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Reading Planet Online

Stars – Supernova

PARENT GUIDE

A guide to using Reading Planet on **Boost** with your child

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WHAT IS READING PLANET ONLINE: STARS – SUPERNOVA?

Reading Planet Online: Stars – Supernova offers the full range of Reading Planet Cosmos and Astro print reading books in interactive eBook format. The eBooks can be read in school or assigned for home reading.

Reading Planet books are designed to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are just starting on their reading journey, through to those who are becoming fluent and confident readers.

The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays, created by a team of established and upcoming authors and illustrators. All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria to ensure a very gradual progression in difficulty and length of text.

Each eBook features a variety of Knowledge Tests to check children's understanding of what they have read and to help improve their vocabulary.

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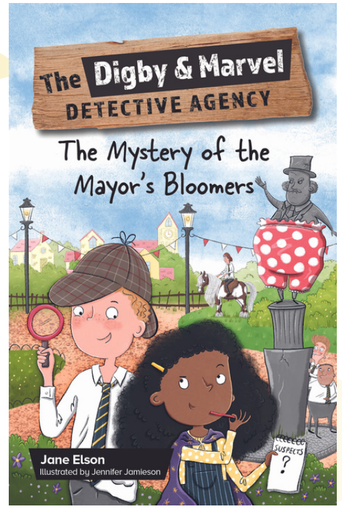
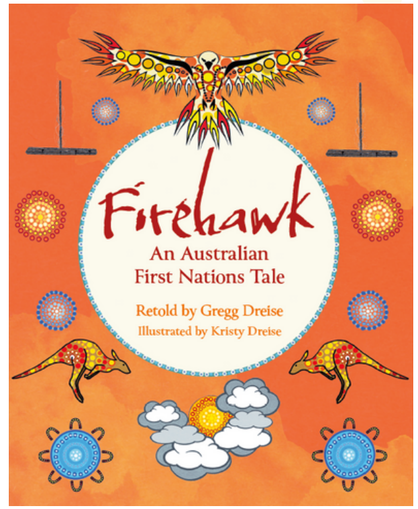
WHAT IS INCLUDED?

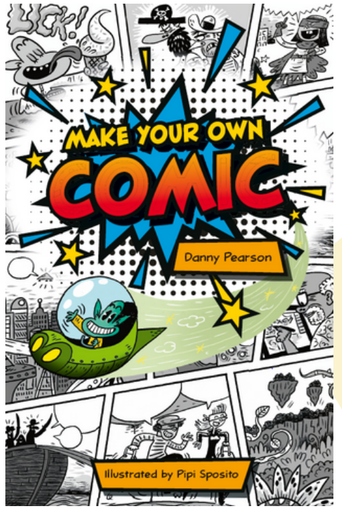
Reading Planet Cosmos provides a vibrant range of fiction and non-fiction books/eBooks levelled across eight colour bands.

Cosmos books explore global themes and relevant topics across a variety of genres. Created by a diverse team of authors and illustrators, the books aim to widen reading horizons for age 7+.

Cosmos includes retellings of classics and religious tales, magazine-style information guides and modern character stories.







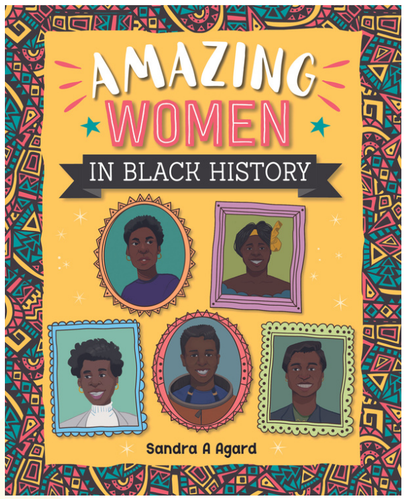
WHAT IS INCLUDED?

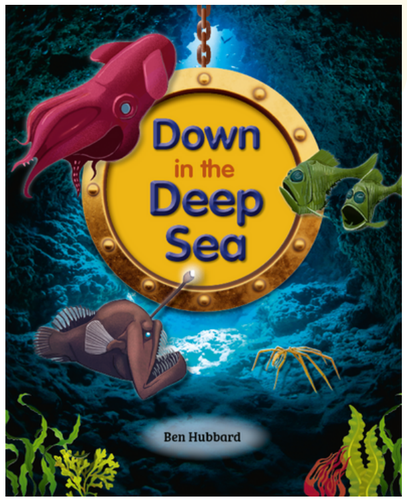
Astro is a high-interest/low-reading level strand for ages 7-11. There are 48 dual-banded books/eBooks levelled across eight colour bands.

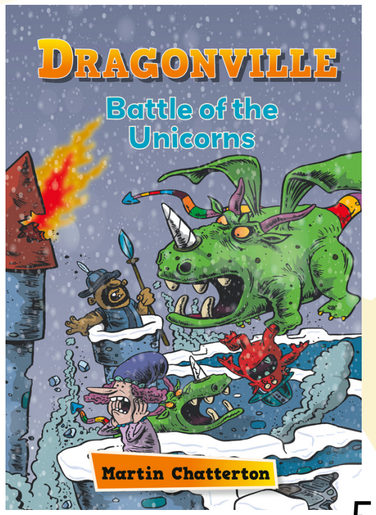
Astro is designed to help struggling readers improve their reading skills and to get reluctant readers hooked on books.

The first 24 books/eBooks are highly decodable so they are ideal for children who need additional phonics practice and revision.

