



Scholastic Reading Inventory

Software Manual

For use with *Scholastic Reading Inventory* version 2.2 or later
and Scholastic Achievement Manager version 2.2 or later

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What's New In *Scholastic Reading Inventory* and Scholastic Achievement Manager Version 2.2?

Scholastic customers already using *Scholastic Reading Inventory* (SRI) and Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM) will notice new features in version 2.2:

Scholastic Reading Inventory

- **Growth Goals Report:** *Scholastic Reading Inventory* (SRI) version 2.2 contains a new student-level report, the Growth Goals Report, which helps teachers set individual growth goals for students based on College and Career Readiness and other CCSS benchmarks.
- **SRI Parent Letters:** SRI Parent Letters in SRI express student growth in terms of progress in the Common Core State Standards.
- **Test Removal:** Only users with administrator permissions may remove tests.

Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM)

- **New Password Requirement:** Administrators must create a unique username and password at first login of SAM.
- **CSV Exports:** In SAM version 2.2, users may select specific classes for export and include up to three custom demographic fields to export.

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.

Student Accessibility

SRI provides accessibility features that can enable some visually impaired students to use the application. The contrast setting, for example, will help a student who has trouble reading black text on a white background.

SRI requires students to view images and videos, speak into a microphone and use a mouse. Students who have difficulty with these requirements will need assistance when using the program.

SRI does not provide textual equivalence to bitmap-rendered content. Students who are dependent on a Braille or text-to-speech device will be unable to use the application. Also, though closed captions are available for the hearing-impaired, the application does not provide a description of the video, nor does it provide the closed-caption text in text format (it is only available as a display).

Browser-based accessibility features, such as screen and font magnifiers, are not tested by Scholastic and may not be compatible with SRI. Even in cases when the features may work with the program, the input focus is not set to allow students using screen magnifiers to follow the onscreen changes. Similarly, changing display settings may render the program unusable. Students needing to see larger text should use an external screen magnifier rather changing display settings or using a feature of the browser program.

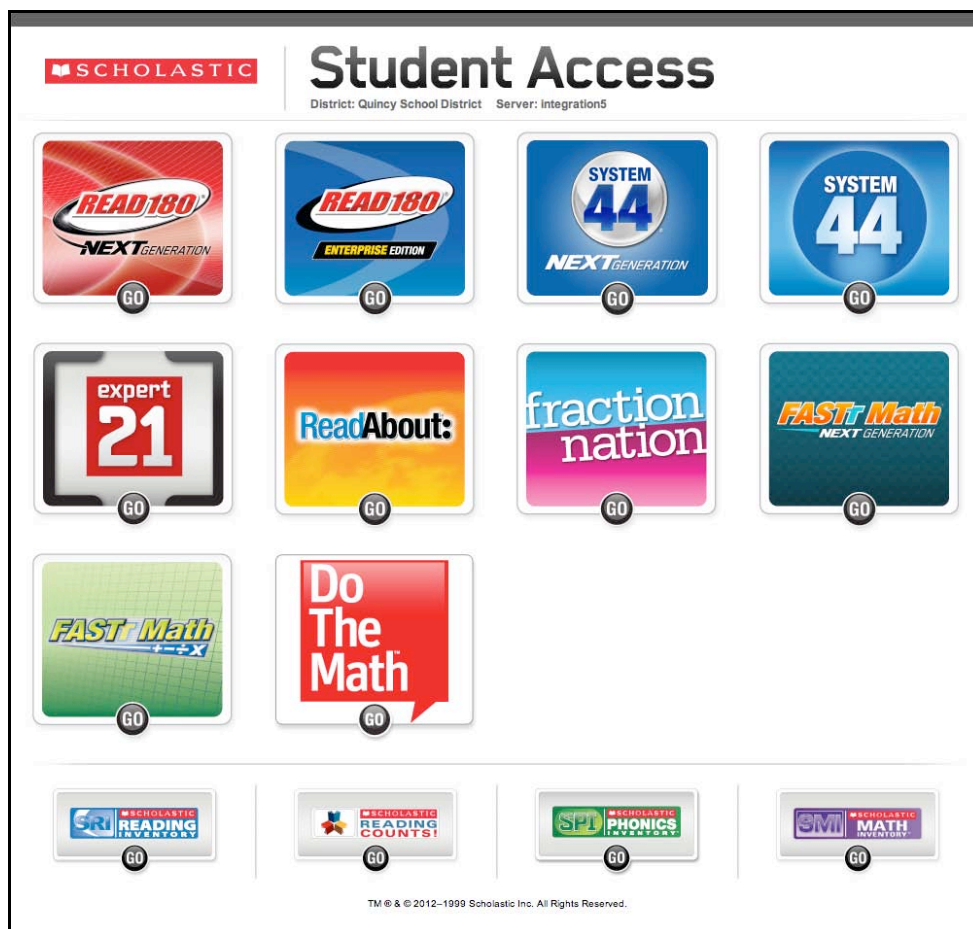
Mac OS X and Windows operating systems, as well as Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Safari browser programs, offer a range of accessibility features that may enable users with disabilities to, among other things, perform basic navigation with a keyboard instead of a mouse by using the Tab key.

