

What Is Reading Plus®?

Reading Plus® is a computer-based system that helps students improve their silent reading skills. It automatically adjusts its programs and content to provide silent reading practice for students based on their individual needs. If you have any trouble getting started in Reading Plus®, or have any questions about using the system, contact the person listed below.

Support Contact: _____

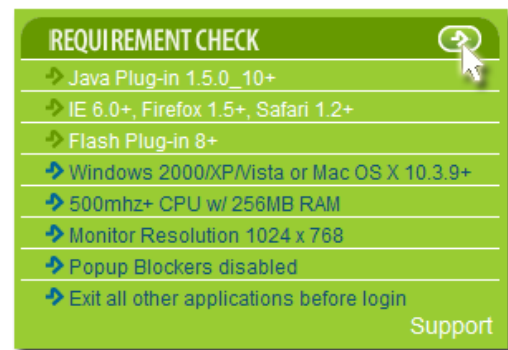
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Telephone: _____

Step 1: Reading Plus® Website

From your Internet browser, go to www.readingplus.com/users.

The first time you visit the website, click *Requirement Check* to make sure your computer can run Reading Plus® in the best manner. An “x” next to any item means your computer needs an upgrade to run Reading Plus®. (Note: You do not have to do the requirement check again. The next time you use Reading Plus®, you will begin by clicking *Student Login*.)



Step 2: Student Login

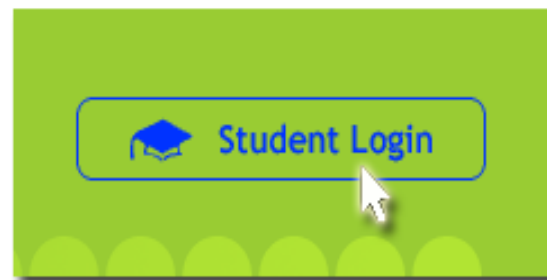
Click *Student Login*. Enter your school’s site code, listed below. (You will not have to enter this code again unless “cookies” are cleared from your computer.)

Site Code: _____

Find your class in the pull-down menu and click on it. Then, find your name in the next pull-down menu and click on it. You need to enter your password each time you log in. Use of passwords protects private student information.

Student Class: _____

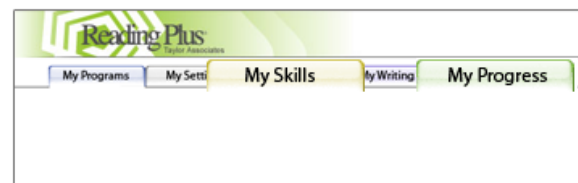
Student Name: _____



Student Password: _____

Step 3: Use Reading Plus®

The system automatically adjusts to each student’s individual reading ability. A typical lesson lasts 30–45 minutes. Click *Start* to begin. Keep working until you are sent to the *My Progress* tab to review your progress. Click *My Skills* to see worksheets you can print.



The My Progress screen shows:

Awards: Color-coded awards show how many levels you have completed. Click any of the earned awards to view and print a certificate.

Colors: Green means your reading rate is above the norm for your grade level; yellow is within the norm, and red is below the norm.

Guided Rate: The solid line shows your words-per-minute rate for the portion of the story read in the guided slot. Each time your comprehension score is 70% or higher, the guided slot will move a bit faster on the next lesson. If comprehension is below 70%, the system keeps the same rate. If the solid line climbs upward on the chart, you are showing good comprehension.

Independent Rate: Diamond-shaped marks on the chart show your words-per-minute rate for the portion of the story read in the independent mode. Read the story quickly while also making sure you understand what you are reading. As soon as you are done reading each screen, press the space bar (or click *Go On*). You want the diamonds (independent rate) to be as close as possible to the solid line (guided rate). Your goal is to get both the diamonds and solid line to fall within the green zone on the chart.

Progress Bar: The bar under the chart shows your current level of progress. When the entire bar is shaded, you earn a certificate and move to the next reading level. To “level up,” you need to meet goals for the guided rate, the independent rate, and good comprehension on a sufficient number of stories. When you finish a Guided Reading™ lesson, a screen shows your level goals and how close you are to reaching them.

Detailed Records: Click any blue link under *Program* to view more details about your progress.

