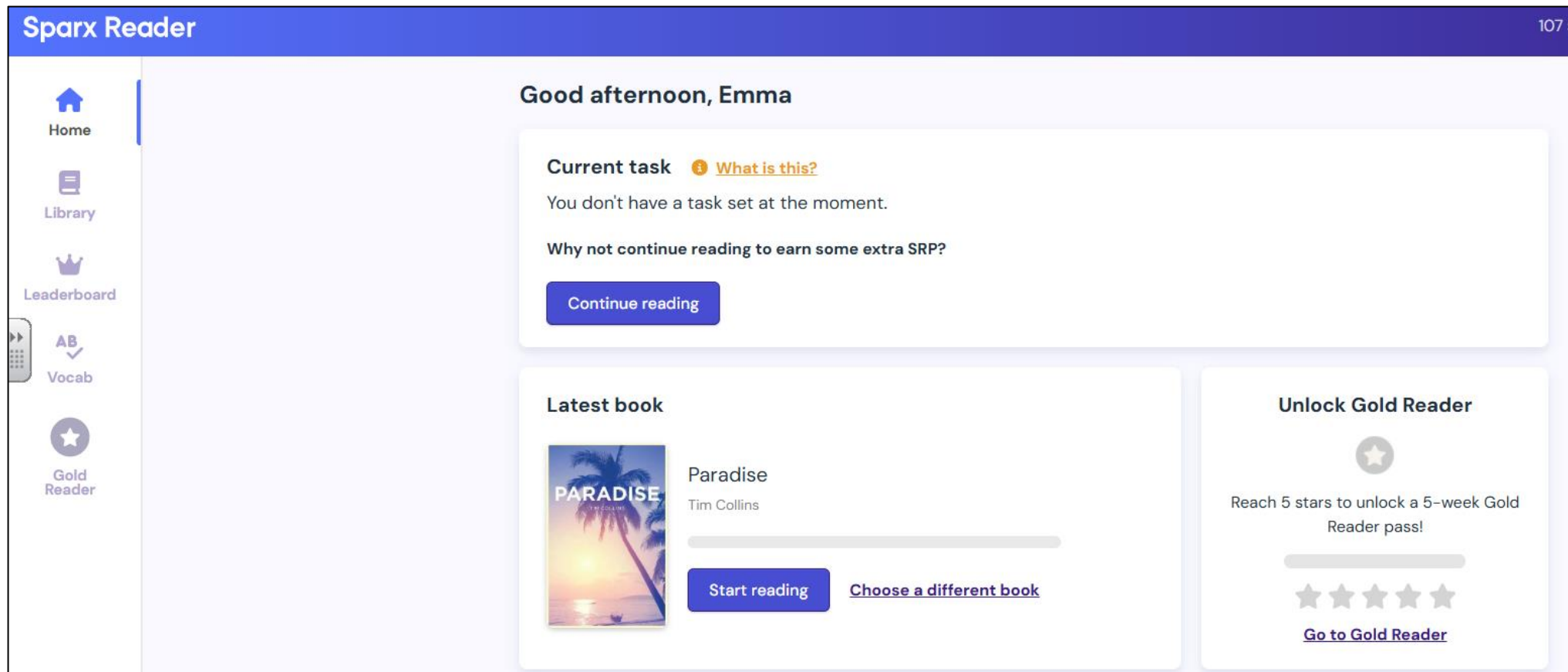


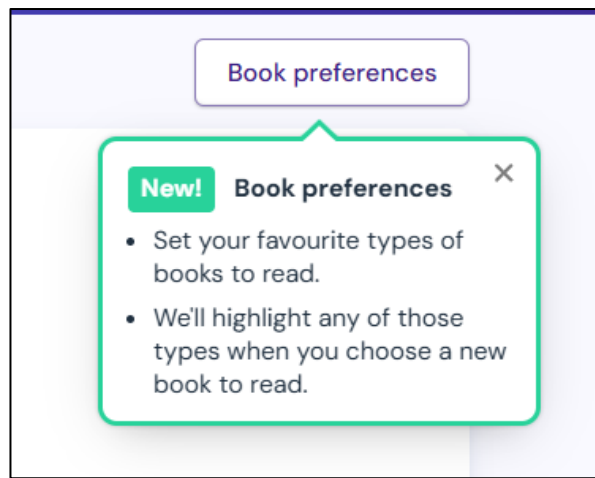
# Sparx Reader – Student Training

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!





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!



## 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!

**Your book preferences**

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

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

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### Ellen and the Space Slugs

By Diana Monteiro Toombs

Short story **Adventure** Family • Space

Ellen is moving house with her family. Her new home is very far away, and she has to go into space to get there. Her new life will be very different to life on Earth.

