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**Reading Planet**

FOR KEY STAGE 2

# Reading Planet Online for KS2

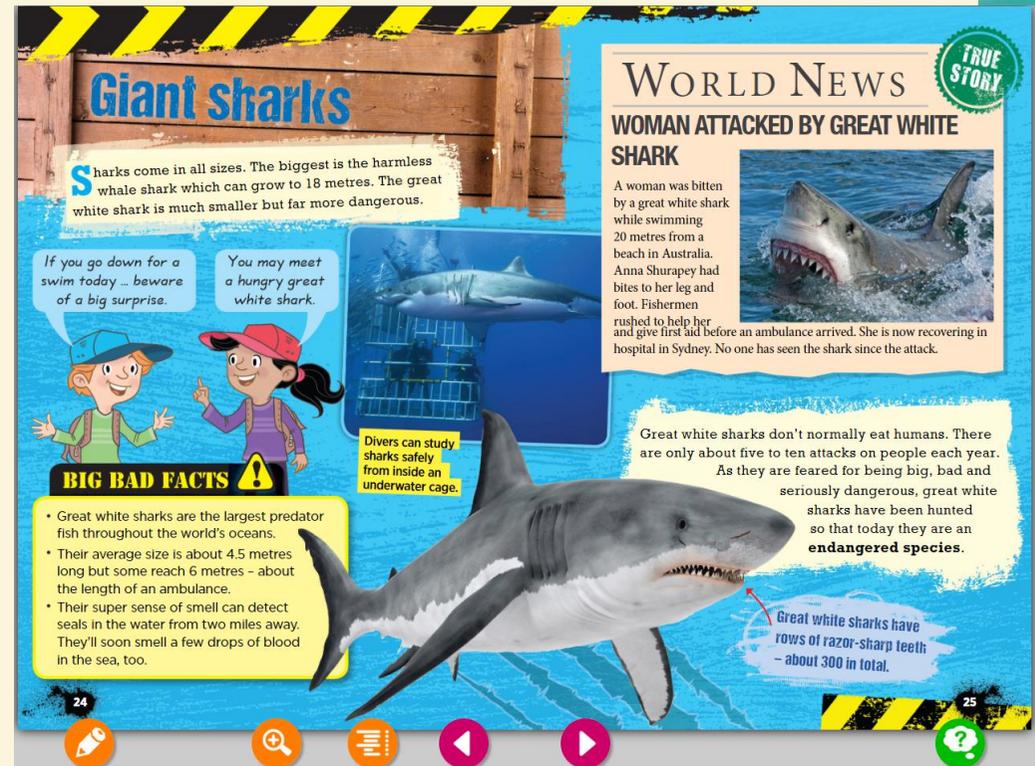
## Parents' and Pupils' Guide

# 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.

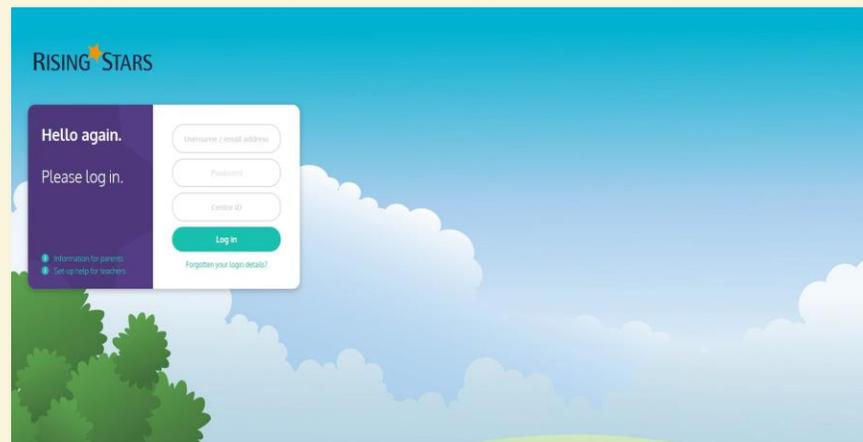


# Getting Started with Reading Planet Online for KS2

*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](https://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.



