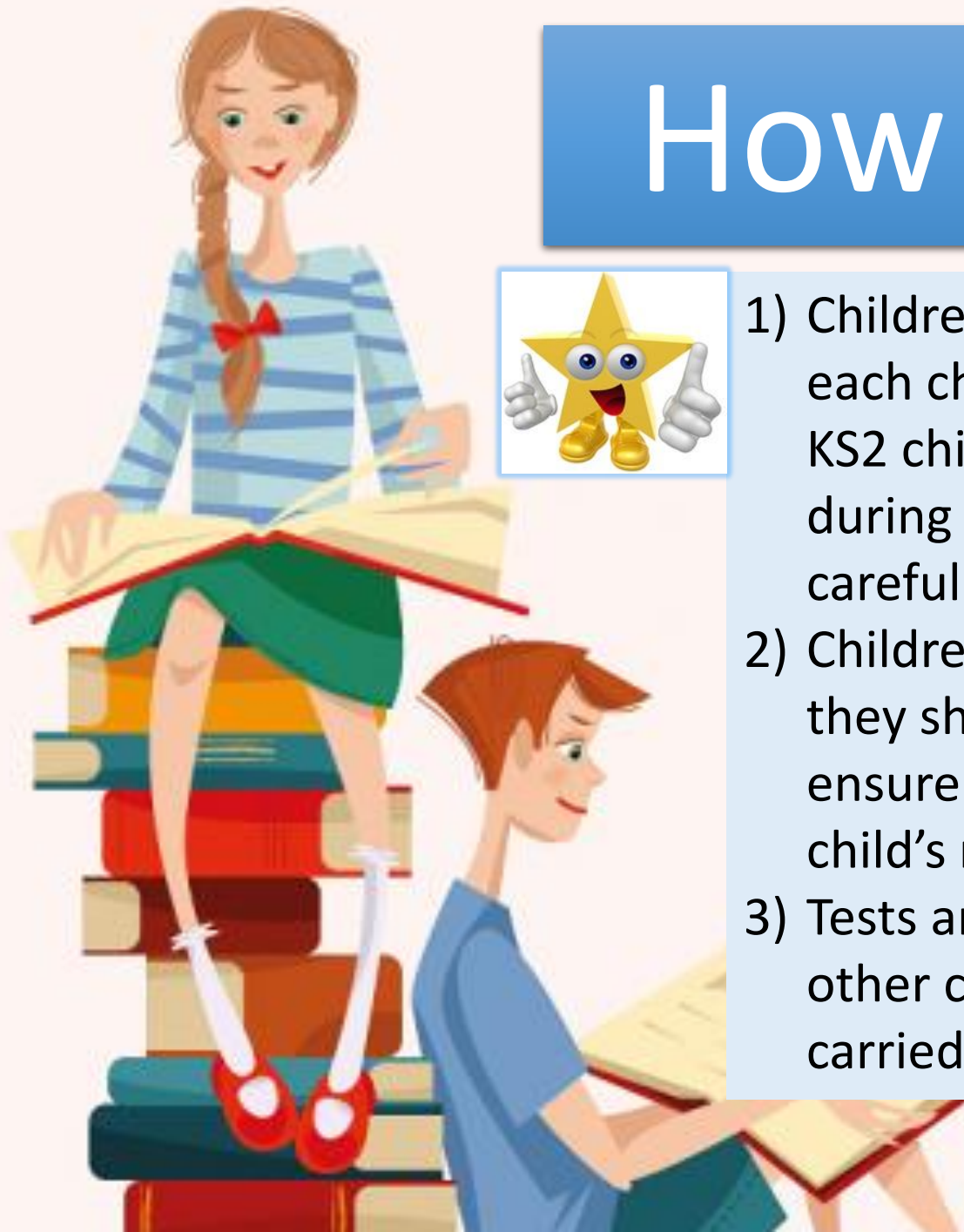
Once the child has completed the test, they are then given a **ZPD score and points target** by their teacher.



# How STAR tests work



- 1) Children must take their time. It is recommended that each child should spend at least 20 minutes on their test. KS2 children are used to working in timed conditions, but during a STAR test it is about concentration, focus and careful reading, rather than speed.
- 2) Children should not guess answers to questions. Instead, they should wait for the question to time out. This is to ensure the computer is not given a false impression of the child's reading ability.
- 3) Tests are done in exam conditions without any help from other children or the teacher. These assessments are only carried out **at school (once a half term)**.





In 1849, thousands of hopeful people arrived in California. They had come from all over America, from big cities and small towns and farms. Some arrived from Europe. They were there to strike gold or to make money from those miners who did find the shiny metal. They set up camps and struggled to learn the ways of mining. Some really did strike it rich, but most barely got by.

For what purpose was this paragraph written?

