

Sparx Reader – Student Training

This PowerPoint includes a reminder of how to use Sparx as well as some hints and tips as to how to get the most out of it, so that you can complete your homework like a super star!



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Good afternoon, Emma

Current task  [What is this?](#)

You don't have a task set at the moment.

Why not continue reading to earn some extra SRP?

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Latest book



Paradise

Tim Collins

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Unlock Gold Reader

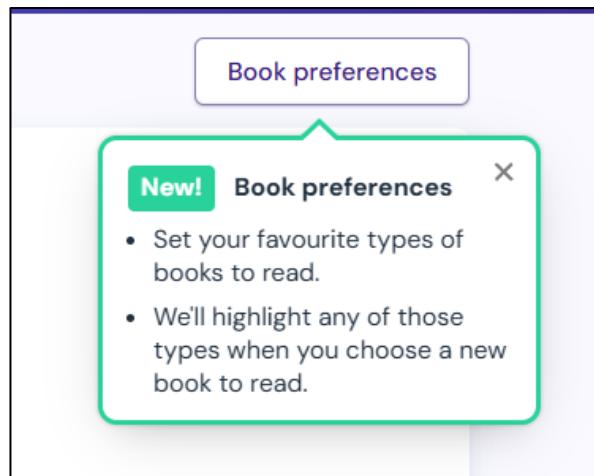


Reach 5 stars to unlock a 5-week Gold Reader pass!



[Go to Gold Reader](#)

Your home page will have a reminder of what your homework is for this week as a current task, as well as the latest book you have been reading. Click "Start Reading" or "Continue Reading" to complete your homework. Remember the aim each week is to achieve 300SRP or from reading and answering questions. If you are finding this challenging, read and work on the questions for 30 minutes. Remember your teacher can see whether you are rushing or just leaving the webpage open, so do make sure you are reading carefully!



Your book preferences

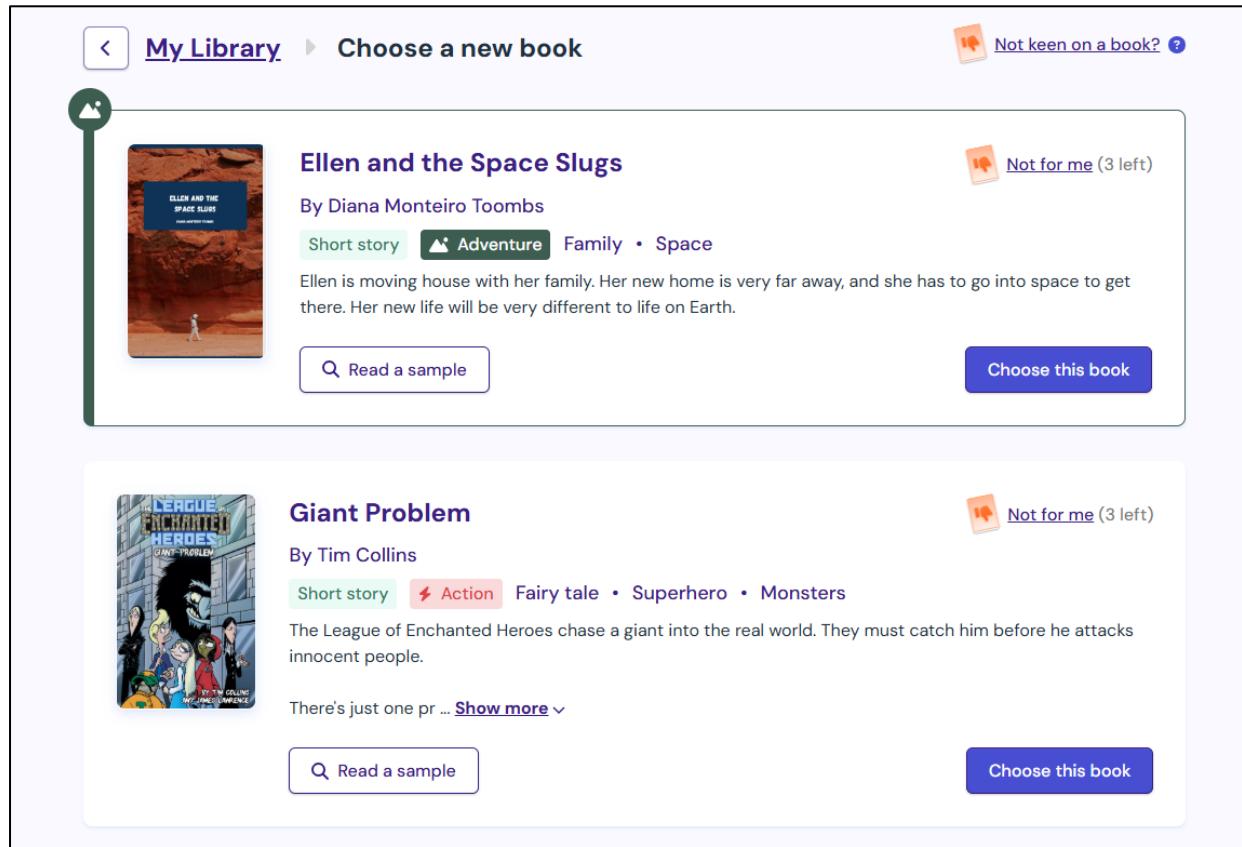
What kind of books do you like the most? We will use this to improve your book choices over time.

