



Scholastic Reading Inventory

Software Manual

For use with *Scholastic Reading Inventory v2.0* and SAM v2.0

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What's New in *Scholastic Reading Inventory* and Scholastic Achievement Manager Version 2.0?

Scholastic customers already using *Scholastic Reading Inventory* and Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM) will notice new features in version 2.0.

- **Browser-Based Client Software:** *Scholastic Reading Inventory* users now access the *SRI* client software through a browser. This eliminates the need for installing client software on individual student workstations. Students access *SRI* through the Student Access Screen (*page 5*), which opens in a browser window. The workstations use a network connection to reach and transmit data to and from the *SRI* server.
- **Student Access Screen:** When students click the Student Access Screen bookmark, the new Student Access Screen opens in a separate browser window. The screen has an icon for every program that is installed on the server. Students click the program icon to go to the Login Screen for that program. See *page 5* for more information.

Overview

Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) is a reading comprehension test that assesses students' reading skills. The score from this test helps teachers place students on the correct educational path, adjust their teaching style to students' needs, track students' reading growth over time, and match readers to books appropriate for their skills.

SRI is an adaptive test that adjusts to students' responses. Once students start the test, the difficulty levels of questions change according to students' performance. When the computer has enough information to generate a Lexile® measure, the test stops. Adaptive testing shortens test-taking time, increases testing accuracy, and helps ensure that no two students receive the same test.

SRI has a test bank of 5,119 questions, and is based exclusively on passages from authentic children's literature, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as excerpts from young adult and classic literature, newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

As they take the *SRI*, students answer fill-in-the-blank or cloze questions, similar to those found in many standardized tests, which measure students' comprehension of the passages they read.

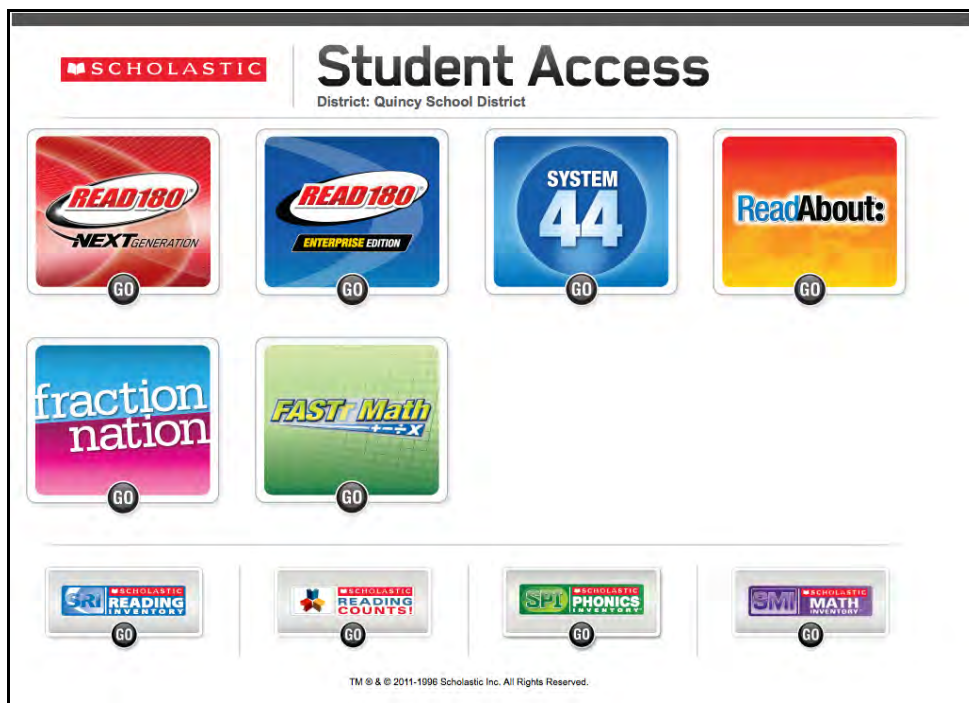
Scholastic recommends that teachers use the *SRI* to determine the starting level for students in *READ 180*® as well as to measure students' reading growth over time.

Logging In

Student Access Screen

Students are enrolled in *Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)* through Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM). See [Enrolling and Managing Students Using Scholastic Achievement Manager](#) for detailed instructions on enrolling students.