- 1 to inform readers about a historical event
- 2 to entertain readers with a story about mining
- 3 to persuade readers to try to strike it rich

# Earning Points



- Once children have completed their Star Assessment and have been set a target, they are ready to earn points.
- Children can earn points by completing a quiz on the book they have read.
- An 'average' level of understanding would be 85% of the questions correct.
- If children score at least 85%, they will be rewarded with full points towards their target.
- Staff regularly monitor children's reading using AR and can track children's progress very closely.
- Targets are reset each half term following a new Star Assessment.
- Awards are given for a variety of achievements.

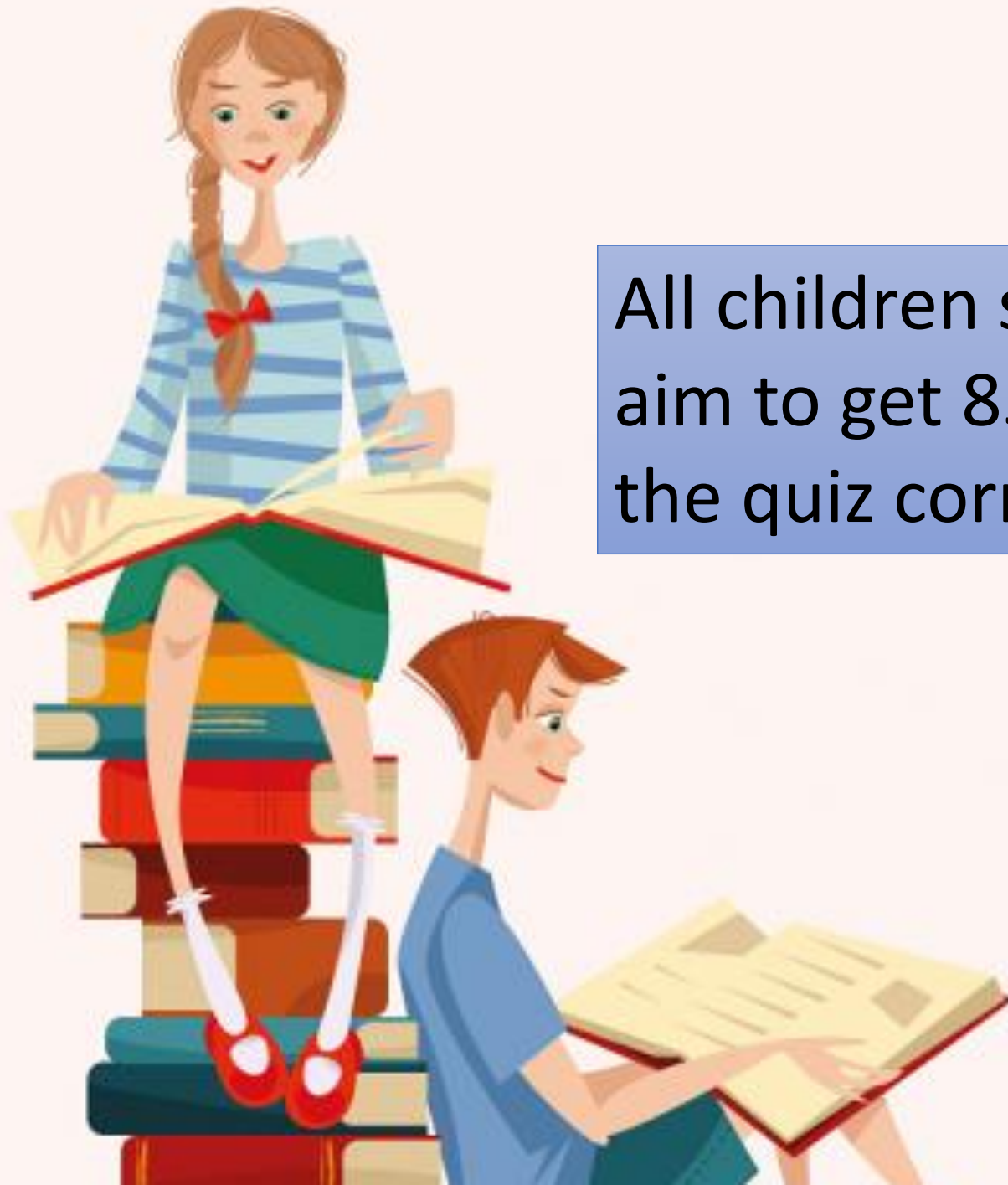
Question 1 of 20

While on the train to Hogwarts, what rumour did Rose reveal to Albus?

- A Professor McGonagall was retiring as Headmistress.
- B James had cheated on his OWL exams.
- C Dementors had been spotted around the school.
- D Scorpius Malfoy was Voldemort's son.







All children should aim to get 85% of the quiz correct.

