SCHOLASTIC Reading Pro™

# Quick Start Guide for Teachers

## What is Scholastic Reading Pro?

Reading Pro is an online, research-based program that combines adaptive, actionable assessment with a personalized reading experience. Reading Pro makes it easier to target instruction and ensure that students are reading the right books to maximize reading growth and academic achievement.

## How will Reading Pro benefit you and your students?

Reading Pro provides seamless, flexible support for any reading curriculum that you're currently using with your students. Feedback from Reading Pro teachers and students confirms that it:

- ✓ Is easy to use
- ✓ Generates accurate reading performance data
- ✓ Saves valuable instruction time
- ✓ Matches students with books they can and will want to read
- ✓ Creates a momentum for reading achievement
- ✓ Holds students accountable for independent reading practice

## What are the steps to implementing Reading Pro in your classroom?

1) Administer the ReadingPro Test to establish student reading levels

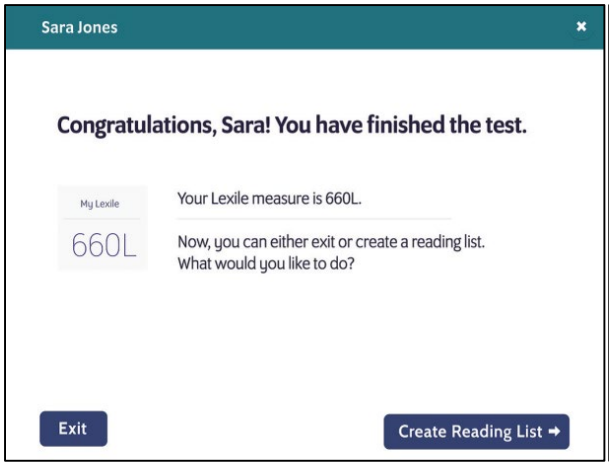
2) Help students find and read the right books

3) Learn about educator resources

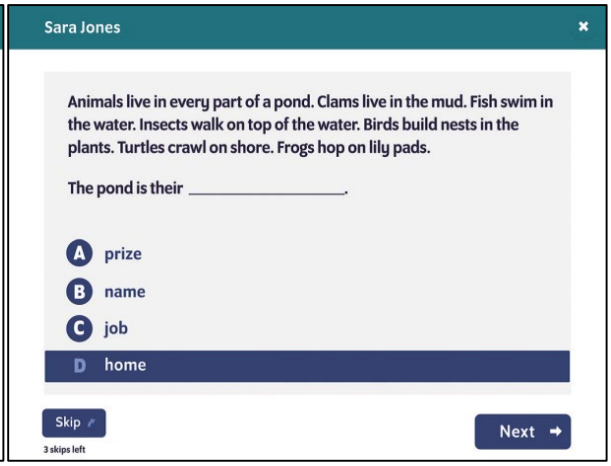
4) Create a culture of reading in your classroom

## 1) Administer the ReadingPro Test

The first step is to schedule and administer the ReadingPro Test.
The ReadingPro Test is a computer-adaptive assessment that continually adjusts the difficulty of questions based on a students' performance (see more below). Students read short passages and answer related multiple choice questions until a Lexile is determined.




Questions are straightforward and written to vocabulary standards.




A student's Lexile is revealed after completing the test.

**What is a Lexile?**

A Lexile (L) is a unit of measurement. It measures the two key components of reading comprehension on the same scale:
1) Student's reading comprehension
2) Text complexity

### How does the ReadingPro Test accurately determine a Lexile measure?

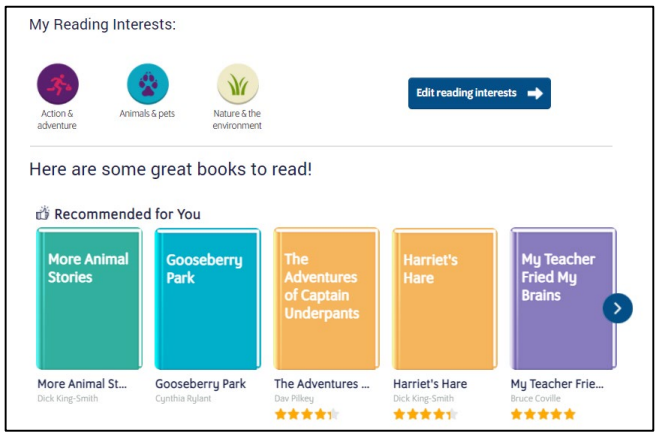
When the student answers a question correctly, the Lexile of the next question increases. When the student answers a question incorrectly, the Lexile of the next question decreases. The assessment stops once the student has answered a sufficient number of questions to determine an accurate Lexile measure.