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.

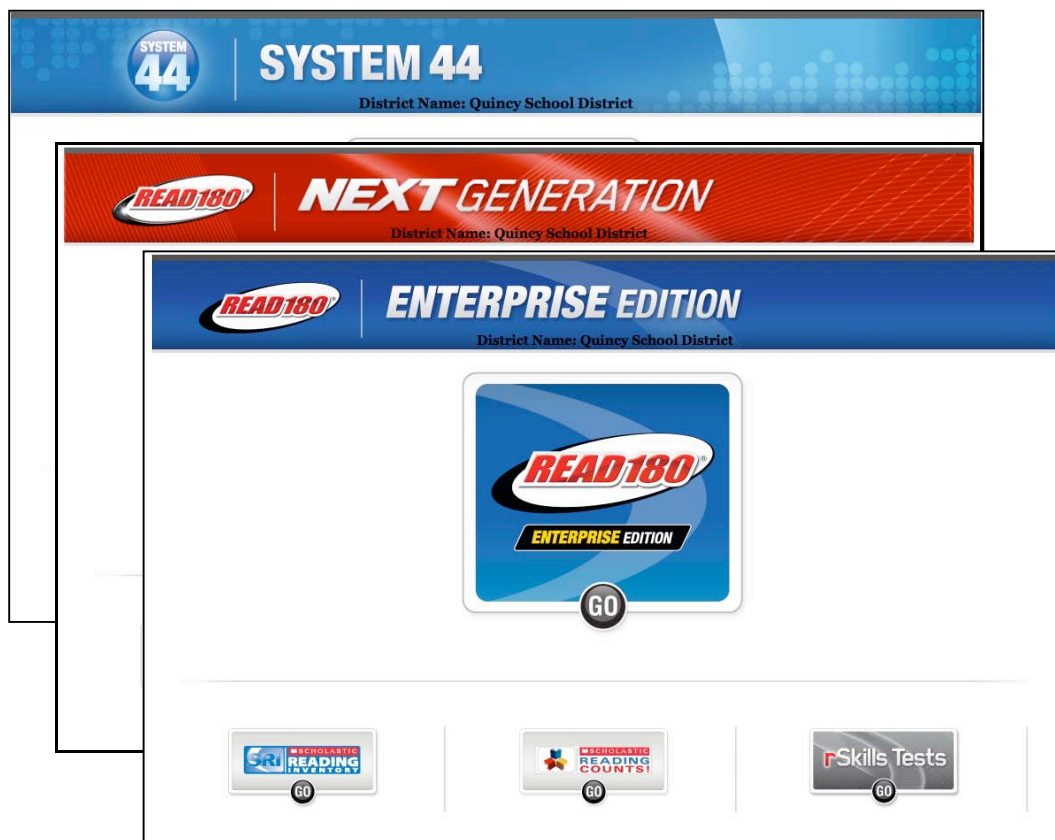
Once students are enrolled in *Scholastic Reading Inventory*, they may log in to SRI through the Student Access Screen on the student workstation. To open the Student Access Screen, open the workstation's browser program and use the Student Access Screen bookmark (see the [Scholastic Reading Inventory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



The Student Access Screen displays icons for all Scholastic products licensed 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.