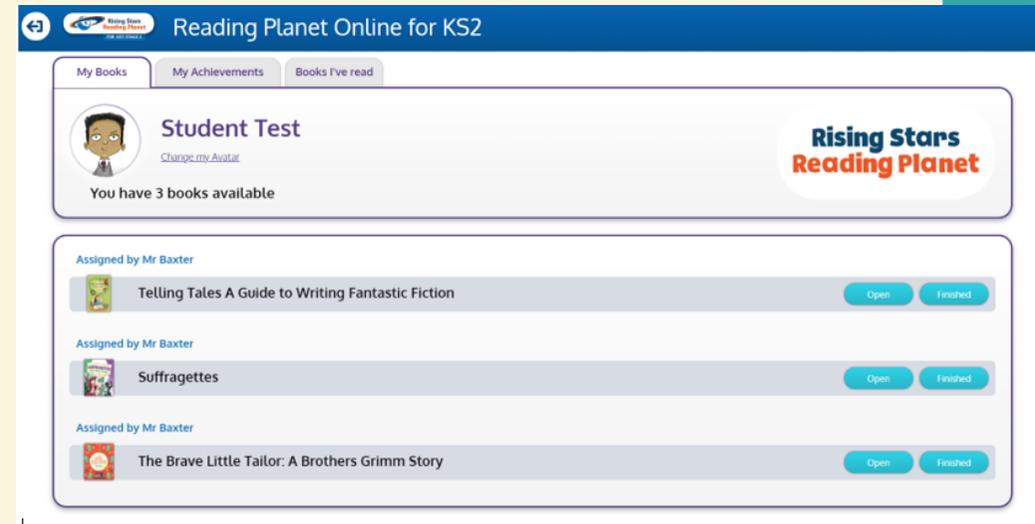
# 1 Find your books in the pupil dashboard

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.

The screenshot shows a page from an eBook titled "Food". The page is divided into two main sections: "At home" and "Abroad".

**At home**  
Traditional Indian food is famous all over the world. Who doesn't love a crispy, spicy samosa?  
The best known Indian dish of all is curry. Meat, fish and vegetables are cooked with **fragrant** spices, then served with rice or bread. Almost half of Indian families are vegetarian, so vegetable curries are also very popular.

**Abroad**  
There are now Indian restaurants all around the world and Indian spices and ingredients can be bought in shops and supermarkets almost everywhere.  
Although traditional food is still very popular in India and is eaten every day, many people also enjoy food from other countries. In big cities like Delhi and Mumbai, you'll find restaurants and takeaways selling pizza, pasta, burgers and noodles.

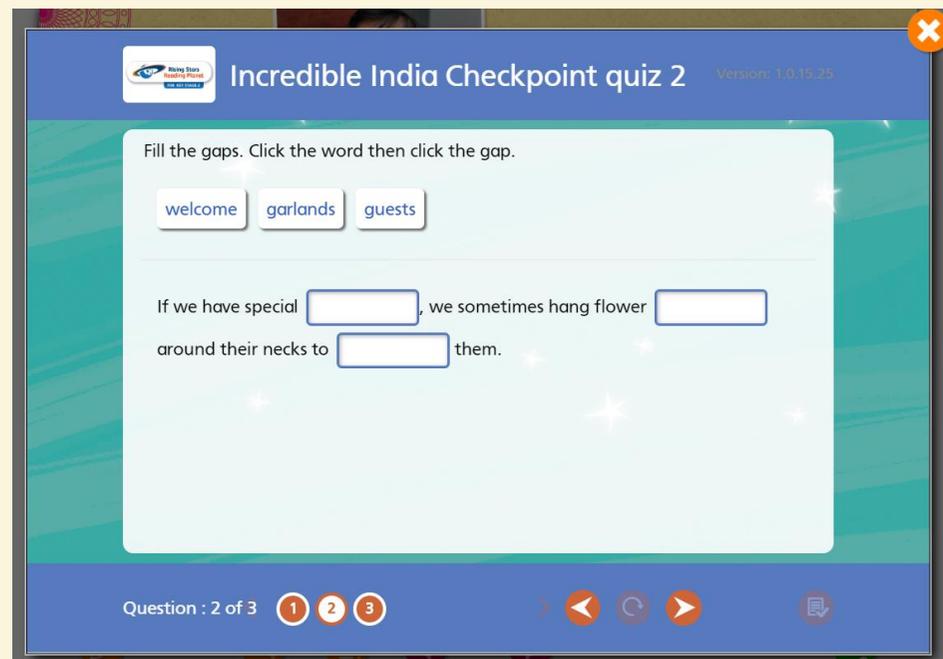
**FACT**  
One of the first Indian restaurants outside India was opened in London in 1810 by Sake Dean Mahomed.

