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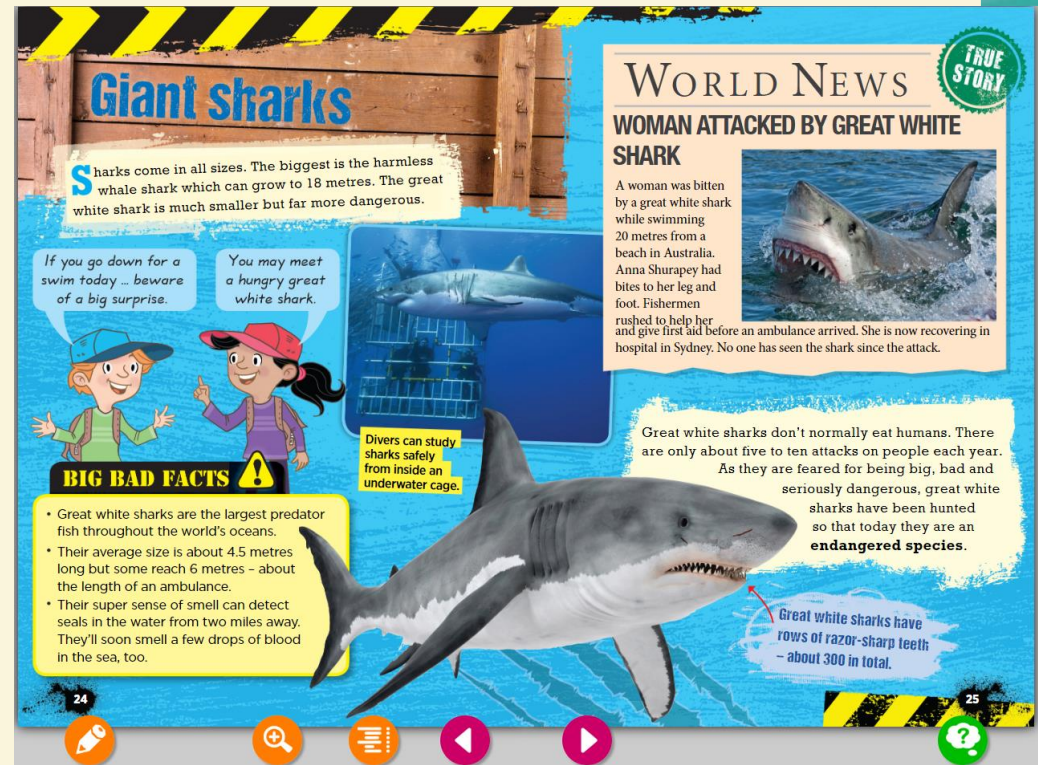
FOR KEY STAGE 2

Reading Planet Online for KS2
Parent's and Pupil's Guide

What is Reading Planet Online for KS2?

Reading Planet Online offers the *Reading Planet KS2* books in digital format, so that these can be assigned to your child and read online at school or at home on any internet- enabled device.

The books in *Reading Planet KS2* are designed to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are developing their reading comprehension skills and becoming fluent readers. The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays, written by experienced educational and children's writers. All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria, to ensure gradual progression in difficulty.

Each eBook features a variety of quizzes to check children's understanding of what they have read.
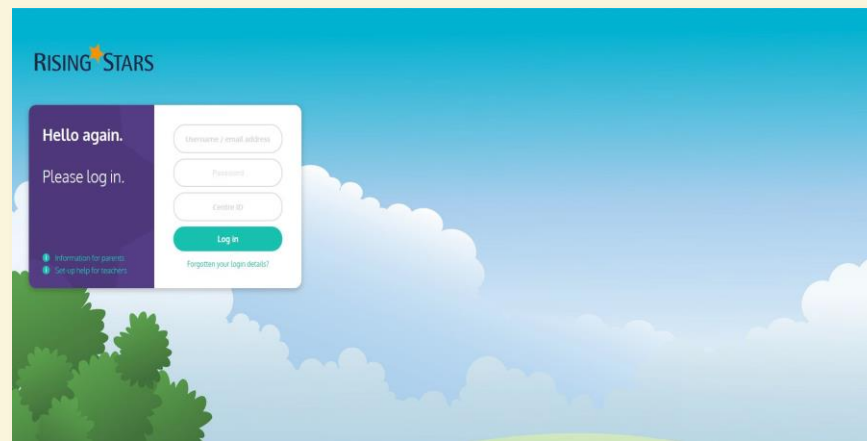
Getting Started with Reading Planet Online for KS2

Reading Planet Online can be accessed from any computer, tablet or phone connected to the internet.