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

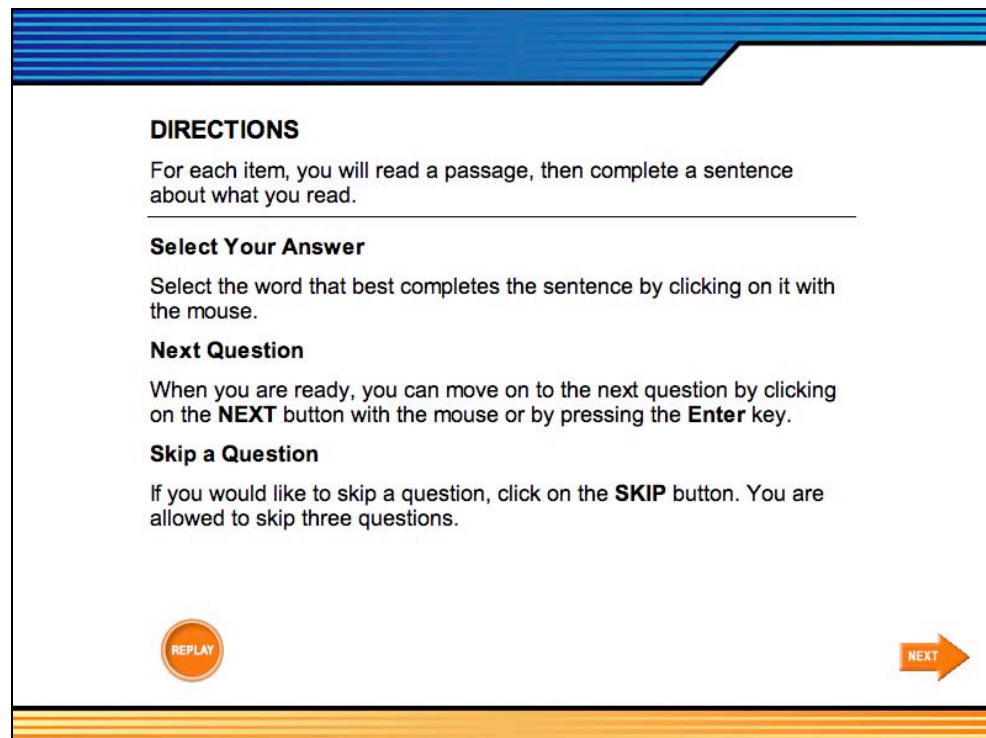
Choosing less than three genres increases the percentage of books that will appear from the selected genre(s) in the Recommended Reading Report.

Taking An 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.

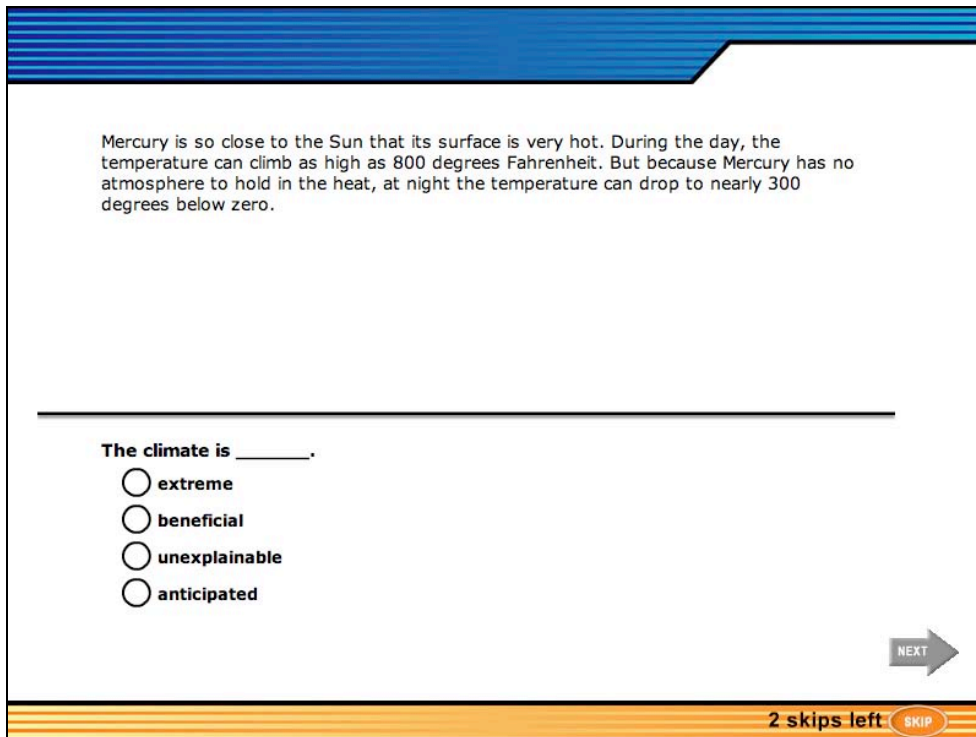
NOTE: Students only take Practice Tests if a teacher or administrator has configured Program Settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students Using Scholastic Achievement Manager](#) for information on how to change Program Settings.



