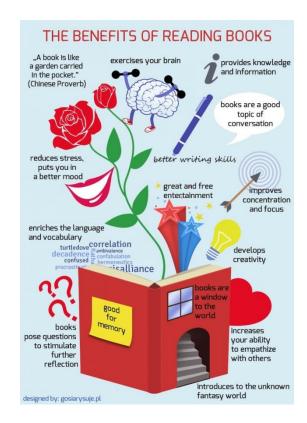
Accelerated Reader

A Guide to Choosing Books

Why read?

- Become better readers
- Improved general knowledge
- Improved vocabulary & understanding
- Encourages imagination & creativity
- Perform better in assessments and exams
- Improve concentration
- Improved Mental Health
- Develop empathy
- Explore moral consequences
- Learn about different cultures
- Gender identity
- Reading instruction
- Improved writing skills



Choosing a book

You can read any book but you are expected to also select books that are on AR so your reading skills and level can be monitored.

Books in the school library have coloured labels on the spine to indicate level.

Read at least 20 minutes a day - the more the better.

- Look for authors you like.
- Look for books which match your likes and interests.
- Choose a book within your ZPD (reading level) range.
 - If you are reading your own books, you can check the level and find quiz number by using AR Bookfind: www.arbookfind.co.uk.
 - Build your reading confidence by choosing books at the lower end and middle of your range.
 - Stretch and challenge yourselves by reading books at the upper end of your range.
- Get recommendations from friends, family, teachers, school librarian.
- Browse OLIVER, the library catalogue https://tinyurl.com/SALibOLIVER.
 - Log in to record your interests, be given recommendations based what you have previously borrowed, and to create your own favourites lists.
 - You can search for AR books in the school library using the online catalogue, OLIVER:

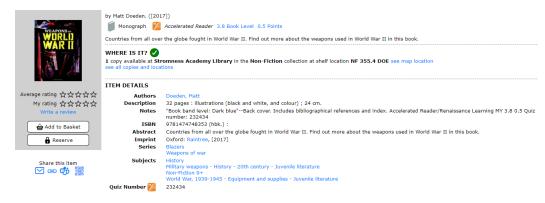


Choose a book within your ZPD





Books that have AR quizzes have the AR symbol on their record, as well as the quiz number.



- Browse the library shelves.
- Use book recommendation websites:
 - o Book Trust: www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/best-books-for-teens-teen
 - o Love Reading: www.lovereading.co.uk
 - Scottish Book trust: www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-lists
 - o Fantastic Fiction: www.fantasticfiction.com
- Decide whether to read the book:
 - Read the blurb
 - Read the first chapter or two

If you don't like it, find a different one.

• Ask for help from your teacher or librarian if you are not sure what to read.

Once you have finished a book, do a quiz on the book on the AR website (link below) within 24-48 hours of finishing the book. https://tinyurl.com/AR2Stromness

You can do a quiz in school or from home. Ask to do it during your library period or during lunchtime in the library.

FAQs

Can I bring books in from home?

Yes you can. You can also suggest new books for the school library.

Can I read books without an AR level?

Yes you can, however, if it is a book from home or local public library, you can check to see if it has an AR level and quiz using AR BookFind (www.arbookfind.co.uk) or when you log in to do a quiz.

Can I read books with lower or higher levels?

Yes you can, but try to read books within your level or higher. Doing so will help challenge you and improve your reading.