## 2) Help students find and read the right

### 1) Use the Recommended Reading List

Students automatically receive a personalized reading list with books that match their Lexile range, self-identified reading interests, and age. Students and teachers can also search for books to read/assign in the Search page.

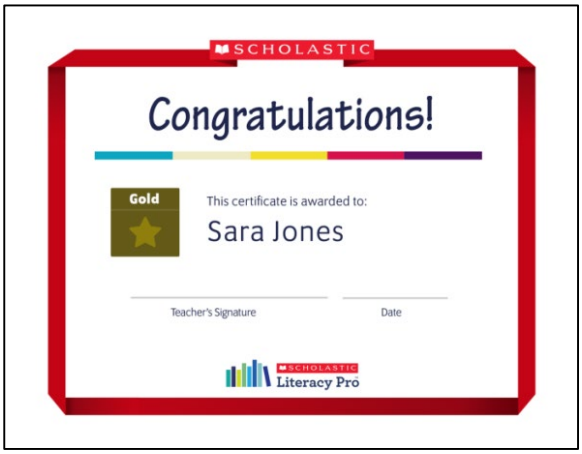
- Recommended Reading Lists include titles that fall within a student's Lexile Range, defined as 100 Lexiles below and 50 Lexiles above their Lexile measure.
- Reading within this range ensures they understand the text while acquiring new vocabulary and reading skills.




### 2) Benefit from Book Quizzes

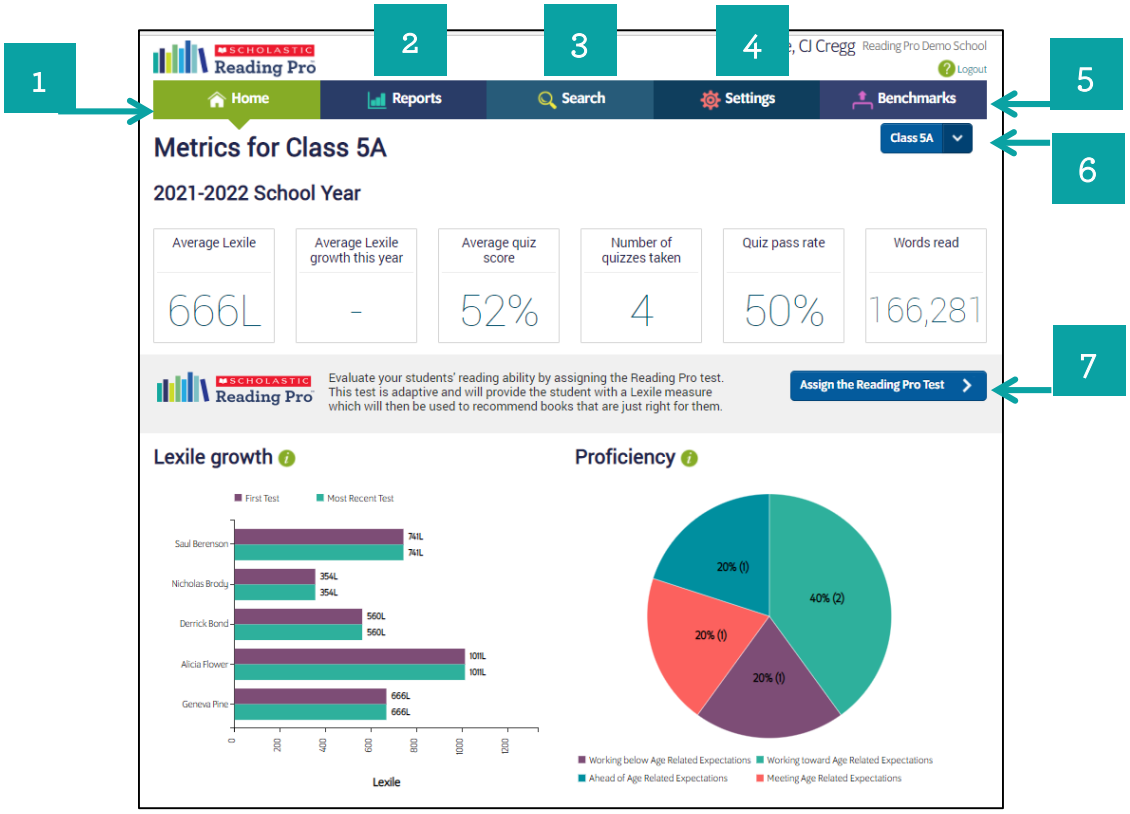
Students complete a short quiz each time they finish a book to demonstrate comprehension. Scoring and feedback are automatic and when students pass a quiz they can rate the book and write their thoughts in the comment section.