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**.




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.

The climate is _____.

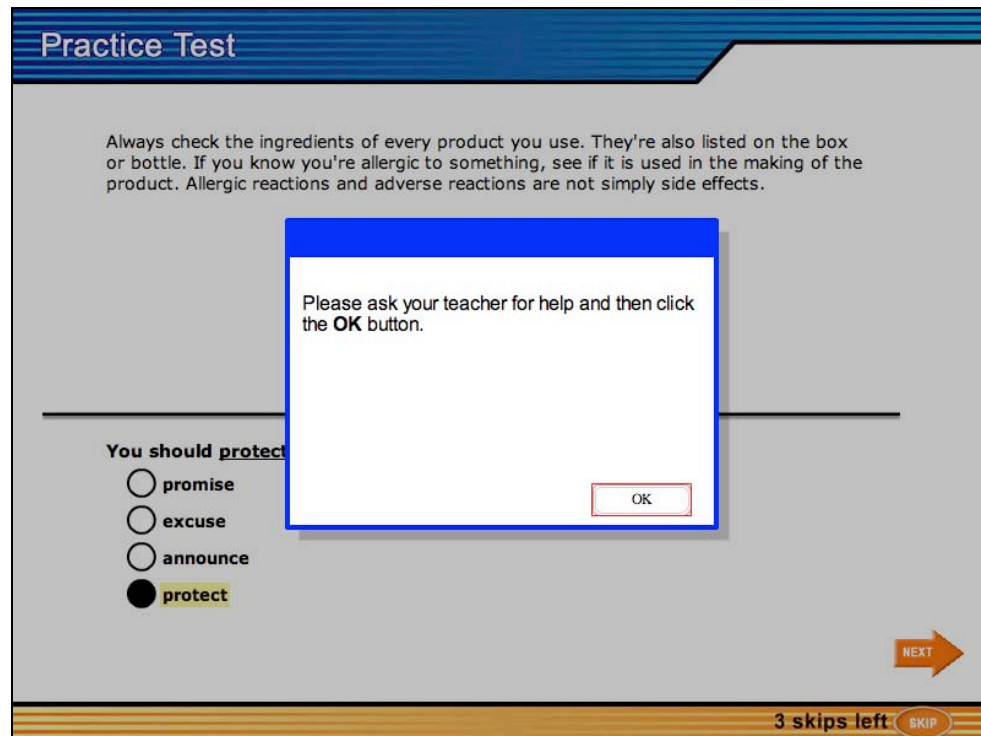
- ☐ extreme
- ☐ beneficial
- ☐ unexplainable
- ☐ anticipated

NEXT 

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

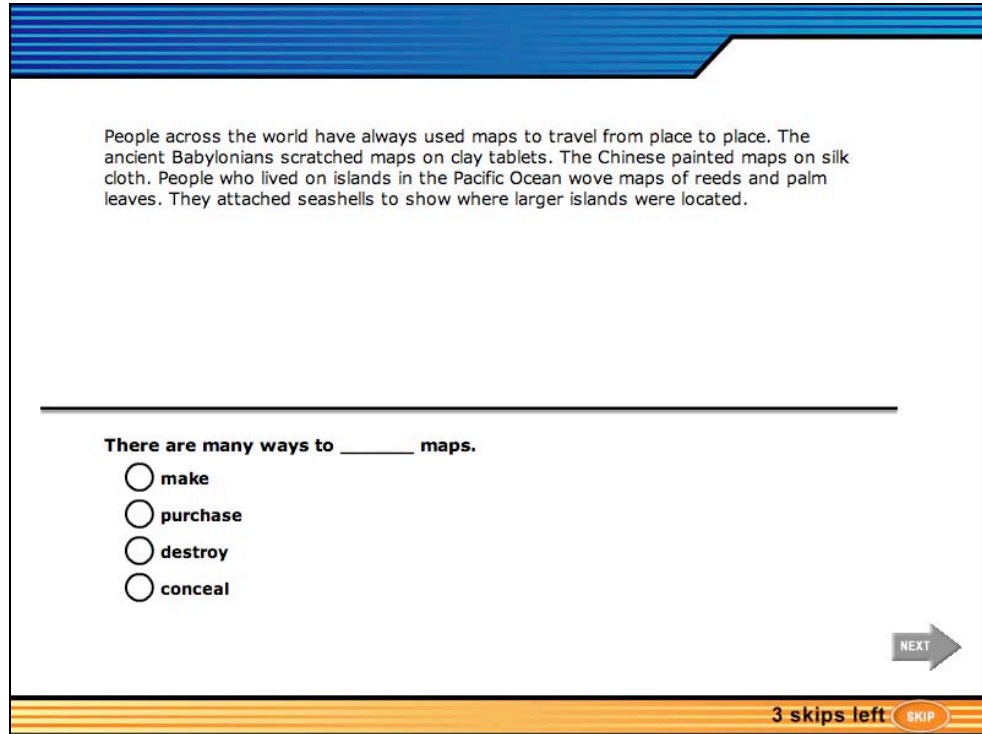
If a student answers a question incorrectly during a Practice Test, a Help window appears. The window prompts the student to ask the teacher for assistance. The program then gives that student a few additional questions to answer before completing the Practice Test.



