



An Introduction to Reading Plus

For parents and guardians

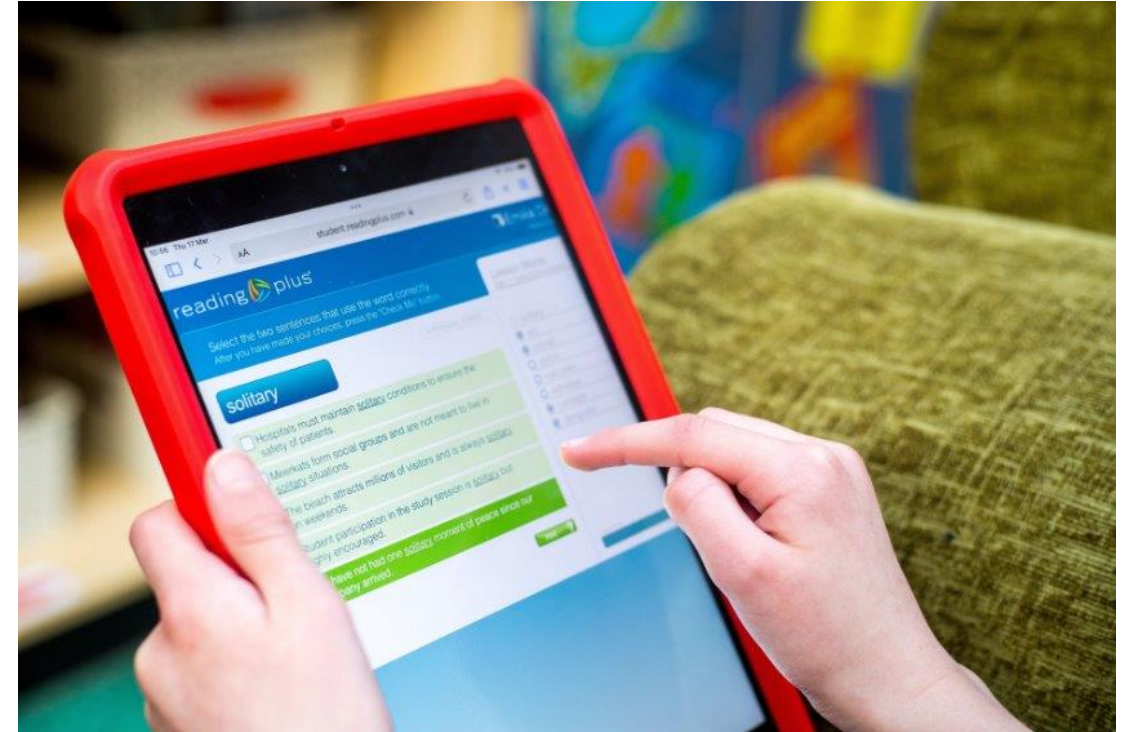


What is Reading Plus?

Reading Plus is an online reading development programme designed to improve children's reading.

With Reading Plus, your child will:

- Learn **new words** to widen their **vocabulary**.
- Better **understand** what they are reading (improving their **comprehension**).
- Read **more quickly**.



How does Reading Plus work?

Children sit an assessment when they first log in to the programme. The results place each child at the level that is just right for them.

- Children can choose which texts they want to read. There are over 1,200 engaging fiction, non-fiction, and informational texts on Reading Plus.
- Reading Plus gives each child a selection of stories to choose from. It tracks their reading habits and recommends texts to broaden their horizons.
- Children should complete five reading tasks each week and will answer ten questions after each task to develop their comprehension skills. They also complete one vocabulary task weekly to expand their word knowledge.
- Adaptive technology ensures each child is working at their just-right level and is suitably challenged to help them progress.