Astro eBooks include audio which is ideal particularly for supporting SEN and EAL readers.







INTRODUCTION TO Boost

Boost is an interactive online learning platform which hosts digital resources published by Hodder Education.

Depending on which resources they have subscribed to or purchased, a school may access a variety of digital resources via Boost across different subject areas such as reading, phonics, maths and science.

Reading Planet Online is accessed on the Boost website at boost-learning.com

GETTING STARTED WITH BOOST

Supported Devices

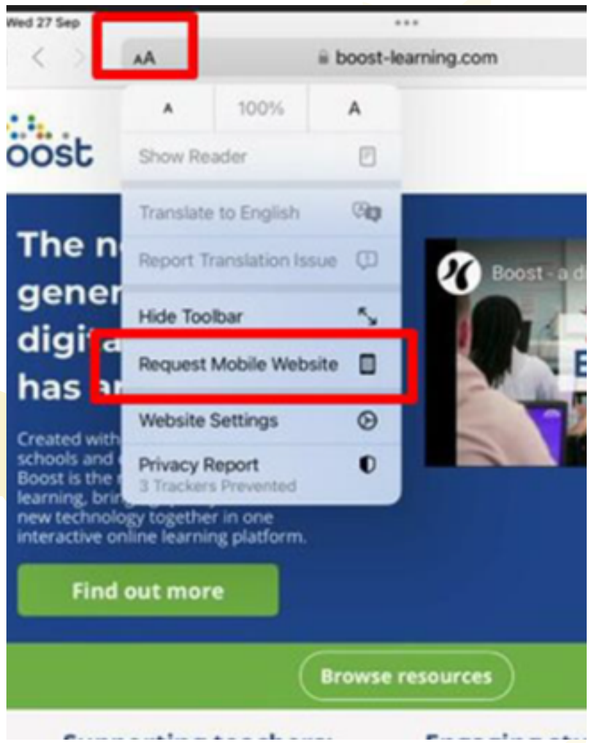
- Laptops and desktop PCs
- Android and Apple tablets and mobiles

Please ensure your chosen device has internet access and that your operating system has been updated to the latest version.

Technical requirements

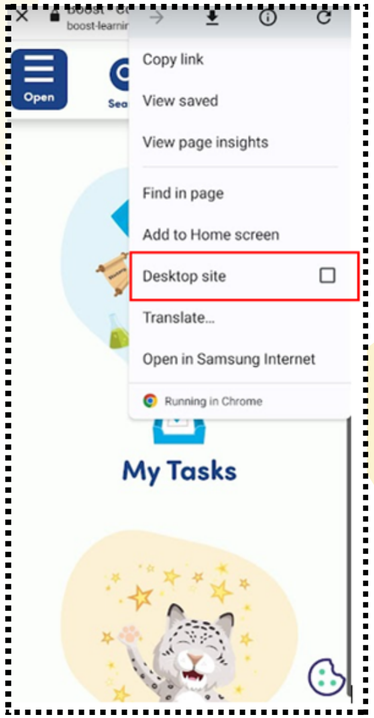
If you are using an iOS device, please request ‘Mobile Website’ to access resources.

Once you are logged in the account click on the AA on the menu and request ‘Mobile Website’



If you use an Android phone, please enable ‘Desktop Site’, to access resources.

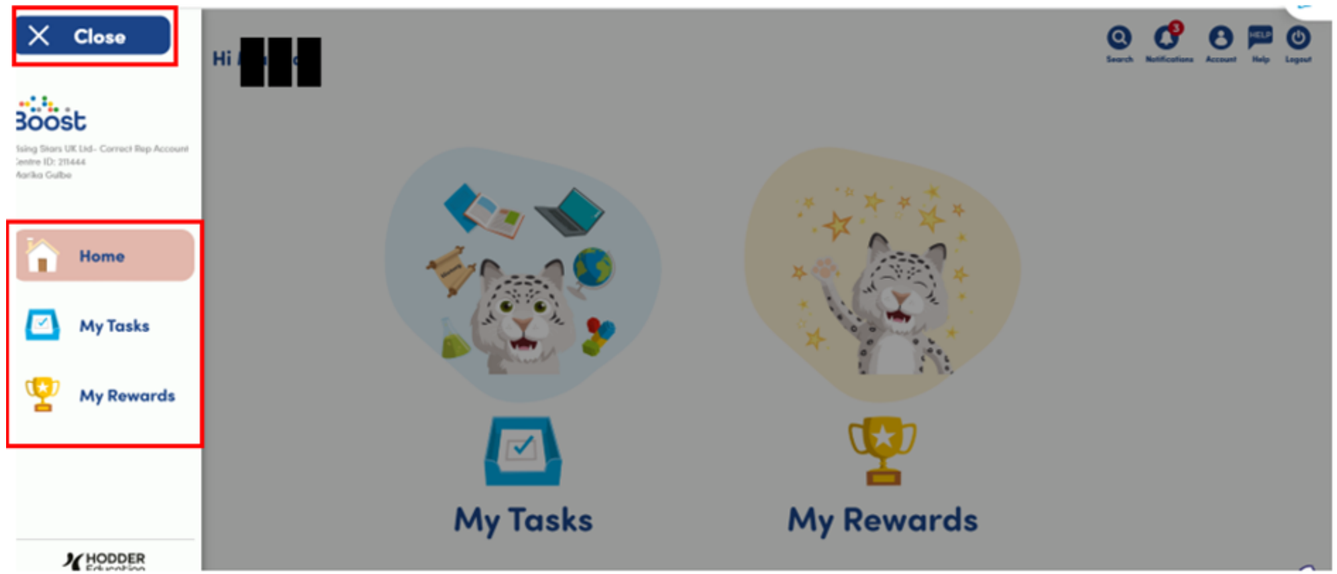
Once you are logged in the account, click on the browser settings menu (3 dot icon) and request ‘Desktop Site’



BOOST LEARNER DASHBOARD

When you log into your learner account on Boost, you'll first see your dashboard. Once a Reading Planet eBook has been assigned to your child, they will appear in the 'My Tasks' area.