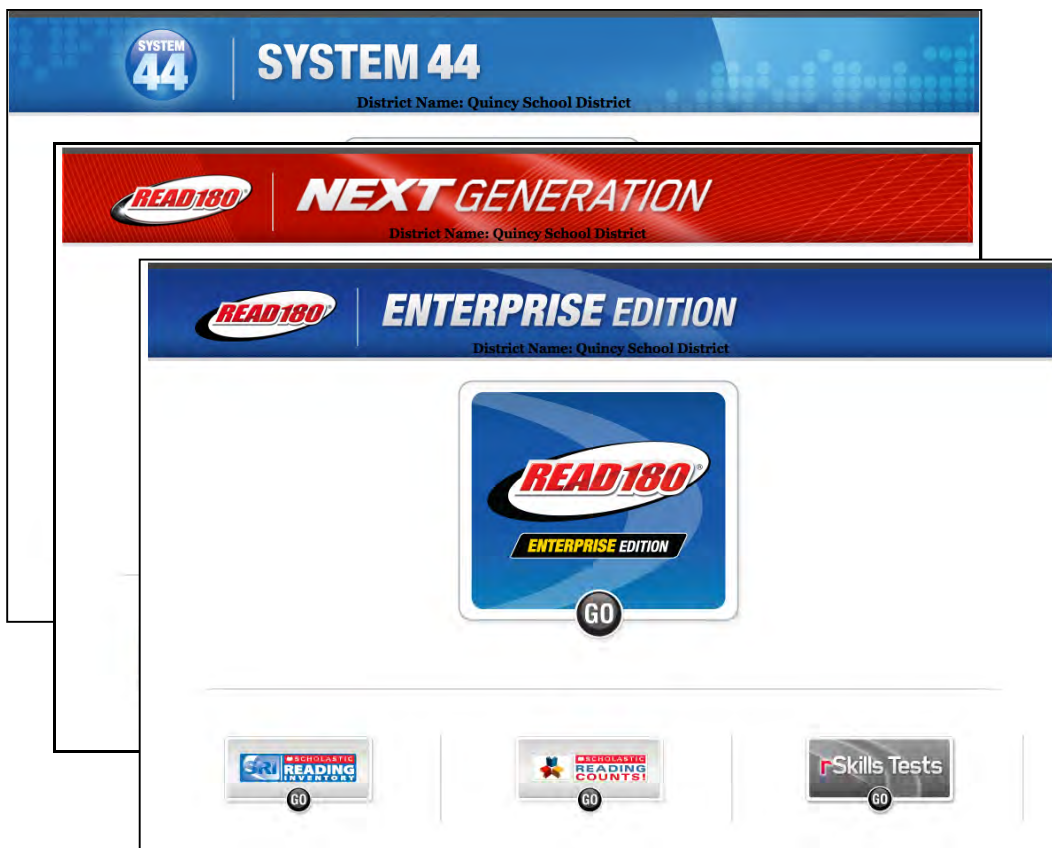
Once students are enrolled in *Scholastic Reading Inventory*, they may log in to *SRI* through the Student Access Screen on the student workstation. To open the Student Access Screen, open the workstation’s browser program and use the Student Access Screen bookmark (see the [Scholastic Reading Inventory Installation Guide](#) for help with bookmarking the Student Access Screen).



The Student Access Screen displays icons for all Scholastic products installed on the server.

To open the *SRI* Login Screen, click the *SRI* icon at the bottom of the screen.

Students may also log in to SRI through the product suite screens. If the student is enrolled in the *READ 180* Enterprise Edition suite, the *READ 180* Next Generation suite, or the *System 44* suite, click the appropriate icon to open the access screen for the suite.



Click the *SRI* icon to open the *SRI* Login Screen.

The SRI Login Screen



From the Login Screen, students type their username and password and click **Go On** to start the test.



Teacher Tip

Use Estimate the Reading Level in the SRI Program Settings in SAM before students log in to ensure they receive targeted items for a more accurate Lexile measure.

The Book Interest Screen

If the SRI Program Settings have been set to allow students to choose their own interests, students see the Book Interest Screen (see [SAM Settings and Reports for Scholastic Reading Inventory](#) for information on how to adjust Program Settings). Students may select up to three genres. There are three groups of genres, sorted by grade level: K–2, 3–5, and 6–12.

