Accelerated Reader™ Advantage

Accelerated Reader Advantage (ARA) combines two key elements of baseline assessment and personalised reading practice to promote reading for pleasure and encourage pupils to read more books for pleasure.

➡ Motivate pupils of all ages and abilities to read more, suitably challenging books

➡ Raise literacy standards amongst all pupils from Years 1 to 13

➡ Diagnose problems and direct ongoing reading practice

➡ Develop a lifelong love of reading in your pupils

ARA is formed of STAR Reading and Accelerated Reader (AR), which together inform instruction and engage pupils – helping them achieve their full literacy potential.

Inform instruction with STAR reading assessment that establishes a reading range for use with Accelerated Reader, in addition to an estimated reading age, National Curriculum level and sublevel for every pupil

Engage pupils with over 18,000 fun, motivational Accelerated Reader quizzes on popular books ranging from The Hungry Caterpillar to Roald Dahl, and the Harry Potter series to the Classics

Achieve significantly improved standards of literacy across the class, year group or school – with each pupil progressing at their own level

Accelerating children's reading skills

Renaissance Learning™

"It just makes me want to read more books!"

Inform

The STAR Reading component of Accelerated Reader Advantage (ARA) is computer-adaptive baseline assessment software that quickly and accurately establishes the actual reading level of individual pupils so that growth can be easily measured and tracked over time.

Up to 16 key reports are available that aid screening, placement, progress monitoring and growth measurement. The wealth of information available can be used to inform the creation of a personalised reading plan for every pupil.

Each completed assessment establishes a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) or reading range for use with Accelerated Reader, in addition to a National Curriculum level and sublevel.

Engage

The practice element of Accelerated Reader Advantage is Accelerated Reader, which utilises the STAR Reading results to offer fun, motivational quizzes based on the books deemed most suitable for pupils according to their individual ZPD.

The ZPD identifies a Book Level (an appropriate reading range) for each pupil containing books that are deemed neither too easy nor too challenging, so that they can enjoy the text and gain the necessary reading practice to improve.

Once completed, the pupil takes a fun, motivational Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz based on the text. Over 18,000 popular fiction and non-fiction titles have already been quizzed, with a further 200 added each month. In addition to these Comprehension quizzes, Vocabulary Practice and Literacy Skills quizzes are also available on a number of titles.

Both the pupil and teacher receive the results of the quiz the moment it has been completed in the form of a TOPS (The Opportunity to Praise Students) report, which details whether or not the recommended 85% pass level has been reached and highlights areas for improvement. In addition to providing valuable information for the teacher, it makes an excellent home-school report that keeps parents and guardians regularly informed of reading progress.

Pupils earn points each time they successfully pass a quiz, which count towards their individual and class targets set by the teacher using the information provided by STAR Reading.

This competitive element of the program really engages and motivates pupils of all ages to pick up another book as soon as they have successfully quizzed their last one.

Achieve

Schools using Accelerated Reader Advantage regularly achieve an average of two years' reading growth in just one academic year – with some reporting as much as four years in the same period.

In addition to improved standards of literacy across the class, year group or school thanks to informed instruction and personalised reading practice, ARA places the library at the heart of the school – and significantly boosts book circulation.

Every school using ARA receives training specific to their requirements by a designated Implementation Specialist, has access to help and support from our Customer Services Team, and can share hints, tips and best practices with other schools using the program at free local events.

Contact details

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Getting started with ARA:

Accelerated Reader Advantage is available by subscription and hosted online at Renaissance Place (RP). STAR Reading assessment and Accelerated Reader quizzes can be administered at **any time, from any school computer,** whilst Accelerated Reader quizzes can also be completed using Renaissance Learning's **NEO 2** writing tool. For best results, we recommend between 20-30 minutes daily reading practice for every pupil.

AR BookFinder and **AR BookGuide** are useful websites that allow pupils, parents, teachers and librarians to quickly and easily search for books that have been AR quizzed.

Home Connect is a unique feature of RP that significantly aids home-school communication by allowing parents and guardians to access information about their child's progress with Accelerated Reader.

They can see which books have been read and quizzed and all the quiz results. **Up to six family members** can receive automatic email alerts every time a quiz is completed.

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