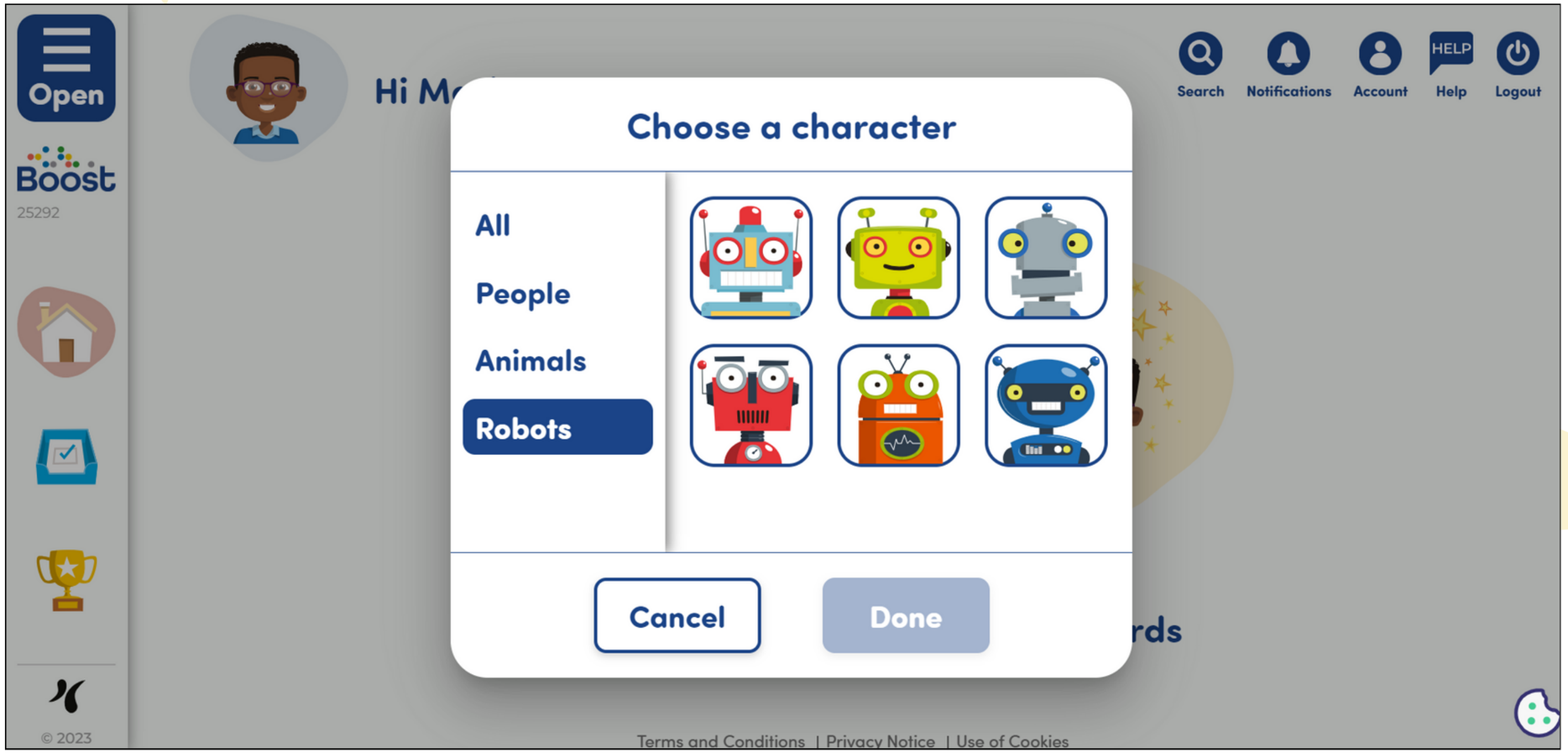
You will find quick links to the different areas of the platform. You can navigate to these from the main screen or using the sidebar. The sidebar appears on all Boost pages and allows you to navigate to the different areas of the platform no matter where you are.



Quick links from the home dashboard and sidebar:
My Tasks: This takes you to the tasks that have been allocated to your child i.e. Reading Planet eBooks.
My Rewards: This takes you to any rewards your child has earned through completing the in-book Knowledge Tests.