- Quizzes hold students accountable for their independent reading activity.
- Students earn award certificates when they pass a quiz, motivating them to keep reading.



## 3) Learn about educator resources

Once your students have started using Reading Pro, your dashboard will begin to populate with data and information. Here's a quick review of how to access it and use other program features.




1) ***Home*:** Quickly access key data like Lexile growth, average quiz score, and reading proficiency.
2) ***Reports*:** Add time back into your day with easily-generated reports to differentiate instruction, monitor growth, and forecast performance goals.
3) ***Search*:** Find more books for your students that target their reading level and interests to maximize growth.
4) ***Settings*:** Customize book quiz settings to ensure every student receives the right level of challenge and motivation to drive reading progress.
5) ***Benchmarks*:** View the Benchmark Proficiency Bands your school uses to measure student progress.
6) ***Class dropdown menu*:** Teachers associated with multiple classes can quickly move between the metrics for each of their classes
7) ***Assign the Reading Pro Test*:** tell your students when it's time to take a Reading Pro test.

# 4) Create a culture of reading

## Video Tutorials

Short tutorial videos provide step-by-step guidance on how to use different features of the program, from accessing data to customizing the settings page.
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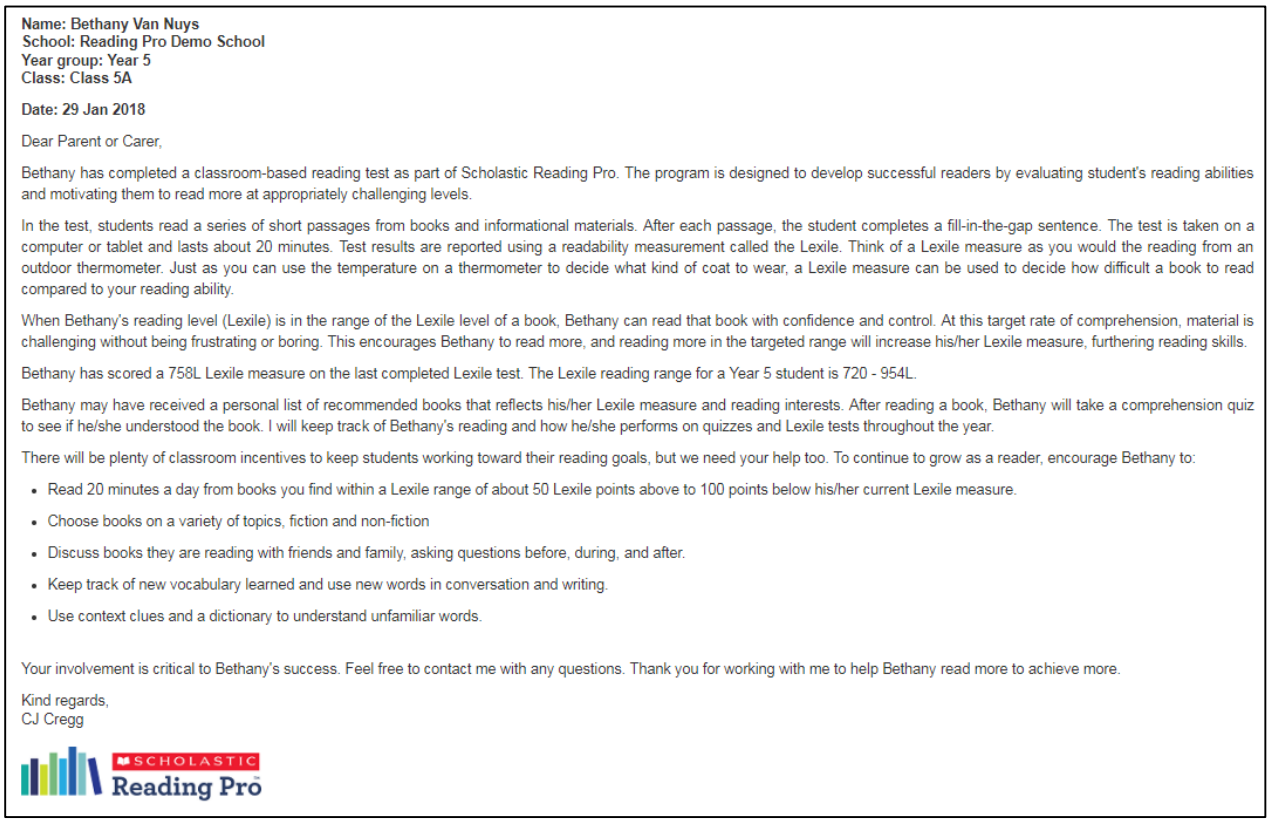
## Get Parents & Carers involved