Your child's school can give you direct access to *Reading Planet Online* by providing you with a unique URL link. For example: https://my.risingstars-uk.com/MyDynamicLearning.aspx

Alternatively, children can log in via: my.risingstars-uk.com and enter the school's unique centre ID, (e.g. 11246) and their own login details, provided by your school.

If you have any problems with the login process, please contact your child's school.
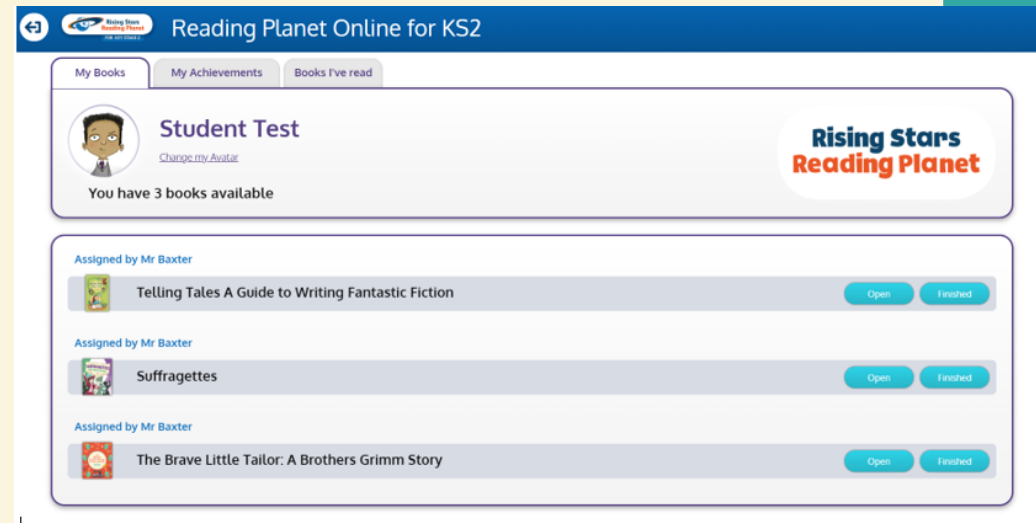
1 Find your books in the pupil dashboard

Once a book or books have been assigned to your child, they will appear in the pupil dashboard (in the 'My Books' section) when you log into *Reading Planet Online*.

Click on the 'Open' button to launch the book on your screen. NB Make sure the Reading Planet Online screen is maximised so that the quiz screens can be viewed in full.

Click on the rocket icon to go back to the pupil dashboard.

When you have completed a book and the quizzes within it, click on the 'Finished' button. The book will then move into your 'Books I've read' section of the dashboard.

The 'My Achievements' section contains the quiz results in the form of gold, silver or bronze stars.

Your child can personalise their dashboard by choosing their own avatar, including a selection of the book characters!
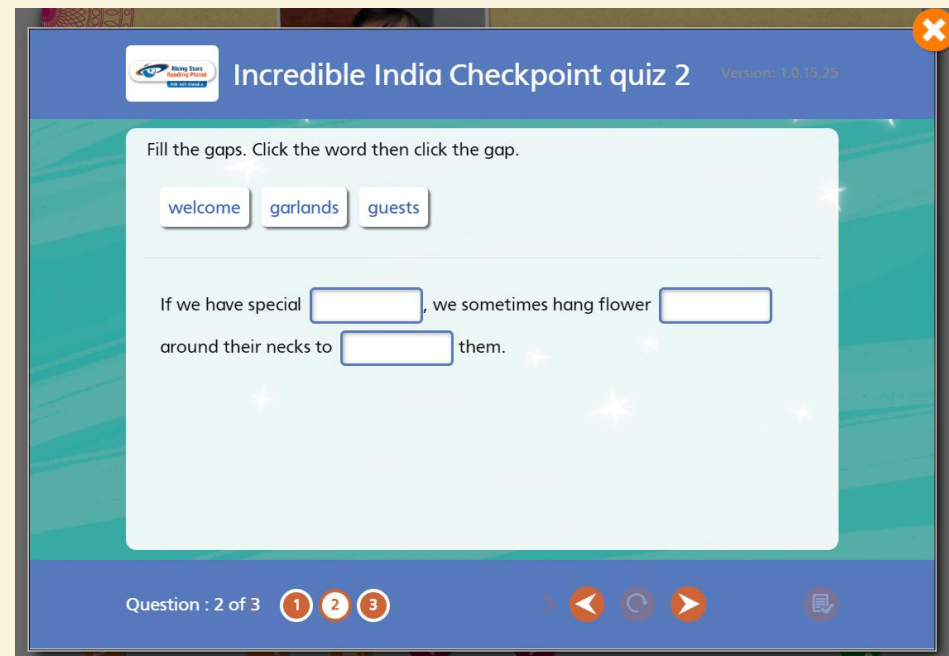
⭐ 2 Complete the quizzes