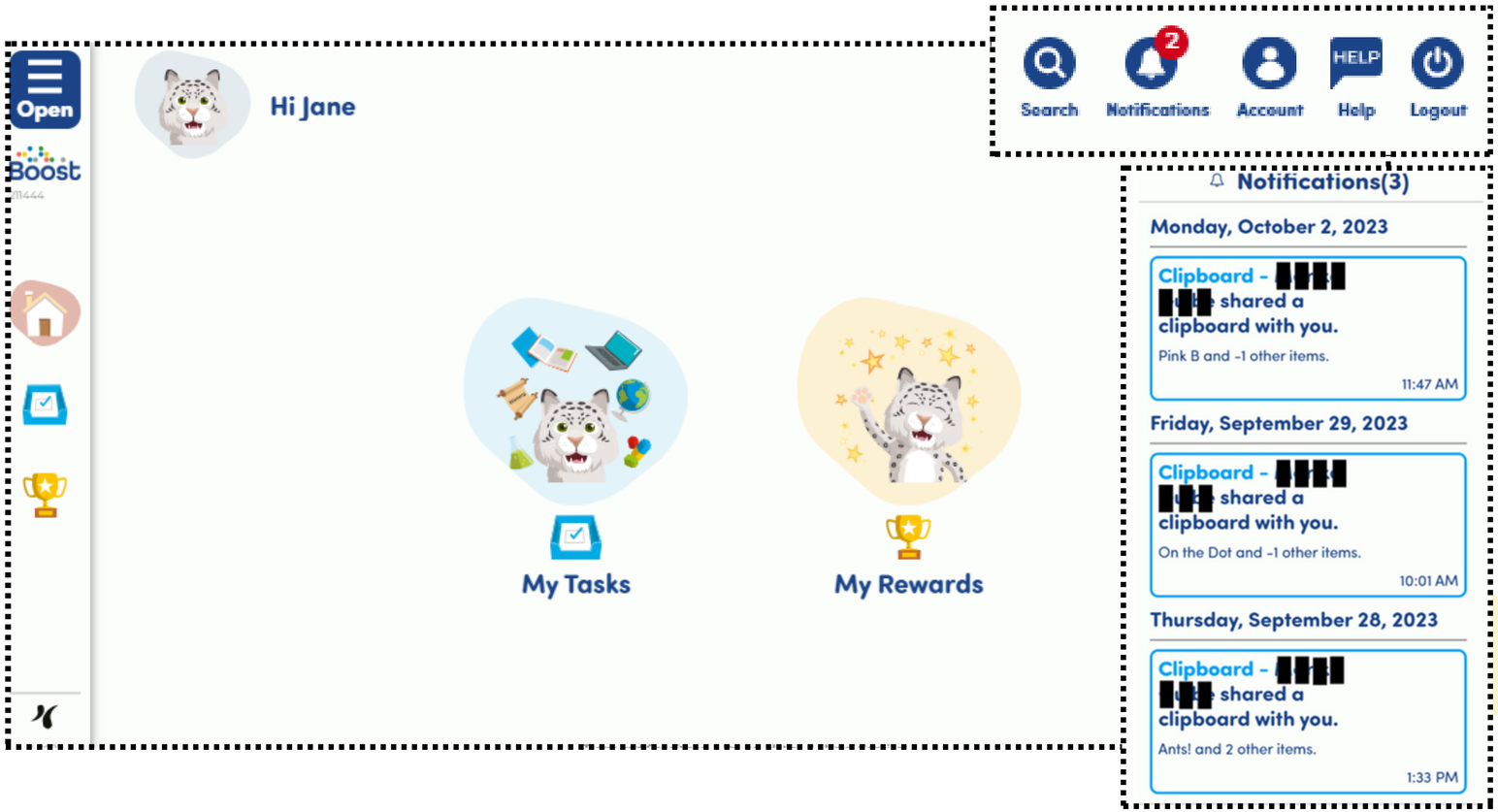
HOW TO CHANGE A CHARACTER

Click on the character where it says 'Hi [name]'. You will get a pop-up menu with all available characters. You can view them all or filter by people, animals or robots. Click on ‘Cancel’ if you change your mind and want to keep the existing character, or click on ‘Done’ to confirm your choice.



LEARNER NOTIFICATIONS

Your child's notifications can be accessed by clicking on Notifications in the top right-hand corner. If you have unread notifications, the number of notifications will appear in a red circle:

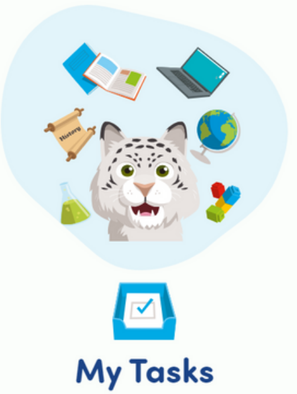


The notifications include when a teacher has assigned something to your child. If there's a due date listed, it will appear here, as well in your 'Subjects/My Work' section.