The application uses students' selections to create a customized Recommended Reading Report at the completion of the test. The books on the Recommended Reading Report match students' reading interests, grade level, and Lexile reading range. This allows students to read engaging books at their targeted reading level.



To select book interest categories:

1. Click the icons for up to three genres that they like to read. Students may click any selected icon again to deselect that choice.
2. Click the **Next** button in the lower right corner of the screen.



Teacher Tip

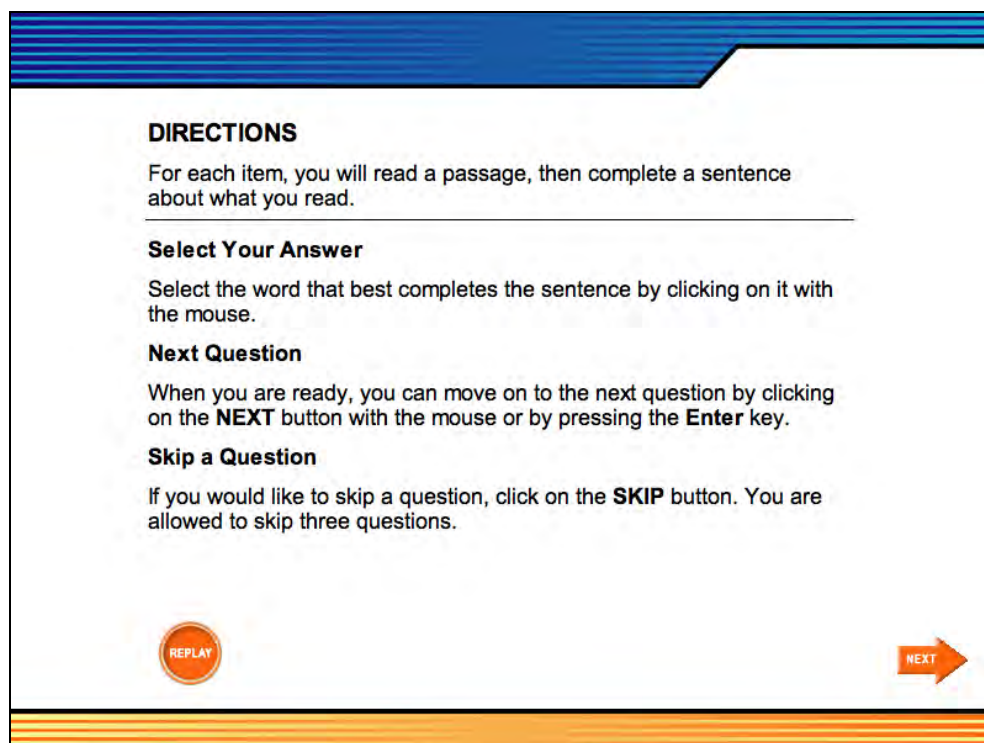
Choosing less than three genres increases the percentage of books that will appear from the selected genre(s) in the Recommended Reading Report.

Taking the *SRI* Practice Test

Practice Tests prepare students for *SRI* tests by determining if students understand how to use the computer to answer *SRI* questions. Practice Test answers do not count toward students' final Lexile measures.

A Practice Test consists of questions in the same format as the actual test questions. These questions are designed to be easier than the student's targeted reading level, and the student should be able to answer them correctly. The purpose is simply to assess whether the student understands the directions and the software interface.