Once all the children in your class have taken their ReadingPro Test, send home the letters which can be found on the dropdown list under the Class Reports, printing options.



**Name: Bethany Van Nuys**
**School: Reading Pro Demo School**
**Year group: Year 5**
**Class: Class 5A**

**Date: 29 Jan 2018**

Dear Parent or Carer,

Bethany has completed a classroom-based reading test as part of Scholastic Reading Pro. The program is designed to develop successful readers by evaluating student's reading abilities and motivating them to read more at appropriately challenging levels.

In the test, students read a series of short passages from books and informational materials. After each passage, the student completes a fill-in-the-gap sentence. The test is taken on a computer or tablet and lasts about 20 minutes. Test results are reported using a readability measurement called the Lexile. Think of a Lexile measure as you would the reading from an outdoor thermometer. Just as you can use the temperature on a thermometer to decide what kind of coat to wear, a Lexile measure can be used to decide how difficult a book to read compared to your reading ability.

When Bethany's reading level (Lexile) is in the range of the Lexile level of a book, Bethany can read that book with confidence and control. At this target rate of comprehension, material is challenging without being frustrating or boring. This encourages Bethany to read more, and reading more in the targeted range will increase his/her Lexile measure, furthering reading skills.

Bethany has scored a 758L Lexile measure on the last completed Lexile test. The Lexile reading range for a Year 5 student is 720 - 954L.

Bethany may have received a personal list of recommended books that reflects his/her Lexile measure and reading interests. After reading a book, Bethany will take a comprehension quiz to see if he/she understood the book. I will keep track of Bethany's reading and how he/she performs on quizzes and Lexile tests throughout the year.

There will be plenty of classroom incentives to keep students working toward their reading goals, but we need your help too. To continue to grow as a reader, encourage Bethany to:

- Read 20 minutes a day from books you find within a Lexile range of about 50 Lexile points above to 100 points below his/her current Lexile measure.
- Choose books on a variety of topics, fiction and non-fiction
- Discuss books they are reading with friends and family, asking questions before, during, and after.
- Keep track of new vocabulary learned and use new words in conversation and writing.
- Use context clues and a dictionary to understand unfamiliar words.

Your involvement is critical to Bethany's success. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for working with me to help Bethany read more to achieve more.

Kind regards,
CJ Cregg

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This information can also be found in the 'parents zone' when a student logs in to Reading Pro (provided that your school administrator has allowed this feature).

We also have an editable parent's guide you can personalize and hand out should you wish, please visit https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/Reading-Pro-Training for a copy.

Our printable checklist makes it easy to keep track of the four key steps to setting up a successful Reading Pro classroom.

## First Month Checklist

- ☐ Bookmark your school's URL & confirm students can access their accounts.
- ☐ Schedule and administer the Reading Pro Test. Review the test results in Reports section using the Reading Proficiency Report.
- ☐ Check that students are able to find books from their Recommended Reading Lists or the Search tab.
- ☐ Determine when students should take quizzes after completing a book – for instance, during independent reading time, during scheduled library sessions, or at home.

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