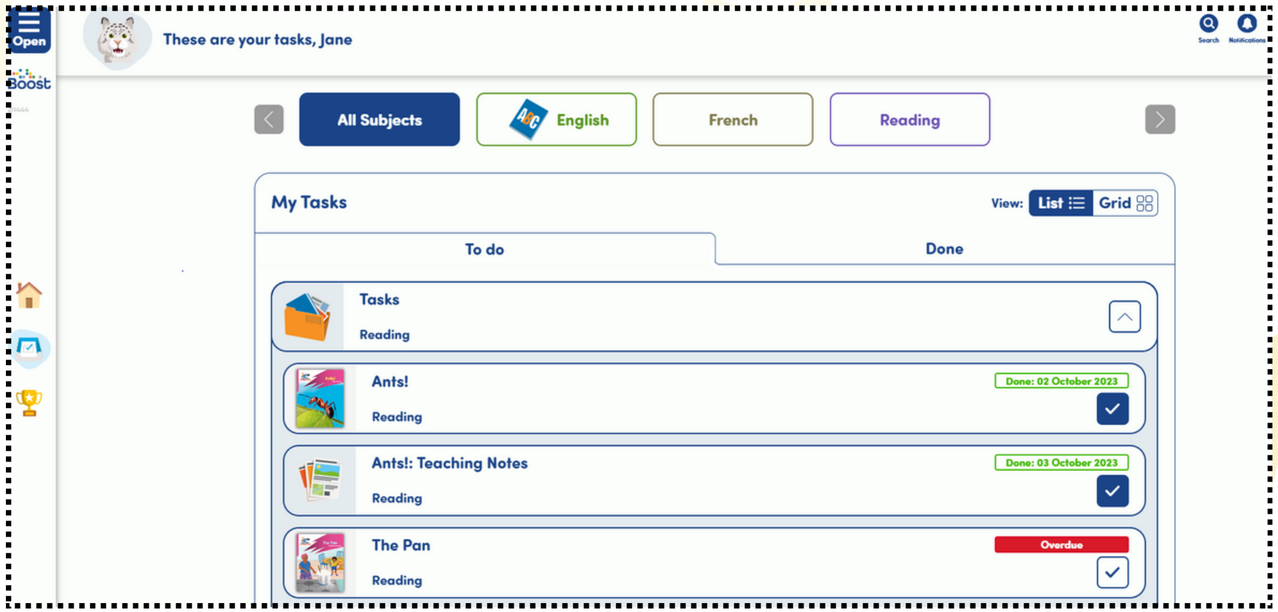
You'll also receive a notification on the day an item is due, if you haven't already submitted it.

HOW TO ACCESS THE TASKS

You can access the eBooks that have been allocated to your child by selecting 'My Tasks' either on the main dashboard or the sidebar. This takes you to the Tasks dashboard.



If your child's school is subscribed to multiple Boost courses, you may need to filter tasks by subject - for example for Reading Planet you would filter by 'Reading'.

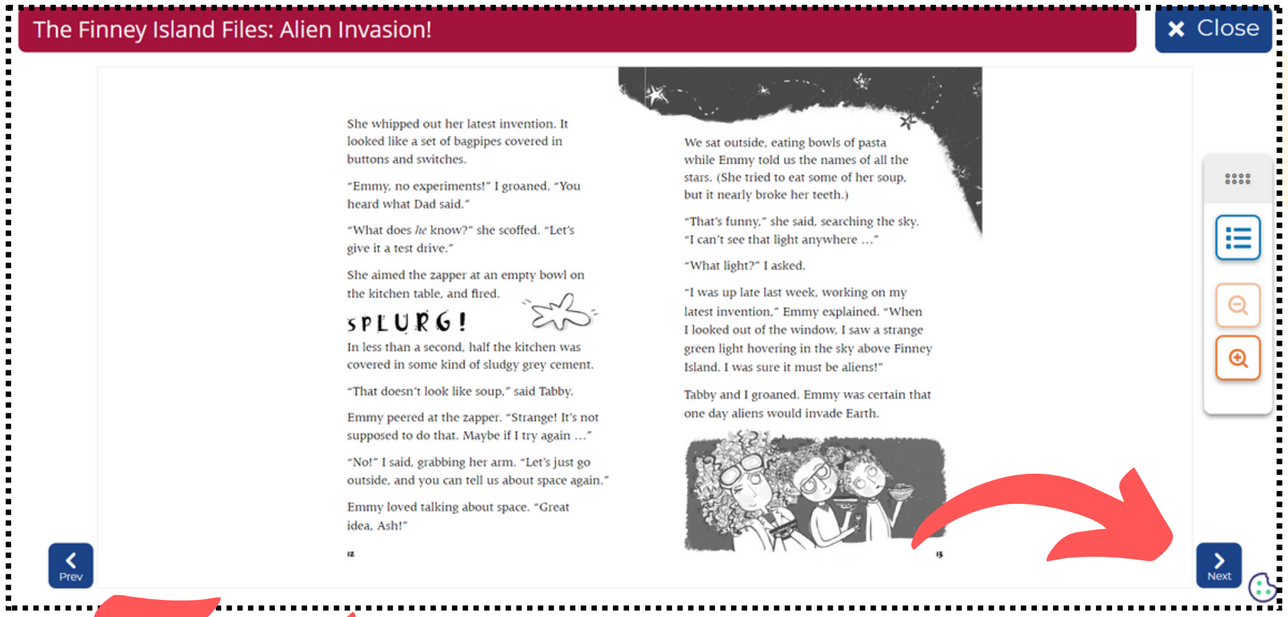


The 'My Tasks' section is organised in 'To do' and 'Done'. Once Knowledge Tests are completed, or Reading Planet eBooks are finished, the task will automatically move to 'Done', for other tasks you need to check 'Mark as done'.

When tasks have been shared as a group of tasks, they will all need to be completed before moving to 'Done' **(even though 'Done' will appear with a date next to the individual task/resource.)**

NAVIGATING A READING PLANET EBOOK

Once you have clicked on the allocated eBook from the task area it will open as full screen. You can navigate through the eBook by using the sidebar or buttons on the bottom of the page.