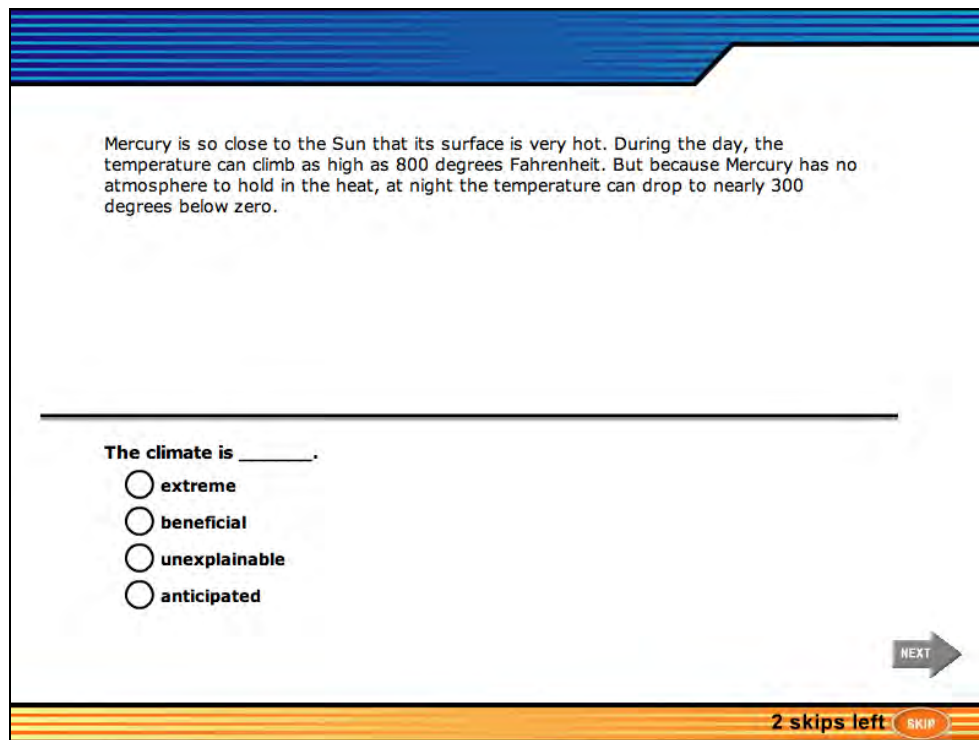
NOTE: Students only take Practice Tests if a teacher or administrator has configured Program Settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students Using Scholastic Achievement Manager](#) for information on how to change Program Settings.

A screenshot of the software interface showing test directions. The screen has a blue header and a white main area. At the bottom, there are orange and yellow decorative bars. The text on the screen includes: 'DIRECTIONS', 'For each item, you will read a passage, then complete a sentence about what you read.', 'Select Your Answer', 'Select the word that best completes the sentence by clicking on it with the mouse.', 'Next Question', 'When you are ready, you can move on to the next question by clicking on the NEXT button with the mouse or by pressing the Enter key.', 'Skip a Question', 'If you would like to skip a question, click on the SKIP button. You are allowed to skip three questions.', and two buttons: 'REPLAY' (a circular orange button) and 'NEXT' (an orange arrow button pointing right).

After logging in, the application presents students with the test directions. When students finish reading or listening to the directions, they should click **Next** to begin the Practice Test.

For each Practice Test question, students follow the same four-step process:

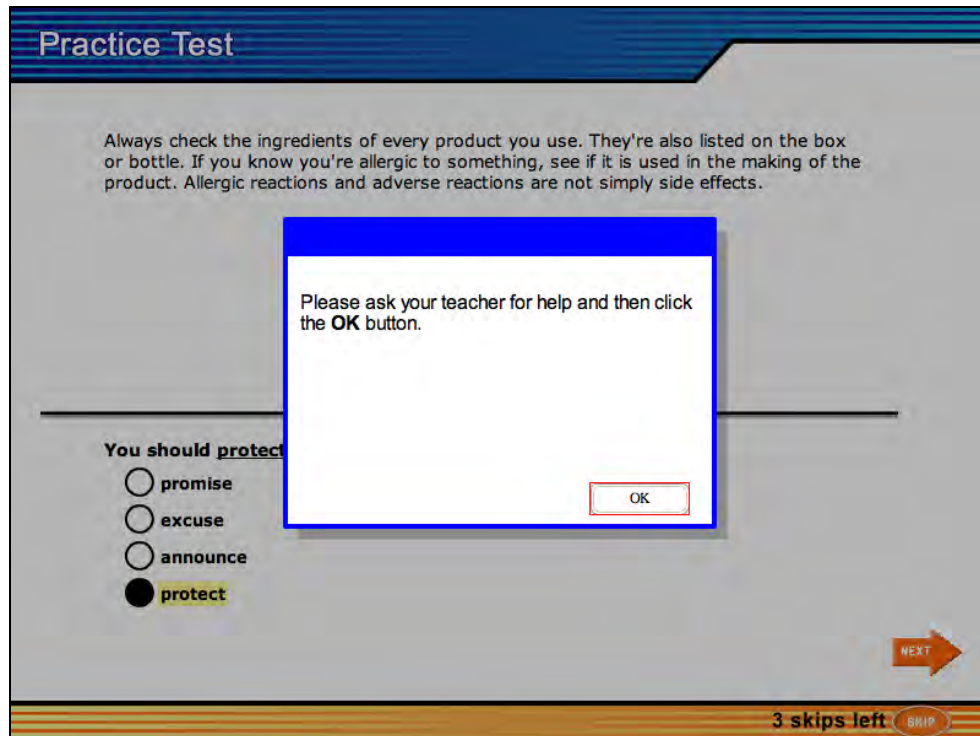
1. Read a paragraph of fiction or nonfiction.
2. Read a fill-in-the-blank or cloze question.
3. Read the four multiple-choice answers.
4. Select the best answer choice and click **Next**.