Action Stories that are exciting and full of danger	+	Adventure Stories about exciting journeys and challenges	+
Biography Stories about the lives of real people	+	Fantasy Stories about other worlds and magic	+
Historical Stories set in the past	+	Horror Stories that are scary and creepy	+
Humour Stories that are funny	+	Mystery Stories with strange events or problems	+
Myths and Legends Stories about creatures, monsters and heroes	+	Real Life Stories about life, friends, families and animals	+
Romance Stories about love and relationships	+	Science Fiction Stories about tech, space and the future	+

NEW FEATURE ALERT:

Sparx now allows you to choose three genres as your favourite types of books to read. It will recommend these to you as new books and will let you know if the books it has selected fit your preferences perfectly.

Try filling in your book preferences on the home page next time you log in!



The screenshot shows a user interface for selecting a new book. At the top, there are navigation buttons: a back arrow, 'My Library' (underlined in blue), a right arrow, and 'Choose a new book'. In the top right corner, there is a 'Not keen on a book?' button with a question mark icon. Below these, there are two book cards:

- Ellen and the Space Slugs** by Diana Monteiro Toombs. It is a 'Short story' in the 'Adventure' category. It is also labeled as 'Family • Space'. The book cover shows a person walking on a red, rocky surface. Below the book cover, there is a 'Read a sample' button. To the right of the book card, there is a 'Not for me (3 left)' button with a hand icon.
- Giant Problem** by Tim Collins. It is a 'Short story' in the 'Action' category. It is also labeled as 'Fairy tale • Superhero • Monsters'. The book cover shows several characters in a city setting. Below the book cover, there is a 'Read a sample' button and a 'Show more' link. To the right of the book card, there is a 'Not for me (3 left)' button with a hand icon.

At the bottom of the page, there is a modal window titled 'Not keen on a book?'. It contains the text: 'If a book isn't right for you, just click 'Not for me' and we'll show you a different one.' and 'You can do this up to 3 times a week. We may show you the same book again in a while in case you change your mind!'. There is a 'Close' button at the bottom of the modal.

TOP TIP: When you click on a book to choose to read it it will show you:

- The themes - are these themes you are interested in? Look carefully at these when you are picking a new book. If you say it's "not for me", Sparx will know that you're not interested, but they might recommend it again later in case you change your mind.
- A synopsis – read this carefully to find out what the book is about.
- An opportunity to read a sample before you start reading.
- An indication of whether this book falls into some of your favourite book preferences.

Once you start reading, you can swap the book if you really aren't enjoying it. Remember, Sparx only lets you do this three times before you must read the whole book, so don't swap unless you're sure.

As you read, Sparx will pause at key sections to ask you multiple choice questions. The sections will be shorter at the beginning, whilst you are getting into the book, and longer the further you get through. As you are reading, you can also look up words that you don't know, to help you understand. Just hover your mouse over the word.