Each eBook in *Reading Planet Online* has one or more 'checkpoint' quizzes that appear at intervals throughout the book. These checkpoint quizzes are designed to check childrens' understanding of the text up until that point and are indicated by the animated quiz icon shown below.

Complete the quizzes *continued*

Your child clicks on this quiz icon to launch the checkpoint quiz. Your child answers the questions navigating from question to question by clicking on the arrow to the right bottom of the quiz.

When they have answered all the questions in the quiz, they click on the clipboard icon at the end of the quiz to submit all their answers and to receive their mark.
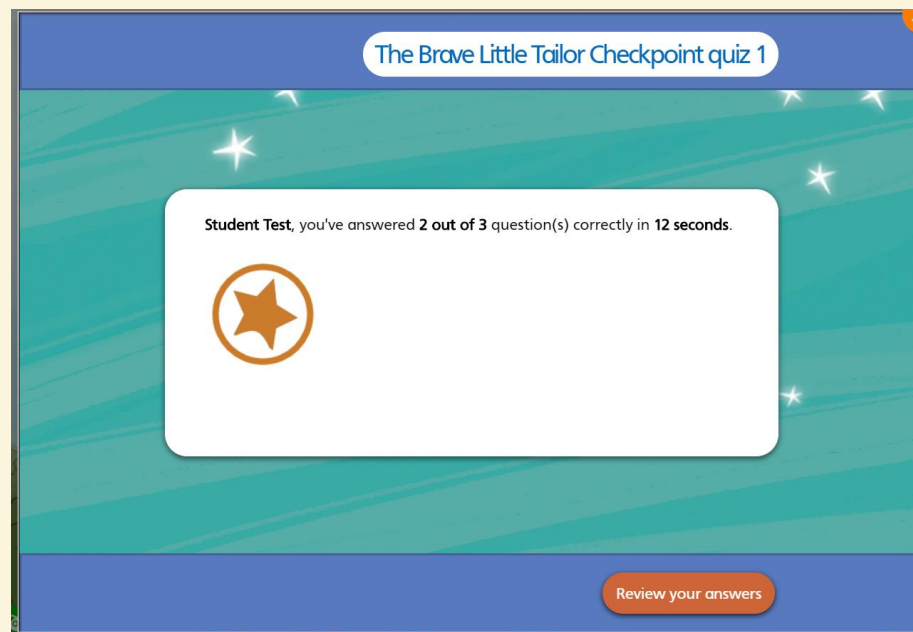
Complete the quizzes *continued*

At the end of every book there is a longer quiz that checks overall understanding of the text. As with the checkpoint quizzes, your child clicks on the animated quiz icon to launch the end-of-book quiz.

Now answer the questions …

1 Which two places is this story mostly set in?

2 Who are the main characters in the book?

3 What does the word 'unexpectedly' mean in the sentence, 'Heidi didn't want to leave Grandfather so unexpectedly, but she had no choice.'

4 In the story, Heidi dreams about the mountains when she is in Frankfurt. Why do you think this is?

5 Why do you think the author used letters sent between different characters to tell some parts of the story?

6 What did you expect Herr Sesemann would do after seeing how unhappy Heidi was at the end of Chapter 2? Was your prediction correct?

7 How do Grandfather's feelings for Heidi change between the start and the end of the story? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.

8 Would you prefer to live in a town or in the mountains? Give reasons for your choice.

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Well done, you've finished this book!

Now take the quiz.