The screenshot shows a software interface for a reading test. At the top, there is a blue header with horizontal lines. Below it, a paragraph of text reads: "Mercury is so close to the Sun that its surface is very hot. During the day, the temperature can climb as high as 800 degrees Fahrenheit. But because Mercury has no atmosphere to hold in the heat, at night the temperature can drop to nearly 300 degrees below zero." Below the paragraph is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text says "The climate is _____." followed by four radio button options: "extreme", "beneficial", "unexplainable", and "anticipated". In the bottom right corner of the question area, there is a grey arrow button labeled "NEXT". At the very bottom of the interface, there is an orange bar with the text "2 skips left" and a red "SKIP" button.

Throughout the Practice Test, students may choose to skip up to three questions.

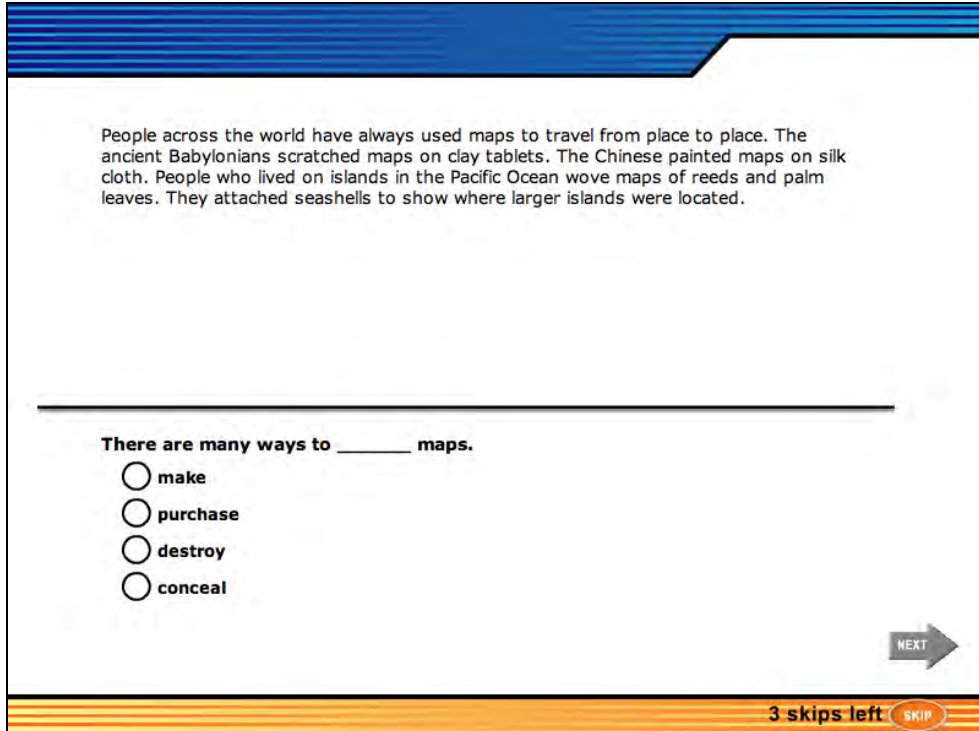
If a student answers a question incorrectly during a Practice Test, a Help window appears. The window prompts the student to ask the teacher for assistance. The program then gives that student a few additional questions to answer before completing the Practice Test.