This bookmark belongs to:  
Lpotts

User: lpotts  
Password: ABC123

Spring 1

Book level: **4.4-7.4**  
Points target: **12.1**

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This is the amount of points your child is working towards. When they reach this, they will receive a reward and be set a new target.

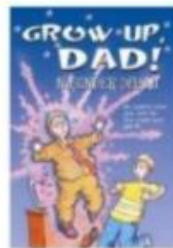


# How do children know which books to read?

The 'ZPD' or 'Book Level' tells the child which books are suitable.

For example: if the 'Book Level' was 3.2 – 5.2, you could read any of the books below in green.

Too Easy  
2.8



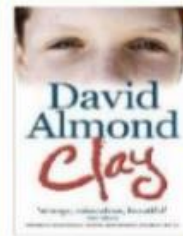
ZPD: Just Right

3.2

3.8

4.4

5.0



Too Hard  
5.4

There are HUNDREDS of books available for children to read at their Book Level. These can be books at home, in class or from the library.

# In school...

Lots of books have already been labelled like the one below. Many are still to be labelled but this does not mean children can't read them and earn points!

The number of the quiz you will take once you have read the book.

Quiz No 219982  
Billionaire Boy

Title of the book.

Author of the book.

Walliams, David

Book level

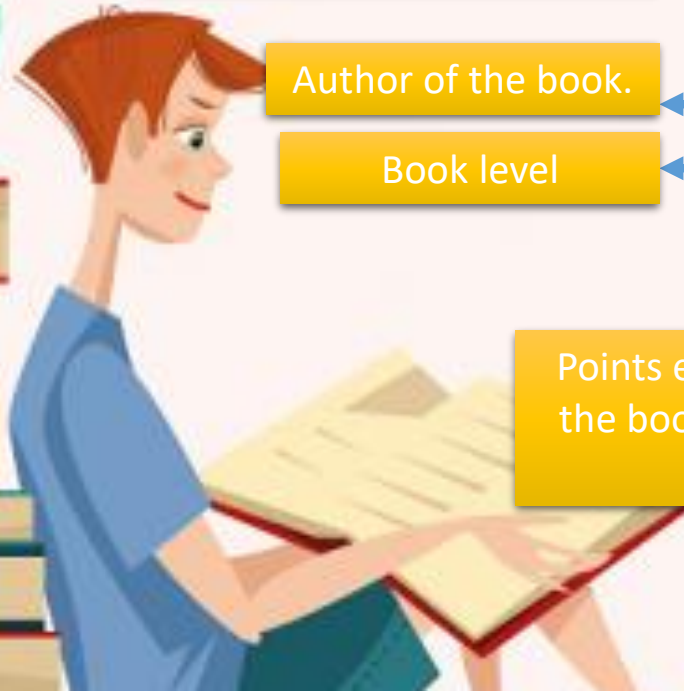
B.L.: 4.1

Points: 4.0

Points earned for reading the book and completing the quiz.

MY

LY - Lower Years (5-8 years),  
MY - Middle Years (9-13 years)  
UY - Upper Years (14+ years)



# How to check if your child can earn points for reading a book:

The screenshot shows the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Bookfinder website. At the top left is the 'RENAISSANCE' logo. To the right are links for 'Suggest Quizzes', 'About Us', and 'Help'. Below the logo is the text 'RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™'. On the right side, there is a map of the United Kingdom & Ireland. Below the map are navigation links: 'Teacher' (with a person icon), 'Quick Search' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Advanced Search', and 'Collections'. A large search input field is centered, with a blue 'Search' button to its right. Below the search field is a paragraph of instructions: 'You can search for book titles based on authors, topics or titles of books. Just type what you want to search for in the blank field above and click **Search**. You will then be able to sort your search results, select book titles to add to your AR BookBag, print a list of your search results or start a new search.' On the left side, there is a section for 'AR BookBag™' with an icon of a book bag. Below it is a section titled 'Enter Keycode' with an input field and a 'Go' button. A note below the input field states: 'You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.'

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**Accelerated** Reader Bookfinder™

United Kingdom & Ireland

Teacher Quick Search Advanced Search Collections

Search

You can search for book titles based on authors, topics or titles of books. Just type what you want to search for in the blank field above and click **Search**. You will then be able to sort your search results, select book titles to add to your AR BookBag, print a list of your search results or start a new search.