My new magazine was a good one. It showed huge skyscrapers made of metal and glass. It was aimed at people who design buildings for a living on New Prospect, the largest planet in our system.

[Stop reading here](#)



I sat in the shade of the palm tree and ran my fingers through the white sand. A tiny fishing boat was bobbing on the sea and a large rocket was flying overhead.

This was my planet. This was **Paradise**. And I hated it.

I was me
couldn't bri

paradise

Paradise means a perfect, beautiful place. The narrator thinks the island is paradise, but they don't like it.

'Malana!
shrank down

followed by hotel studies, and I
that on Paradise.

houses along the beach. I

Helpful?

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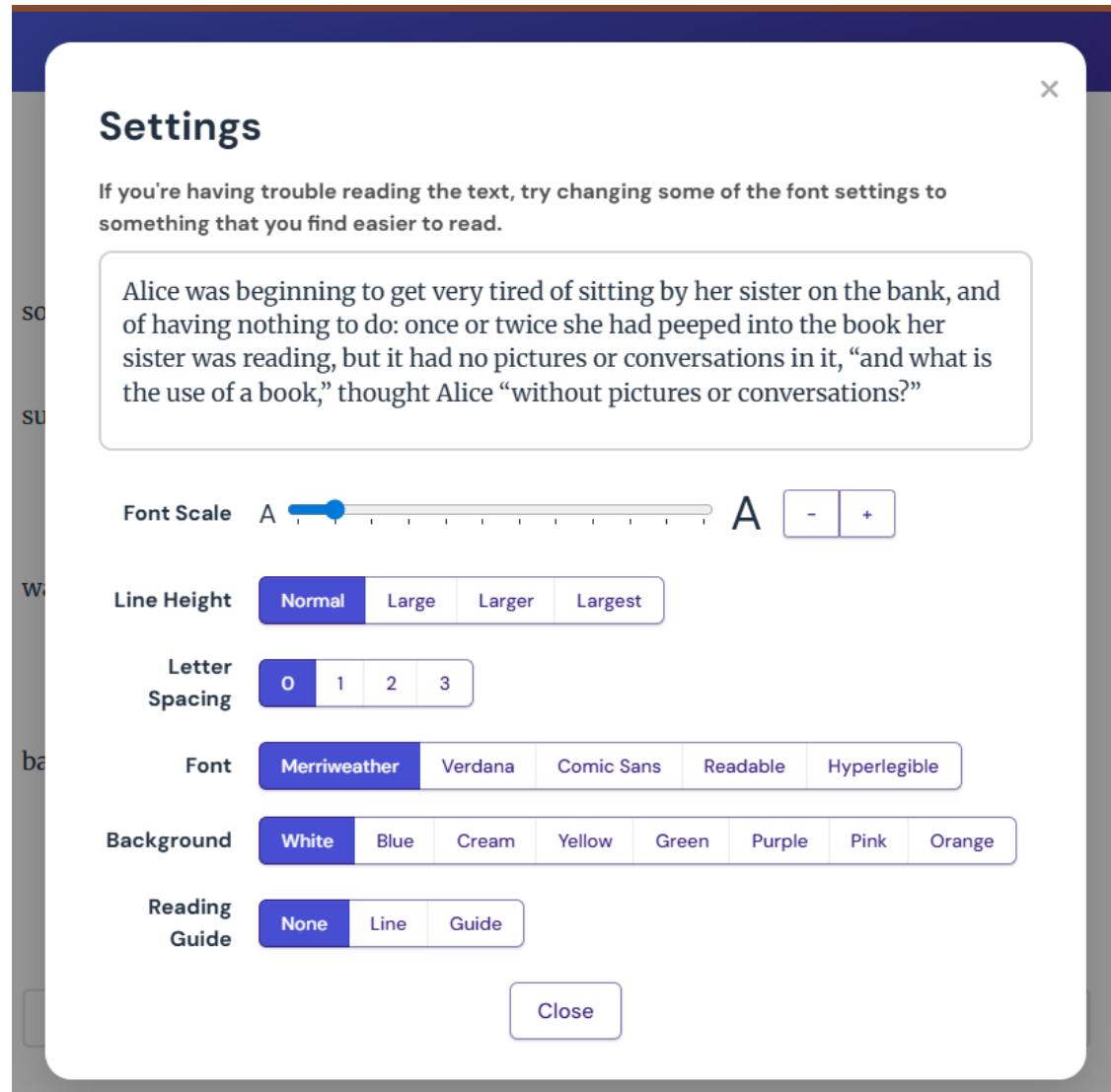
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[I have read up to here](#)