If students' Estimated Reading Level is not set in the Program Settings in SAM when the student first logs in to SRI, the Practice Test is followed by 2–5 additional questions. These extra questions help determine the appropriate difficulty level for the beginning of the test.

Taking an SRI Test


After the Practice Test is completed, the actual test begins. An SRI test consists of brief selections of authentic fiction and nonfiction literature. After reading each passage, students answer a cloze question using one of the multiple-choice answers provided. Students select an answer and click the **Next** button. To change an answer, students select another answer choice before clicking **Next**. Students may not return to a question after clicking the **Next** button.




People across the world have always used maps to travel from place to place. The ancient Babylonians scratched maps on clay tablets. The Chinese painted maps on silk cloth. People who lived on islands in the Pacific Ocean wove maps of reeds and palm leaves. They attached seashells to show where larger islands were located.

There are many ways to _____ maps.

- make
- purchase
- destroy
- conceal



3 skips left 



Teacher Tip

Students are not required to finish the SRI test in one session. To quit and save a testing session, students may press the Esc key and then click Yes at the prompt (page 14).

Students may select answers by using either the mouse or the keyboard. To select an answer using the mouse:

1. Click the answer from the list of options. This makes the selected word or phrase appear in the blank of the sentence.
2. Click **Next** when they have made a final selection.

To select an answer using the keyboard:

1. Press the Tab key to activate the keyboard selection process.
2. Use the Up and Down arrows to move through the choices.
3. Press the Space Bar to select an answer.
4. Press the Enter (or Return) key when they have completed the question.

Throughout the *SRI* test, students may choose to skip up to three questions without affecting their results. To skip a question, students click the **Skip** button in the lower right corner of any question screen.

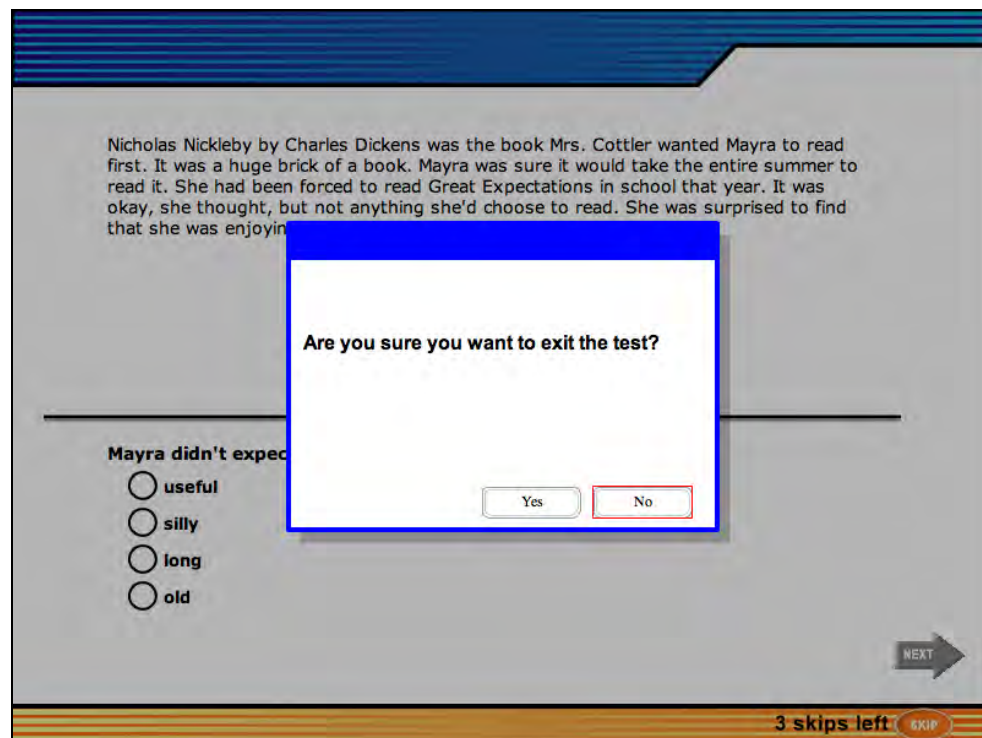


Teacher Tip

Scholastic recommends that students quit and save SRI tests during breaks and then return to the tests afterward, to avoid losing data due to a computer crash or power outage.