AR BookBag™

Enter Keycode

Go

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Book Finder

# Logging on to Accelerated Reader (as a child)



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Login Page





# Connecting at Home

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reading **maths**

Accelerated Reader

Reading Practice Quizzes Vocabulary Practice Quizzes

### My Overall Progress

05/04/2007 - 07/06/2007 (92% Complete) Current Marking Period

**Quizzes** 87.5% average % correct target 85 Above Target

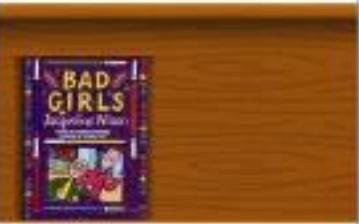
**Points** 27.7 87% of target target 32 4.3 Points to Target

**ATOS Book Level** 4.0 average level target 4.0 At Target

Quizzes Passed/Taken: 8/9 **Word Count: 22,843**

### My Last Quiz

Taken: 04/05/2007



**Bad Girls**  
By Jacqueline Wilson  
ATOS Book Level: 4.0  
Interest Level: Middle Years

9 of 10 Correct **90%**

3.6 of 4.0 Points **3.6**

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### Reader Certifications

Only passed quizzes count toward certification.

**Last Achieved:** Advanced Reader  
Achieved 15/05/2007  
Read: 3 books  
ATOS BL: 3.0 or higher  
Earned: 2 points or more per book

**Current Target:** Star Reader  
Read: 3 books  
ATOS BL: 4.0 or higher  
Worth: 4 points or more per book

### Find Books

With Accelerated Reader Quizzes



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SCAN ME

AR Home Connect

# Email notifications

Lucy took an Accelerated Reader Reading Practice Quiz today.

**Title:** Gangsta Granny

**Author:** David Walliams

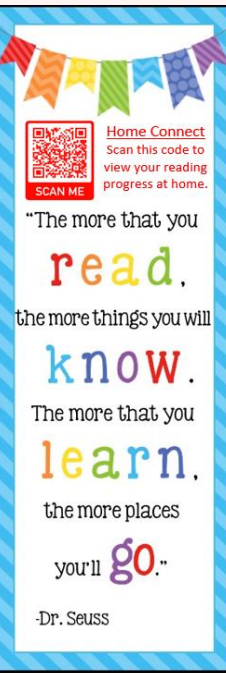
**Mark:** 80%

**Points:** 4

To learn more about your student's progress, log in to [Renaissance Home Connect](#) and enter your student's user name and password.

If you have questions about this email or Renaissance Home Connect, please contact your student's school.

Thank you.





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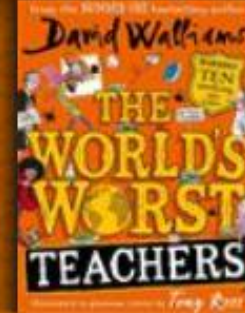
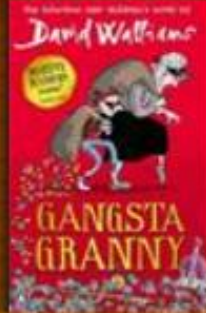
Reading Practice Quizzes Vocabulary Practice Quizzes

# My Bookshelf

Sort by: Date Taken

## My Reading Practice Quizzes

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Home Connect  
Scan this code to view your reading progress at home.

“The more that you  
**read,**  
the more things you will  
**know.**  
The more that you  
**learn,**  
the more places  
you'll **go.**”

-Dr. Seuss






# Millionaire's Row



## MILLIONAIRE'S ROW

*Award Ceremony*

High five		I have read at least five books.
Bulls-eye!		I have met my <u>points</u> target.
Word millionaire		I have read 1 million words!
Word multi-millionaire		I have read several million words.
Bookworm		I have recommended a book.












# What can you do to help your child?

- Talk to them about what they are reading.
- Keep reading to them.
- Enjoy and share books together.
- Model reading behaviours where possible.
- Praise their achievements, whether it's finishing a book, completing a quiz, scoring well etc.
- Login to their AR via Home Connect and see how they're getting on.
- Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

# Accessing Accelerated Reader

 	<p><b><u>Accelerated Reader login page</u></b></p> <p>Your child will use this to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take a quiz (at home or in school) when they finish a book.</li><li>• Search for their next book.</li><li>• Review their own progress towards a target.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Web address:</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/6708557">https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/6708557</a></p>
 	<p><b><u>Home Connect login page</u></b></p> <p>Parents (and children) can use this to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setup email notifications</li><li>• Review their child's progress towards a target.</li><li>• Review their child's individual book quiz results.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Web address:</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/6708557/homeconnect">https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/6708557/homeconnect</a></p>
  	<p><b><u>Accelerated Reader book finder page</u></b></p> <p>Anyone can use this to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Search for a book within a specific book level</li><li>• Check if the book you would like to read is the correct level.</li><li>• Check how many points can be awarded for reading a book.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Web address:</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://www.arbookfind.co.uk">https://www.arbookfind.co.uk</a></p>

An illustration of two children reading. A girl with a braid, wearing a blue and white striped shirt and a green skirt, sits on a tall stack of colorful books. She is holding an open book. A boy with short brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, sits on the floor next to her, also reading an open book. The background is plain white.

Any questions?