[Read a sample](#)

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### Giant Problem

By Tim Collins

Short story **Action** Fairy tale • Superhero • Monsters

The League of Enchanted Heroes chase a giant into the real world. They must catch him before he attacks innocent people.

There's just one pr ... [Show more](#)

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[Not for me](#) (3 left)

- 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.

### Not keen on a book?

If a book isn't right for you, just click 'Not for me' and we'll show you a different one.

**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!

[Close](#)

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!  
shrunken dow

ollowed by hotel studies, and I  
that on Paradise.

houses along the beach. I

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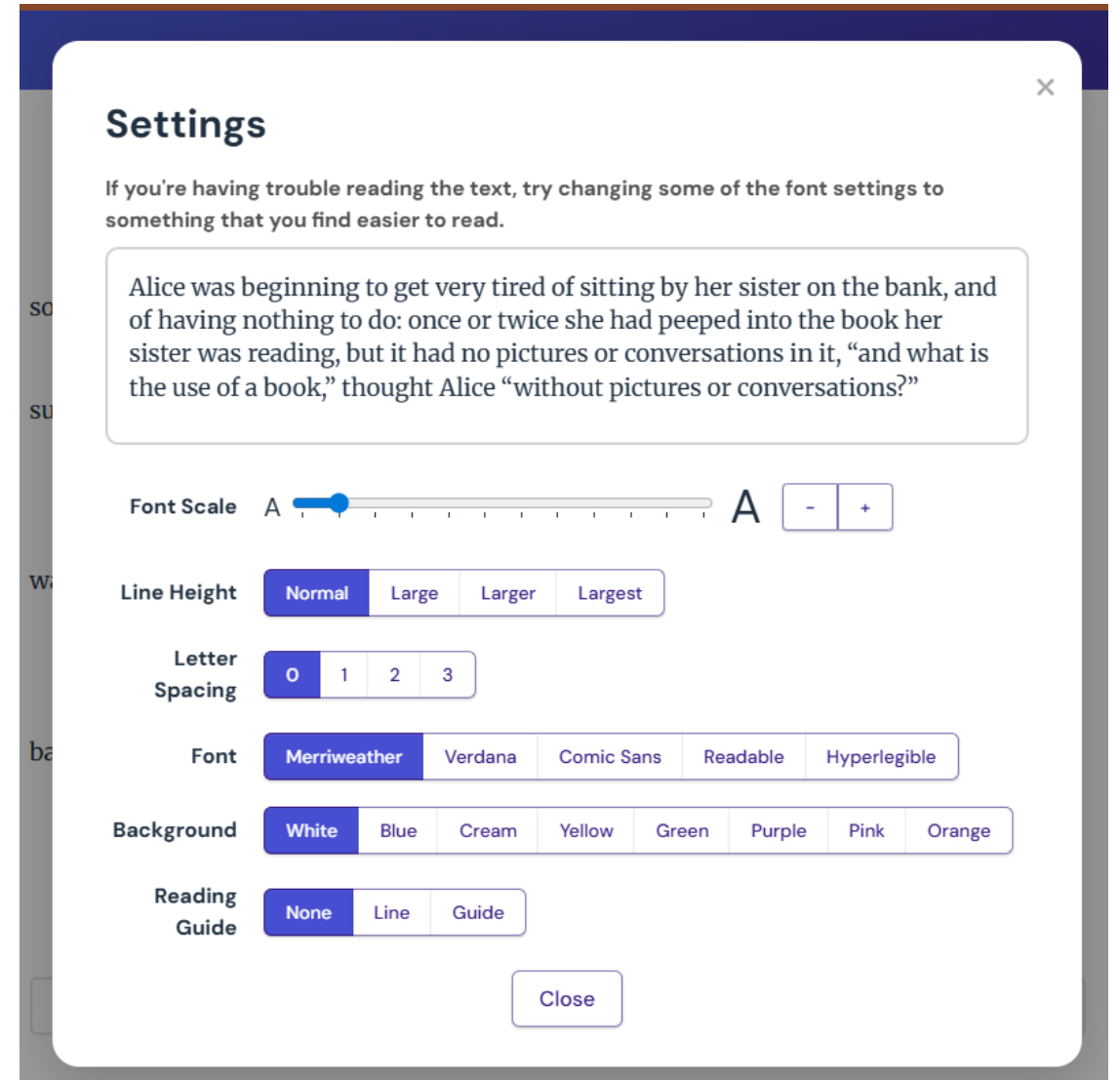
I have read up to here

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.

maid from one of the big hotels into school once. She said that if we

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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!



**Well done!**

Your score was 4/4.

**+14 SRP**

+5 Check passed

+9 First try bonus

[Continue reading >](#)



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.