Pausing and Returning to an Incomplete *SRI* Test

Students may save and quit incomplete *SRI* tests if they need more time or need to share hardware and computer time. When students log in to *SRI* the next time, the system automatically prompts them to continue taking the test.



To exit the program, students press the **Esc** key. The application then asks students if they want to quit.

Students may click **Yes** to quit and save the test to continue later; they may click **No** if they want to keep taking the test.

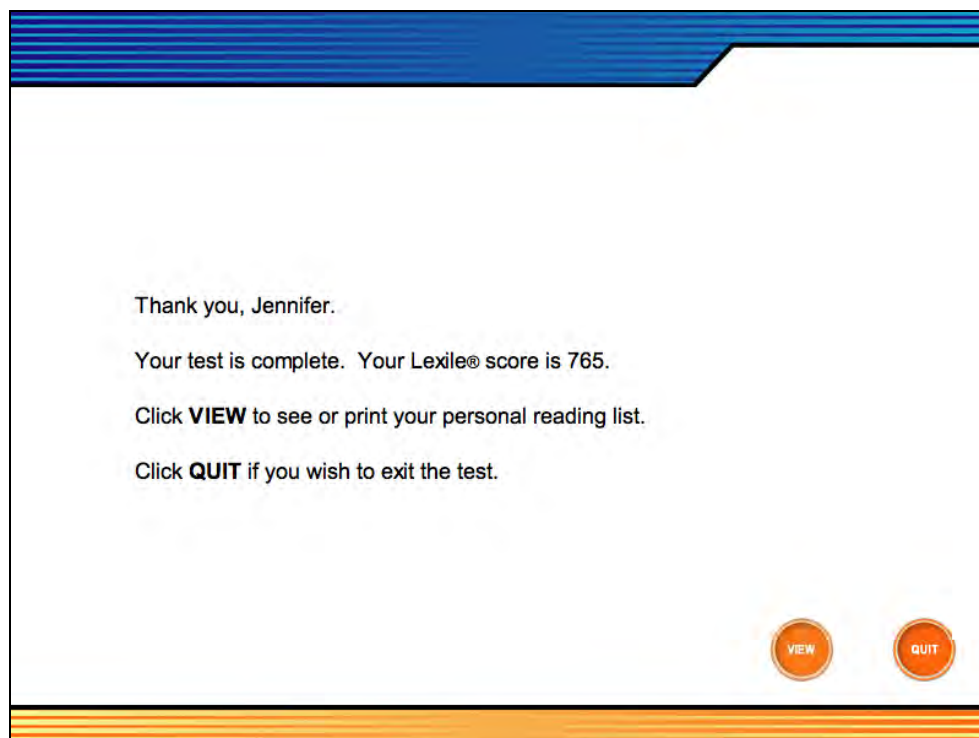
To return to a test, students need only to log in to *SRI* to immediately be prompted to begin with their last unanswered question.

Viewing and Printing the Recommended Reading Report

When students finish the test, the final screen displays their Lexile measure for the test. Students may click **View** to see an individualized Recommended Reading Report based on the results from the *SRI* test and their reading interests from the Book Interest Screen.

The application selects books from a database of over 10,000 titles. The Recommended Reading Report also shows which of the books have *Scholastic Reading Inventory* quizzes installed.

NOTE: Students only see their Lexile measure on this screen if a teacher or administrator has configured their Program Settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students Using Scholastic Achievement Manager](#) for more information on how to change students' Program Settings.



Printing the Recommended Reading Report

Recommended Reading Report

STUDENT: MARTINEZ, JENNIFER

Teacher: Andre Atkins, Charles Vickers
Grade: 9
Class: Test Class

Time Period: 06/17/08 – 06/17/08

Test Date: 6/17/2008
 Student Lexile®: 765

Jennifer, here are some great books at your reading level.