Go backwards

Go forwards

Sidebar navigation options are:

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ZOOM IN OR OUT

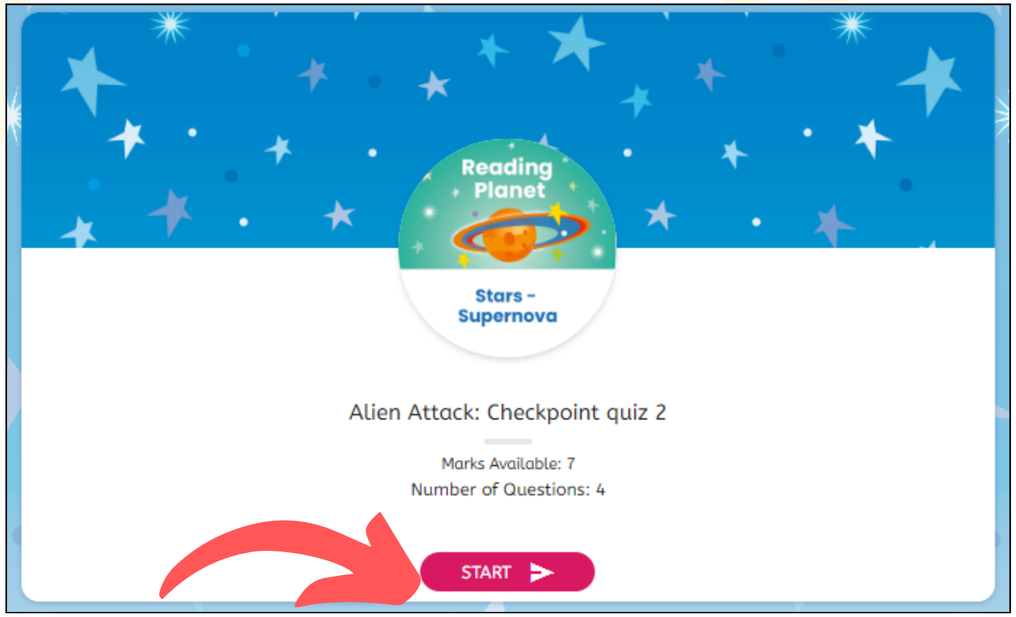
READALOUD (only available on Astro titles)

COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

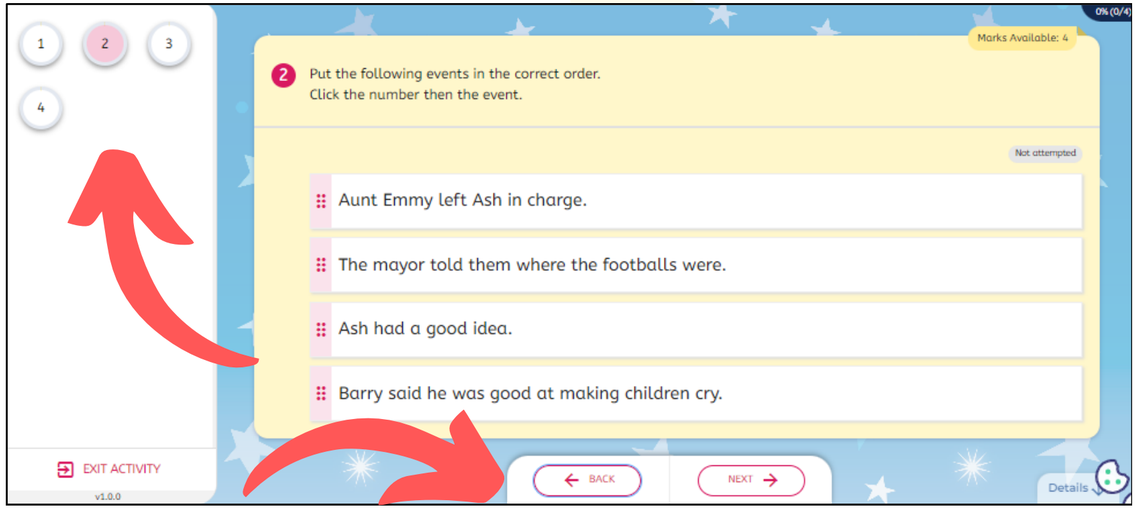
Each eBook has one or more ‘checkpoint’ Knowledge Tests that appear at intervals throughout the book. These checkpoint tests are designed to check childrens’ understanding of the text up until that point. At the end of each eBook you will find the ‘end-of-book’ Knowledge Test that checks a child’s overall understanding of the text.

All Knowledge Tests are indicated by the green animated question mark icon:

Press on the icon to launch the Knowledge Test.



Press START to begin.

