

## Assessment for Learning: Instant Reading Ages and NC Levels for All Your Pupils



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- How many of you like to know your pupils' reading ages and NC levels?
- How many of you use some form of paper tests to do this?
- How many of you like marking paper tests?



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## STAR Reading

- Starting point for your Accelerated Reader Programme
- Computer-based assessment of a student's overall reading ability
- Identifies individual reading ranges (ZPD)
- Administered a few times a year – usually once each term)
- Measures growth



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## Test Design

- Multiple-choice questions  
25 in-context vocabulary items
- Takes 10 – 20 minutes
- Question difficulty is based on previous answers (computer-adaptive)
- Practice questions
- Students must have at least 100 word vocabulary



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## Product Demonstration



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## Results...



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## Research

- In the 2006/2007 academic year, Renaissance Learning undertook a massive correlation study
- 36 primary and secondary schools from across England were involved, covering an area from Newcastle to Plymouth
- Over 4500 children from year 2 to year 9
- Over 20,000 tests were undertaken including STAR Reading and STAR Maths, Suffolk Reading Scale 2, Progress in Mathematics (PiM)
- Teacher assessments in reading and maths were also collected on all children involved.
- Study overseen by NFER



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## Research cont:

- The results showed that STAR Reading and STAR Maths were able to correlate highly with established UK tests and calculate accurate estimated reading ages and NC Levels in reading and maths
- Copies of the NFER report are available from [www.renlearn.co.uk](http://www.renlearn.co.uk)



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