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Accelerated Reader includes Vocabulary Practice Quizzes to explicitly develop and assess students' vocabulary from the books they read. Students regularly using Accelerated Reader complete lots of reading practice which can now be extended to explicitly teach new vocabulary.

Over the coming months we will release more than 1000 Vocabulary Practice quizzes. The first 216 Vocabulary Practice Quizzes are active now, you can download the list [here](#).

Vocabulary Development Research

The research tells us that the most effective method of developing vocabulary includes:

- Lots of appropriate reading practice
- Vocabulary practice should focus on words students need for everyday conversation and reading
- Motivation is critical to learning new words
- When students control the process they are more engaged

Effective Vocabulary Practice with Accelerated Reader

In an AR classroom students do lots of reading practice which exposes them to thousands of words in a rich and meaningful context. The new Vocabulary Practice Quizzes provide vocabulary lists in the form of a quiz that reinforces a student's learning of new words from the reading they complete.

Each Vocabulary Practice Quiz includes 5 - 15 useful words that appear frequently and are essential to the meaning of the reading they have just completed. Each student will have selected a book from their reading range and passed the Reading Practice Quiz, and more than likely will have a connection and interest in the words on the Vocabulary Practice Quiz. This should aid motivation to completing the Vocabulary Practice.





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Using Vocabulary Practice Quizzes and Vocabulary Lists

From within AR Advantage you can print a set of bookmarks that list the words for each book with a Vocabulary Practice Quiz. I recommend you print this report onto nice coloured cardboard or paper and place them in a box so that students can collect one prior to taking a Vocabulary Practice Quiz.

If a student successfully completes a Reading Practice Quiz on a book with a Vocabulary Practice Quiz the student will automatically be asked if they want to complete this additional quiz.

Explicit Teaching Routine

1. This is the process to follow to make Vocabulary Practice Quizzes a specific teaching routine
2. The Teacher identifies a student who is passing their Reading Practice Quizzes well, indicating they are good readers and ready for an additional challenge without the need to increase book level
3. The Teacher asks the student to select a book from the box of bookmarks that have a Vocabulary Practice Quiz
4. The student selects a book from within their Reading Range as normal
5. The student reads the book
6. The student completes the Reading Practice Quiz
7. The student should review the words on the bookmark and check the meaning of any unknown words, either by re-reading some of the book or using a dictionary
8. If the student passes the Reading Practice Quiz, they can then take the Vocabulary Practice Quiz
9. The student completes the Vocabulary Practice Quiz listing between 5 and 15 words
10. A separate Vocabulary Practice TOPS Report is printed
11. Any words incorrectly defined on this Vocabulary Practice Quiz are added to the list of words for this student the next time they take a Vocabulary Practice Quiz on any book