The page features several images: a girl eating a samosa, a plate of samosas, a plate of curry and roti, and a storefront of "Curry Bazaar" in London. There are also cartoon characters: a girl and a boy talking about dosa and chicken curry, and a boy talking about pizza.

A red arrow points to a green circular icon with a white question mark, which is a checkpoint quiz icon. The page number "12" is visible in the bottom left corner.

# 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.

The screenshot shows a digital reading interface with two pages. The left page contains a quiz titled "Now answer the questions ..." with eight questions. The right page displays a large blue star with the text "Well done, you've finished this book! Now take the quiz." and a large blue arrow pointing to a green question mark icon in the bottom right corner, which is circled in red. A red arrow also points to this icon.

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.

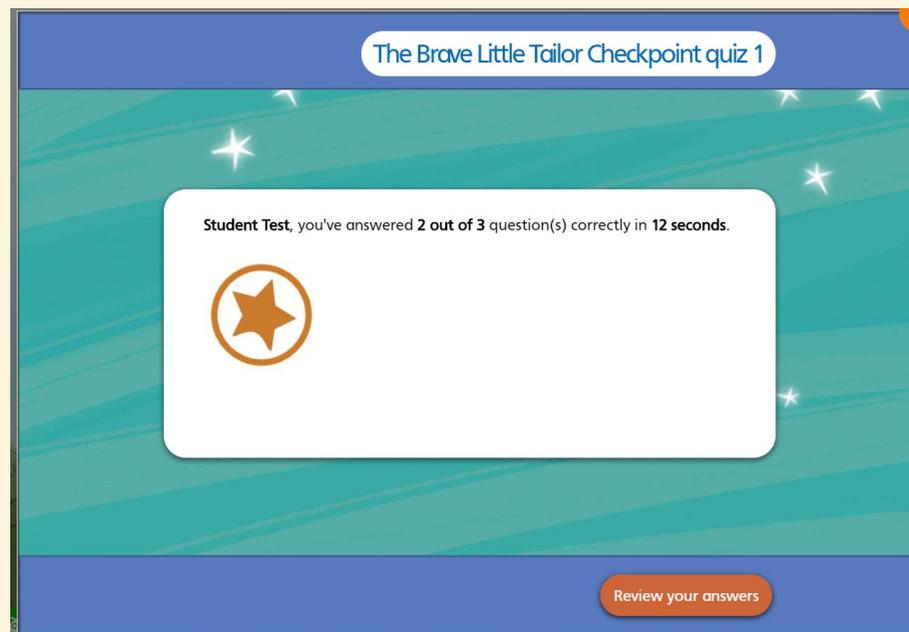
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Well done, you've finished this book!  
Now take the quiz.

## 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.

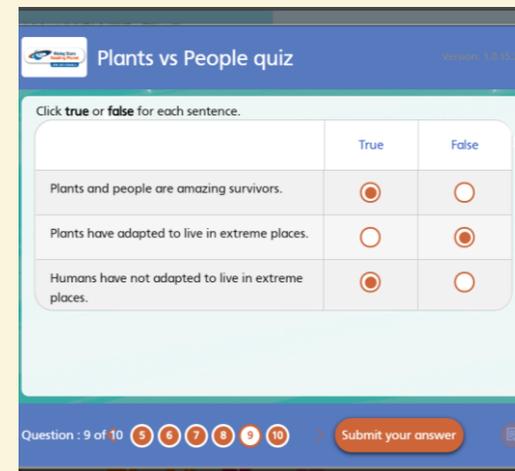
Your child will be given the opportunity to review their answers at the end of each quiz.