Complete the quizzes *continued*

They then complete the questions, submitting the answer to each question as they go, and navigating through the quiz by clicking on the next question number in circles. At the end of the quiz they need to click on the clipboard icon to submit all their answers. This quiz is also instantly marked, and your child is awarded a bronze, silver or gold star according to their score. If your child gets an answer wrong the first time, they will be given a second attempt. The latest attempt will feed through into the final score and reporting.
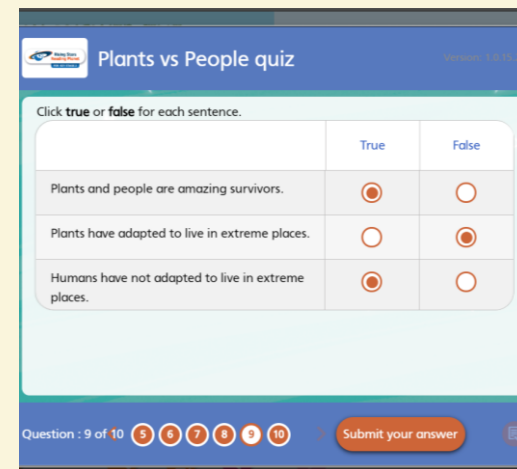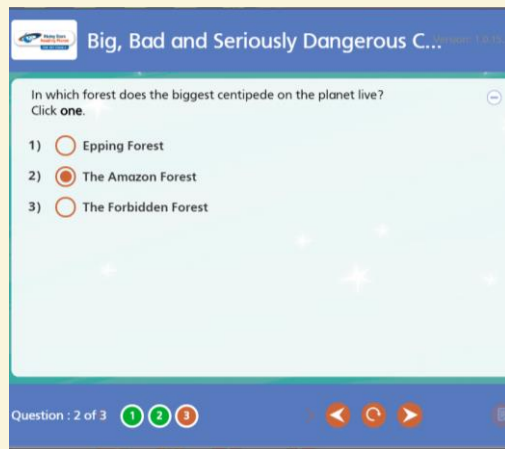
Your child will be given the opportunity to review their answers at the end of each quiz.

The quiz question types

The quizzes in *Reading Planet Online* consist of the following main question types:
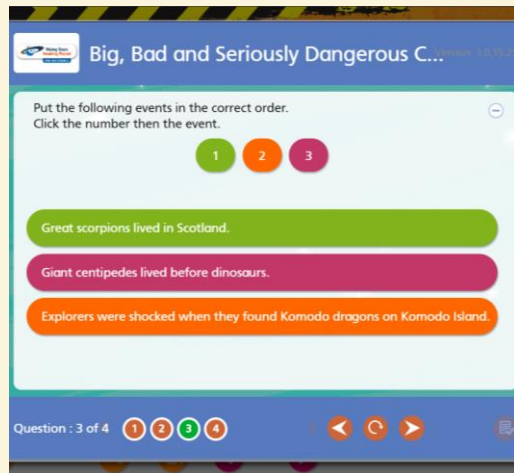
- **Multiple choice –** your child clicks in the circle next to the correct answer.

- **Complete the grid –** as with Multiple Choice above, your child clicks on the circles next to the correct answers in the grid.

- **Fill in the gaps –** your child clicks on a word and then clicks on the correct gap to place the word there.
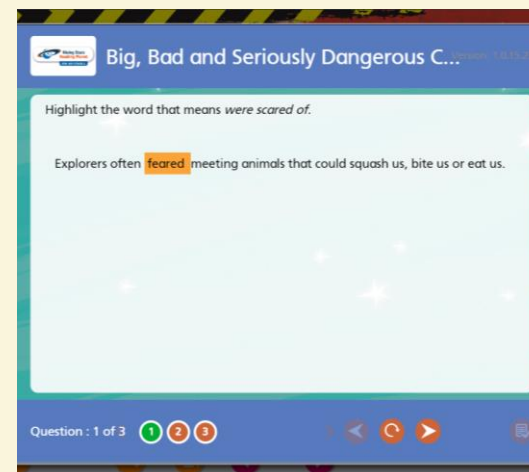
- **Matching** – your child clicks on a coloured lozenge at the top of the quiz and then clicks on the associated lozenge below, which becomes the same colour.

- **Connecting/sequencing** – your child clicks on an item in the left column and then clicks on the associated item in the right column to connect them.

- **Highlight the right word** – your child clicks and drags to highlight the correct word. The word can also be double clicked to highlight it. On an iPad, your child holds their finger down to highlight a single word and drags to highlight multiple words.

Results and rewards

View your results and rewards

For each end-of-book quiz they complete, children will receive a bronze, silver or gold star, based on the proportion of correct answers they scored. These rewards can be viewed in the 'My achievements' section of the child's 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%

Teachers will be able to see how pupils are doing as a class or individually through the teacher reporting dashboard.