The Guided Window

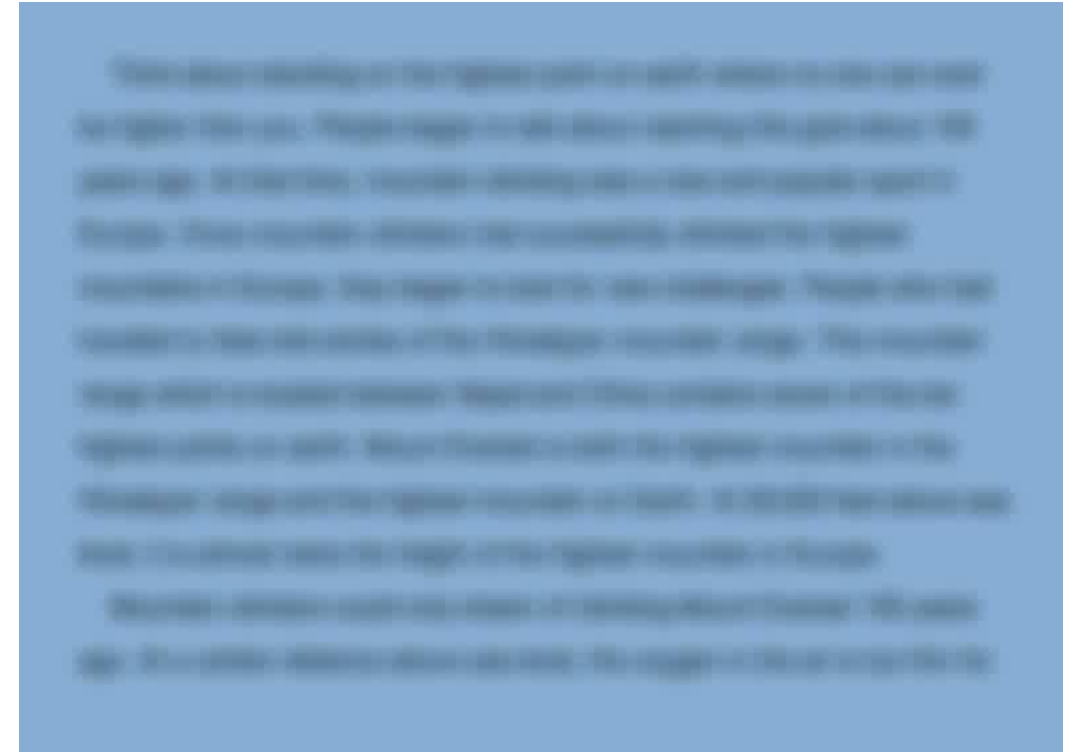
Your child may see **the Guided Window** when they select a text to read. This tool guides the readers eyes across a page of text utilising a moving box.

It teaches children to read effectively, which improves reading speed and stamina (how long they can spend reading before getting tired).



The Guided Window

- **The Guided Window** blocks out other lines of text on the page so children can focus on the line they are reading.
- This stops children's eyes from getting distracted, jumping ahead, or falling behind.
- The speed of the box is set to each child's needs. Children may have the option to increase the speed of the window when they score above 80% in the end-of-story tests.



A video of the Guided Window in action.

How to support your child

- Ask your child about their Reading Plus progress:
- “Have you read any interesting stories on Reading Plus this week?”
- “What was so great about them?”
- “Did you learn any new words this week?”
- “How would you use these in a sentence?”
- “How many words have you read?”



Encouraging your child to progress

- **Celebrate your child's success!**
- **Praise** your child for the **time and effort** they put into improving their reading with Reading Plus.
- **Congratulate** your child on every reading lesson completed with **80%** or higher comprehension.
- Look for when your child earns **combos**. Combos help your child to move up a reading level, so **celebrate** them.

Using Reading Plus at home

Your child can access Reading Plus at home via a computer, laptop, or tablet.

If you have these devices at home, please encourage your child to use Reading Plus for thirty minutes three days a week.

Your child's school will determine if Reading Plus will also be used for homework.