ave been born there? I could become a lawyer or a businesswoman or a . But if you're born on this planet your only hope is to work in tourism. naid from one of the big hotels into school once. She said that if we

DID YOU KNOW?

If you click on settings whilst you are reading your book, you can change your font and size and the background colour of the book you are reading.



The questions you are asked will be multiple choice questions. Make sure you are reading carefully – sometimes the answer is “not in the story” so don’t just guess!

Q1. Malana was sitting watching a boat and a large rocket. Where was Malana sitting?

Not in story

At her school desk

On the window seat at home

On a white sandy beach

Q2. The paddock is part of _____.

a zoo

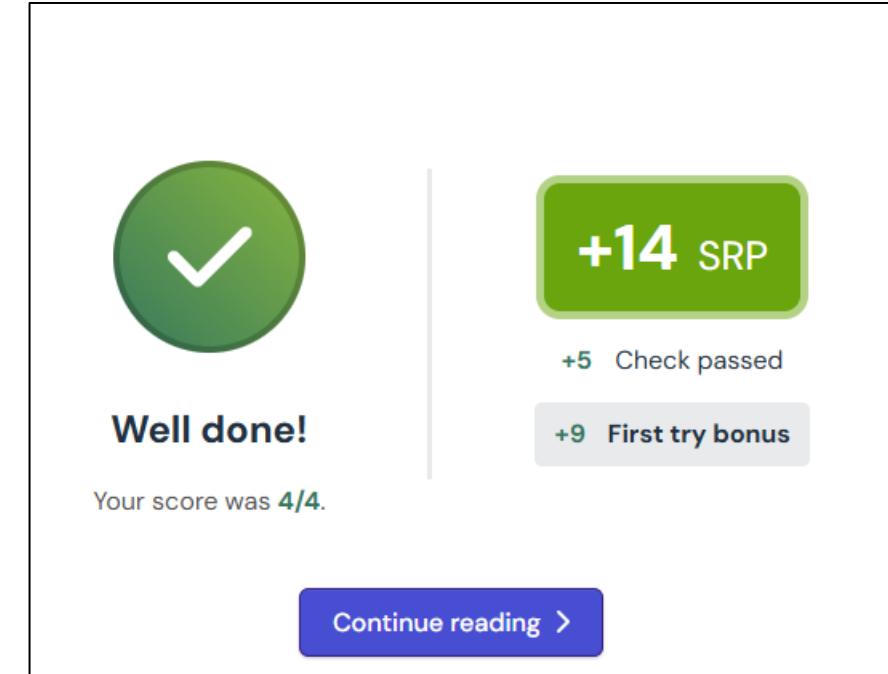
a circus

an army camp

a sheep farm

You earn SRP for answering questions on the book correctly. The more you answer correctly, the more points you get. Remember you are aiming for 300 each week!

TOP TIP: You earn a bonus for answering questions right the first time you read a section of the story, so make sure your first read through is really thorough – it will earn you SRP faster!



Gold Readers can add their own books to Sparx Reader and read them to earn SRP.

Reading more than your current task will earn you stars to unlock your Gold Reader pass.

[Keep reading to earn your pass](#)



Unlock Gold Reader



Reach 5 stars to unlock a 5-week Gold Reader pass!



Students doing additional reading on top of their compulsory homework will be rewarded with gold stars. 300 extra SRP earns one gold star. Once you earn 5 gold stars, you are awarded a Gold Reader pass which lasts for 5 weeks.

Conscientious students can retain their pass indefinitely if they continue to do additional eBook reading, earning their 5 gold stars during the 5-week pass.