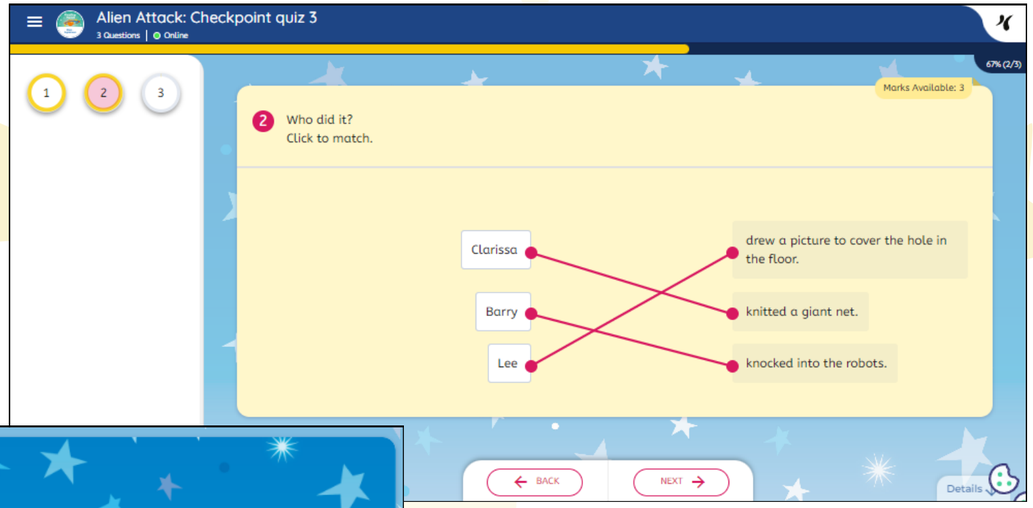


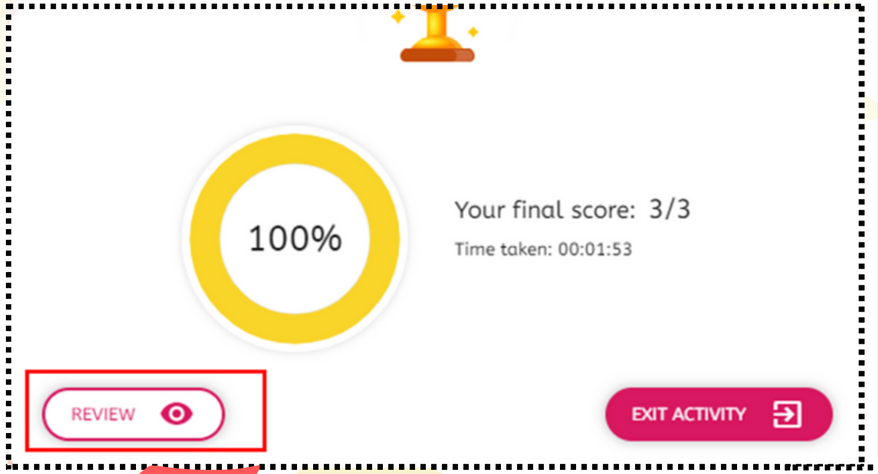
Navigate the test using the BACK and NEXT buttons, or you can press on the question numbers.

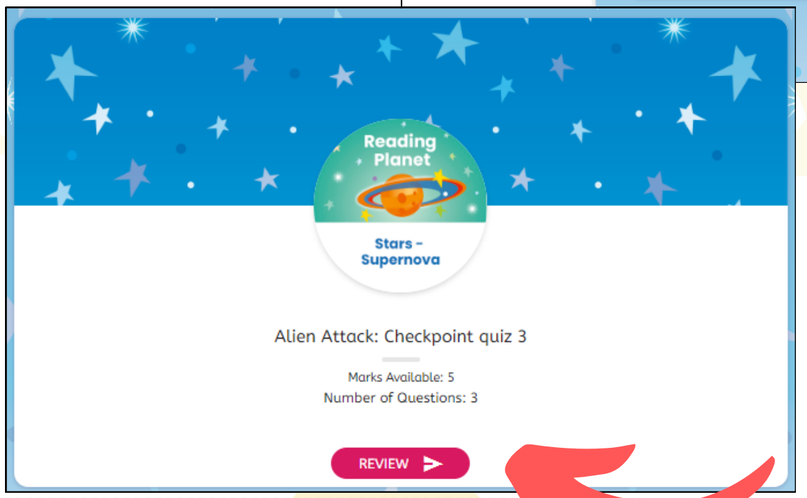
COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Complete each test by completing the question and pressing NEXT to submit your answer. A yellow bar will appear across the top of the text to show your progress.

Once all questions have been answered, press FINISH and the score will appear on the screen.







If you want to check your previous answers to any of the completed Knowledge Tests. Find the book and the test in your rewards area and click on the icon bubble again and select 'Review'.

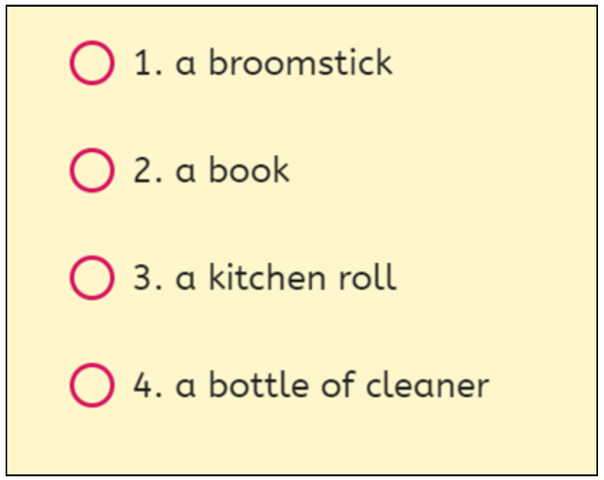
If you want to see answers in detail, select 'Review'.

Exit the activity and the score will be saved.