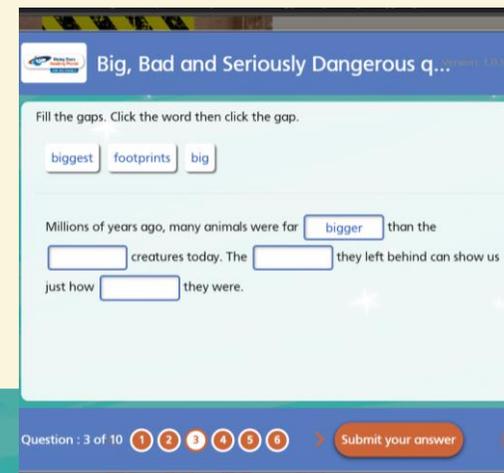
# The quiz question types

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.



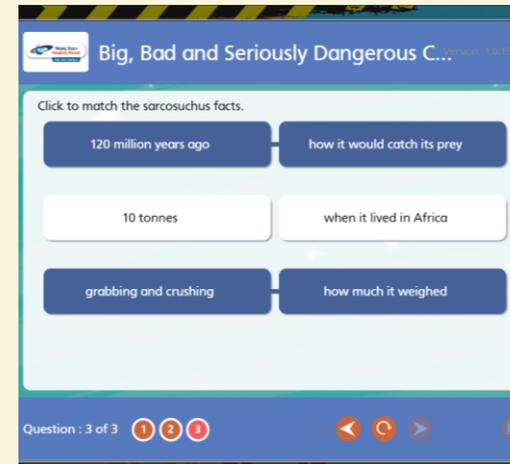
- **Fill in the gaps** - your child clicks on a word and then clicks on the correct gap to place the word there.



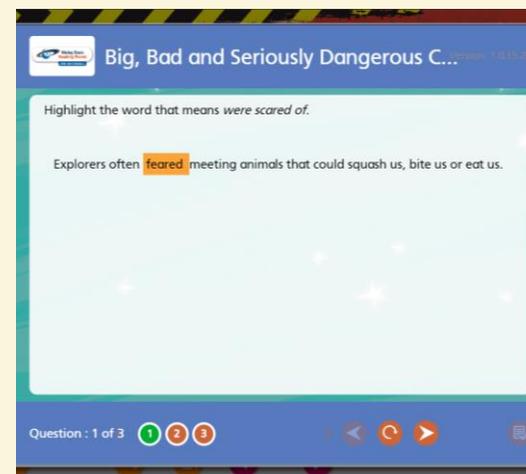
- **Matching** - your child clicks on a coloured lozenge at the top of the quiz and then clicks on the associated lozenge below, which becomes the same colour.



- **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.

The screenshot shows the 'My Achievements' section of the Reading Planet Online for KS2 dashboard. At the top, there are tabs for 'My Books', 'My Achievements', and 'Books I've read'. Below the tabs, there is a 'Student Test' section with a profile picture and a 'Change my Avatar' link. The test results show: 'I've taken 6 quizzes and I have practised for 9 minutes. I have answered 64% of questions correctly.' To the right of the test results are three star icons representing Bronze, Silver, and Gold achievements. Below this, there is a table with two columns: 'Topics' and 'My Achievements'. The 'My Achievements' column contains a row of 15 star icons for each topic, with some stars highlighted in gold, silver, or bronze to indicate the student's achievement level. A note says 'Click the stars to open your achievements'.

Topics	My Achievements
Lower Fiction	15 stars (1 Gold, 1 Silver, 13 Grey)
Upper Fiction	15 stars (13 Grey)
Lower Non-Fiction	15 stars (2 Gold, 13 Grey)