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.

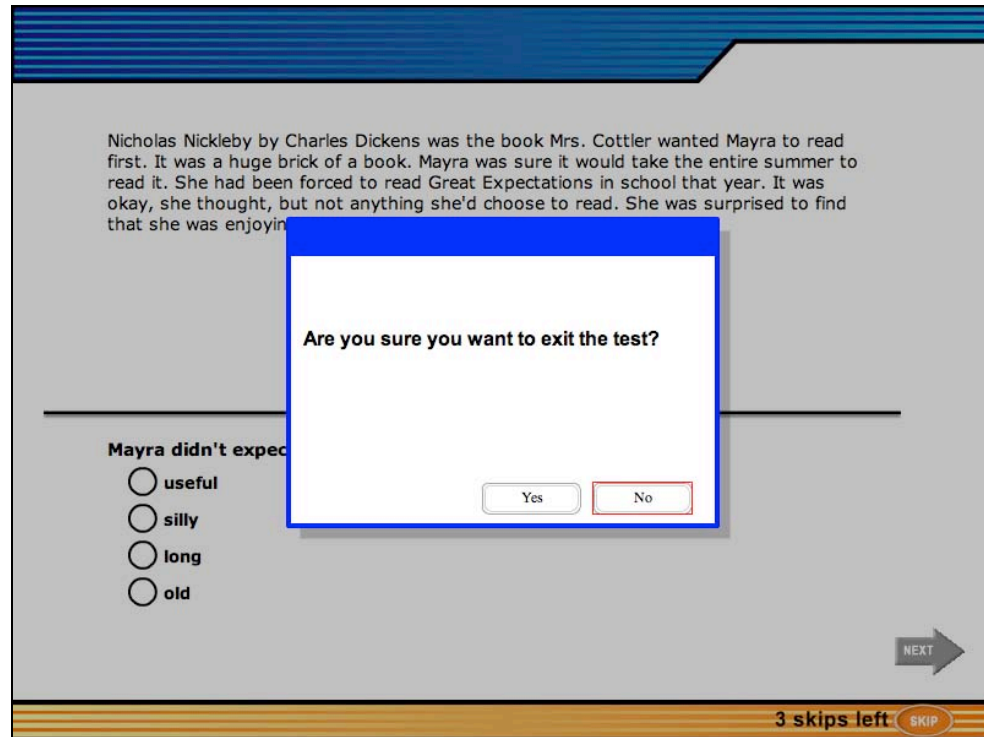


Teacher Tip

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.