READING INTEREST	QUIZ	TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE®
Book Expert Choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Be Mine	McFenn, Jane	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze Bow, The	Speare, Elizabeth George	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Castle (Seventh Tower)	Nix, Garth	790
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean Duffly	Powell, Randy	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Look And It Won't Hurt	Peck, Richard	760
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Weather	Peck, Richard	670
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm Team	Weaver, Will	700
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feather In The Wind	Johnston, Norma	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Adversary	Morris, Gilbert	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Harmonica, The	Marley, Louise	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	House Of Stairs	Sleator, William	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Body	Parker, Steve	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jahanara, Princess Of Princesses	Lasky, Kathryn	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journey To America	Levitt, Sonia	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lone Sentinel	Dereske, Jo	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missouri Homestead	Tedrow, T.L.	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Month of Seven Days, A	Cimo, Shirley	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night Terrors	Duncan, Lois	720
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nightmare Mountain	Kehret, Peg	700
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orion John	Krumgold, Joseph	710
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Othello: A Novel	Lester, Julius	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page	Pierce, Tamora	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Samir And Yonatan	Carmi, Daniela	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secrets Of Vesuvius, The	Lawrence, Caroline	680
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seven-Day Magic	Eager, Edward	750	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spying Game, The	Moon, Pat	690	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stone Water	Gilbert, Barbara Snow	800	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild Hunt, The	Yolen, Jane	720	

To print the Recommended Reading Report:

1. Click **View** to open a PDF copy of the report in a Web browser.
2. Click the **File** menu in the toolbar, and then click **Print** to print the report.

NOTE: Students are able to view this report only if a teacher or administrator has configured Program Settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students Using Scholastic Achievement Manager](#) for more information on how to change Program Settings. Teachers may also view the report through SAM.

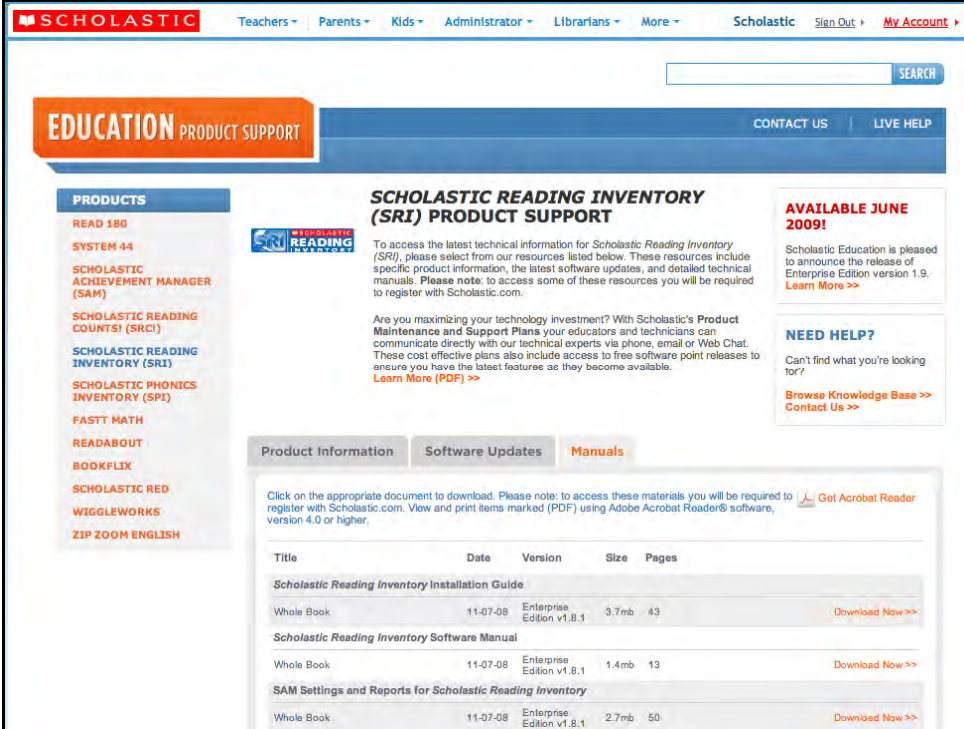


Teacher Tip

Remember that the workstation needs to be hooked up to a printer to print out reports.

Technical Support

For questions or other support needs, visit the [Scholastic Education Product Support](http://www.scholastic.com/sri/productsupport) website at <http://www.scholastic.com/sri/productsupport>.



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