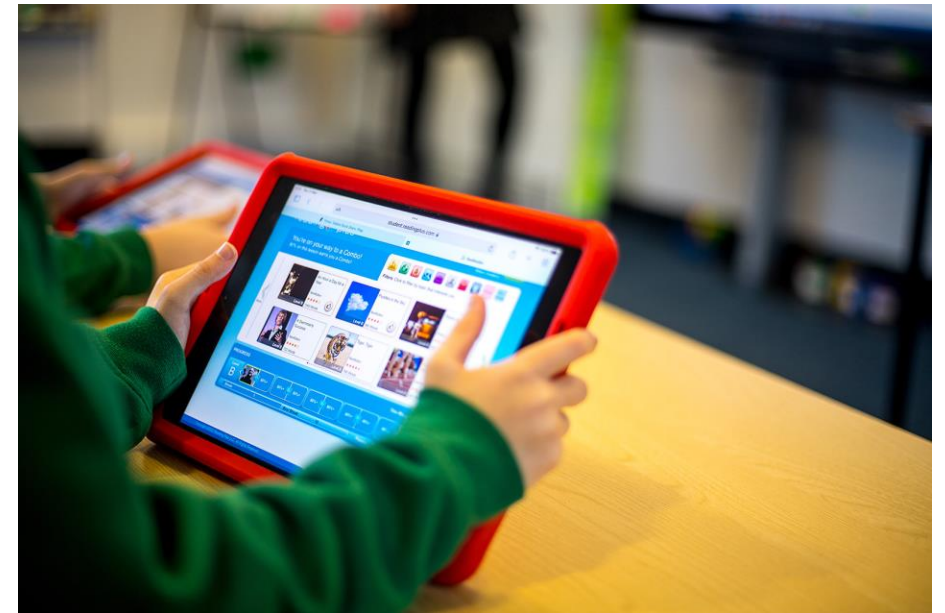
How to login at home

- Ask your child to login as normal via the website:
<https://student.readingplus.com/>
- You will have received a letter with login information from the school detailing:
 - Your school's unique **site code**.
 - Your child's **username** and **password**.
- Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of any of these.



How to check your child's progress

- Ask your child to show their **Dashboard**. From this screen, you will see:
 - **When** they have been on Reading Plus.
 - How **long** they've been on Reading Plus.
 - The **level** they are reading at.
 - Their reading **speed**.



Additional information for parents

- If your child uses Reading Plus at home, from their pupil **Dashboard**, click on the **Families** link at the top of the screen for more information on how to best support your child with their Reading Plus journey.
- You can also find further information by visiting Reading Solutions UK's Resources Hub.
- <https://www.daisyeducationuk.com/customer-support/resources-hub/dreambox-reading-plus>

The screenshot shows the Dreambox Reading Plus interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Lessons', 'Skills', 'Messages', 'Writ', and 'Families' (which is circled in pink). A 'Log Out' button is also visible. Below the navigation bar, the user's name 'Josh Hewitt' is displayed next to a gear icon. A large photo of a golden retriever and a grey and white cat is shown. To the right of the photo, a 'Welcome Josh!' message is displayed, followed by two achievement notifications: 'Look how many words you've read! You earned the Word Buster award for reading 5,000 words.' and 'You earned a Power on your last Reading lessons because you read five stories in a row at 80% or higher with your I-Rate in the Target Zone! Use a Power to add 10 points to a Reading score. Hint: Turn 70% into 80%.' Below the notifications is a 'Start Lessons' button. At the bottom, there are three progress charts: 'Your Reading Rate' (I-RATE 250 WPM, G-Rate 299), 'Your Words Read' (5,468 words, next goal 10,000), and 'Your Reading Profile' (LAST 5 STORIES, 4 stars).

Questions?



**For more information, please contact
your child's class teacher.**

To discover more about Reading Plus
and how it works, please visit:
daisyeducationuk.com