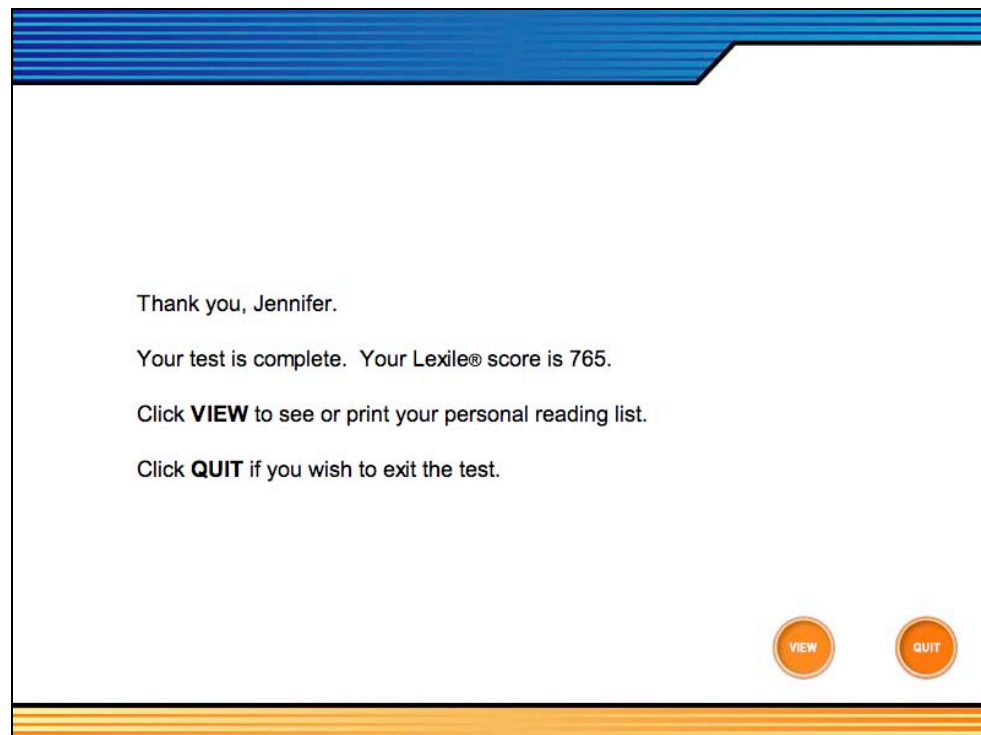
To return to a test, students need only to log in to SRI to immediately be prompted to begin with their last unanswered question.

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



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

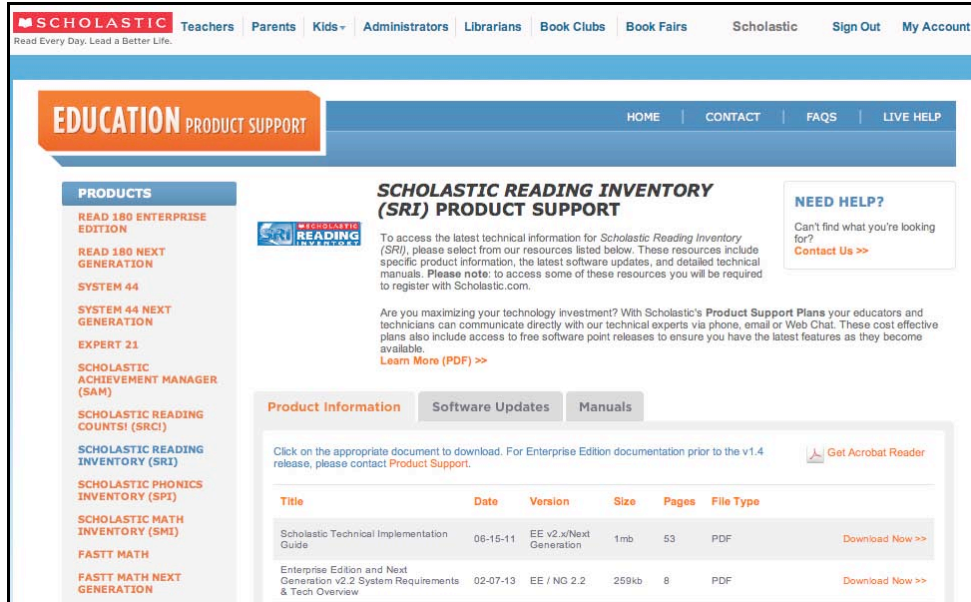


Teacher Tip

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>.



PRODUCTS

- READ 180 ENTERPRISE EDITION
- READ 180 NEXT GENERATION
- SYSTEM 44
- SYSTEM 44 NEXT GENERATION
- EXPERT 21
- SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT MANAGER (SAM)
- SCHOLASTIC READING COUNTS! (SRC)
- SCHOLASTIC READING INVENTORY (SRI)
- SCHOLASTIC PHONICS INVENTORY (SPI)
- SCHOLASTIC MATH INVENTORY (SMI)
- FASTT MATH
- FASTT MATH NEXT GENERATION

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Enterprise Edition and Next Generation v2.2 System Requirements & Tech Overview	02-07-13	EE / NG 2.2	259kb	8	PDF	Download Now >>

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- 1-800-283-5974 (all Enterprise Edition and Next Generation programs)
- 1-800-927-0189 (other versions)

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