

Quick Reference for Parents

Using the Ticket to Read™ Program

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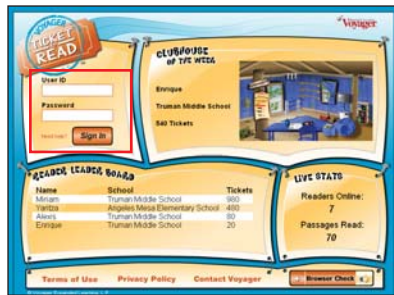
Quiz

Introduction

By using the Ticket to Read™ program, your child will build fluency, strengthen vocabulary, and reinforce comprehension skills. Your child will be rewarded with tickets that can be redeemed to purchase items in the clubhouse. Encourage your child to use Ticket to Read 2–3 times a week for 15–30 minutes per session. Check your child's progress by doing the following:



Go to **www.tickettoread.com**.



Enter your child's User ID and Password and click **Sign In**.



Check their **Progress Board**, ribbons, and trophies.

A blue ribbon signifies that all questions were answered correctly on the Quiz. Red ribbons are awarded for 80 percent or better, and white ribbons for below 80 percent.

A silver trophy is earned after a collection of passages is finished. Once a level (30–40 passages) is completed, a gold trophy is earned.



On the **Progress Board**, you can check what level and book your child is working on, the number of passages completed in the collection, the number of tickets earned in a week, and the words per minute goal.

To begin reading, your child must click on the book.

The **Clubhouse Catalog** is where your child uses tickets to buy items for the clubhouse.

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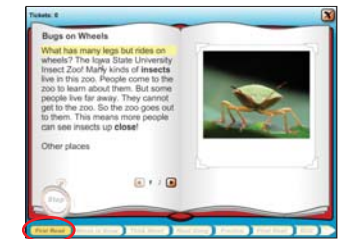
Student Name: _____

User ID: _____

Password: _____

Program Sections

Your child will be given 10 passages to read. After choosing a passage, he or she is taken down a seven step instruction path. The navigation bar is highlighted to indicate the current step.



- **First Read:** The child reads the passage cold and can highlight each line of text with the mouse as they read it.
- **Words to Know:** This section displays vocabulary words the child can click on to learn about a word.
- **Think About:** An essential comprehension skill or strategy is explained.
- **Read Along:** The child listens to a narrator read the passage. Then, the child practices by reading along at a slower pace.
- **Practice:** During this timed practice session, the child can practice the passage twice. While reading, he or she can click on any word to hear it pronounced.
- **Final Read:** In this section, the passage goal must be met.
- **Quiz:** The child answers questions about the passage. He or she then corrects any incorrect answers.

System requirements:

- Monitor resolution 1024 X 768
- 512 mb RAM for Windows XP and OS 10
- Internet Explorer 6.0+, Firefox 2.0+, Safari 1.2+, or Netscape 7.0+
- Adobe Flash Player 9
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0+
- Cookies, Javascript, and Pop-ups enabled
- Internet connection (broadband preferred)



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited to inform you of your child's participation in Ticket to Read™, an interactive online reading program designed to strengthen your child's reading fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension skills. Students navigate through a self-paced instructional path, and motivational features, such as ticket rewards, are issued as students complete certain tasks. Tickets can be used to purchase items that students then use to decorate their clubhouse. Students receive continual feedback from the program about their performance, and progress reports are available to teachers to share with you.

Ticket to Read can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection by going to www.tickettoread.com. To login, students are issued a User ID and Password by their teacher.

Ticket to Read consists of 12 levels of reading difficulty. Passage length and words per minute goals gradually increase with each level. It is recommended that students complete three sessions per week at 15–30 minutes per session. A clubhouse status board posts the student's current level, book, and passage, as well as tickets earned and time spent in the program.

You may wish to create incentives for your child to participate in Ticket to Read at home.

Setting goals for reading a certain number of passages, earning tickets over a specified time period, increasing words per minute, or passing quizzes with 90% or better are suggestions to consider.

Join your child online in Ticket to Read and see them achieve success in reading!

Sincerely,