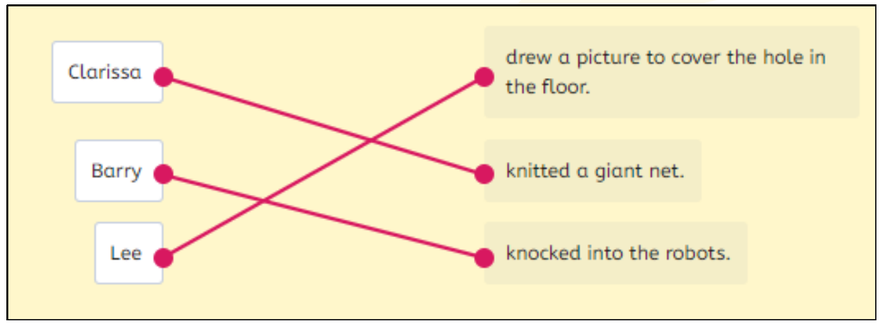
KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES

The Knowledge Tests in Reading Planet Online consist of the following main question types:

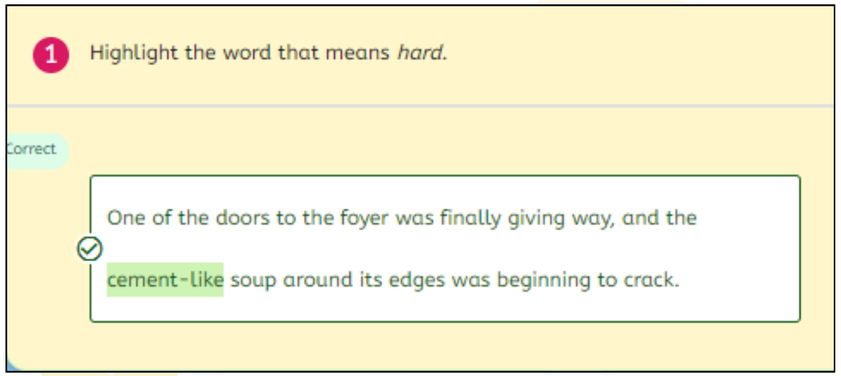
Multiple choice – click the circle next to the correct answer.



Connecting/sequencing - click on an item in the left column and then click on the associated item in the right column to connect them.

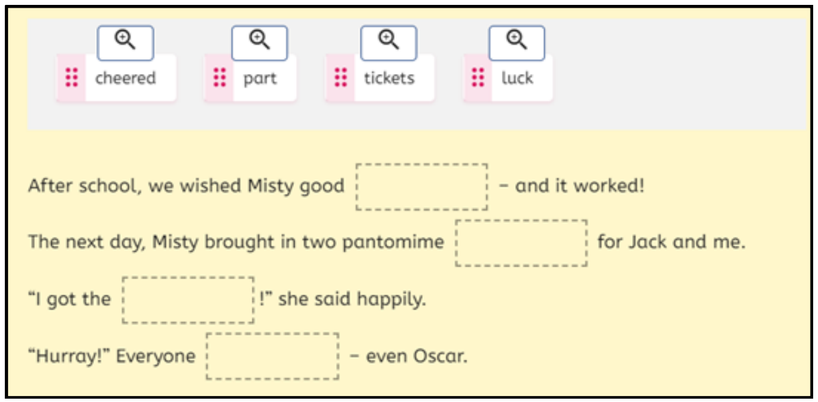


Highlight the right word – click the word to highlight and click again to un-highlight. On an iPad, hold your finger down to highlight a single word and drag to highlight multiple words.



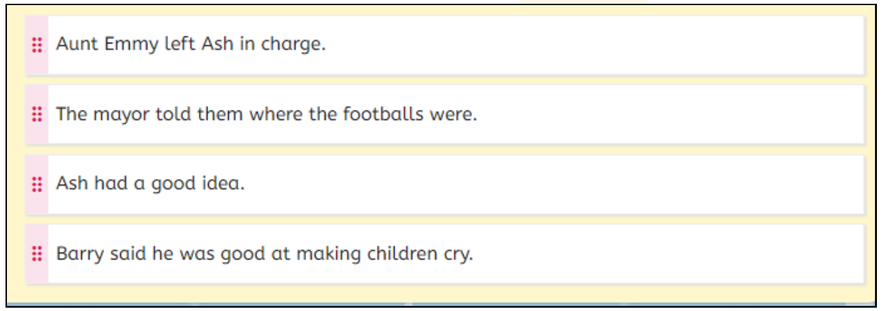
KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES CONTINUED

Fill in the gaps – click on a word and then click on the correct gap to place the word there.



Complete the grid – click on the circles next to the correct answers in the grid.

Sorting - sort the list of tiles into the correct order. Click on a tile and hold the button, drag it into the correct place, then release the button.



RESULTS AND REWARDS

For each end-of-book Knowledge Test your child completes, they will receive a bronze, silver or gold star, based on the proportion of correct answers you score. These rewards can be viewed in the 'My rewards' section of the learner dashboard.

3 Marks
Bronze: 0–36%
Silver: 37–72%
Gold: 73–100%

4 Marks
Bronze: 0–50%
Silver: 51–78%
Gold: 79–100%

5+ Marks
Bronze: 0–59%
Silver: 60–79%
Gold: 80–100%

Your child's teacher will be able to see their results via the teacher dashboard.

FAQS

Where do I find my child's log-in details?
Your child's school will provide the log-in details for you. Due to GDPR, we (Hodder Education) are unable to provide these for you.

Can I choose eBooks for my child to read?
Your school will assign the eBooks for your child. Depending on your school's approach and/or your child's reading level, the eBooks will be assigned in different ways. For example, your school may assign all the eBooks for a specific colour band for you to choose from.

Is Reading Planet Online available on an app?
Reading Planet Online can only currently be accessed via a browser on the Boost website.

Which devices can I use to access Reading Planet Online?
You can access Reading Planet Online via a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile.

Can I buy a subscription to Reading Planet Online?
Reading Planet Online is a school-led resource and can only be purchased via schools or educational institutions.

For further support please speak with your child's school.

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