Oxford Reading Buddy

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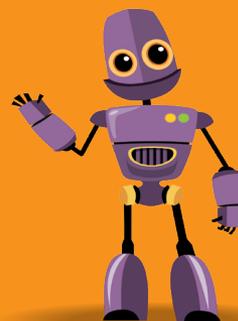
"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

Roald Dahl

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What is *Oxford Reading Buddy?*

- *Oxford Reading Buddy* is an online service that helps children with their reading

- It contains hundreds of Oxford books and book-quizzes, all matched to each child's reading level

- Children can use it at home and at school

- It works on smartphones as well as computers and tablets
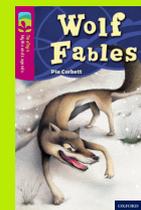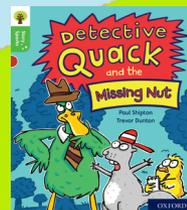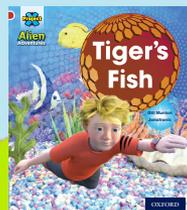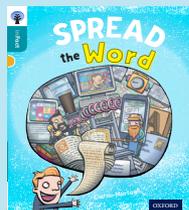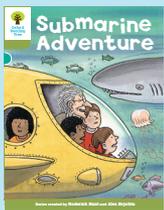
How will *Oxford Reading Buddy* help your child?

Oxford Reading Buddy will...

- Give your child access to lots of books so that they can practise reading

- Give them a 'buddy' to help them understand what they are reading

- Check how your child is doing and make sure they have books at the right level

- Report back to teachers so that they can see where your child might need more help

- Give your child badges for reading well and motivate them to practise more
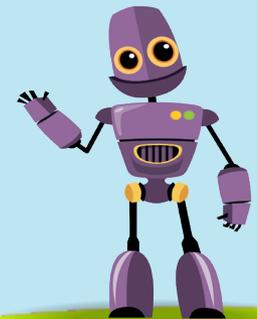
How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

Logging in

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1 Receive sign-in card

www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com

School code:
uva98

Your username:
Anna P

Your password:
Dogcat2

2 Go to:
www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com
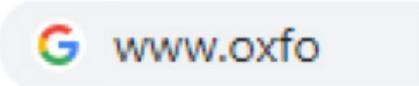
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3 Enter the login details from your sign-in card

Hello!

School code

Your username

Your password

ℹ️ I need help with signing in

Start

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TIP

There's just one simple login for you and your child

TIP

Bookmark on all devices for easy access

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Choose a buddy

Your child will choose their own buddy when they first log in

Choose your Buddy

Next
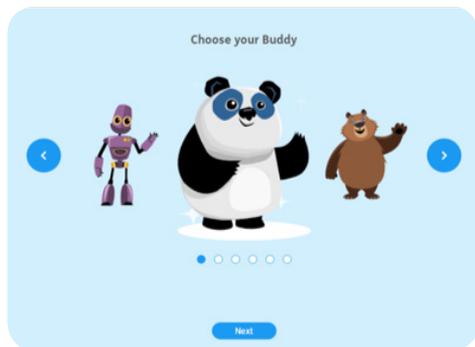
They can change it again by clicking on the wheel in the top right ⚙

Choose your Reading Buddy ✕

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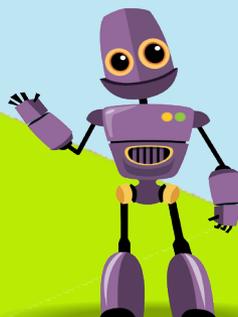
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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:
Finding a book

Your child can choose from all books at their reading level and below
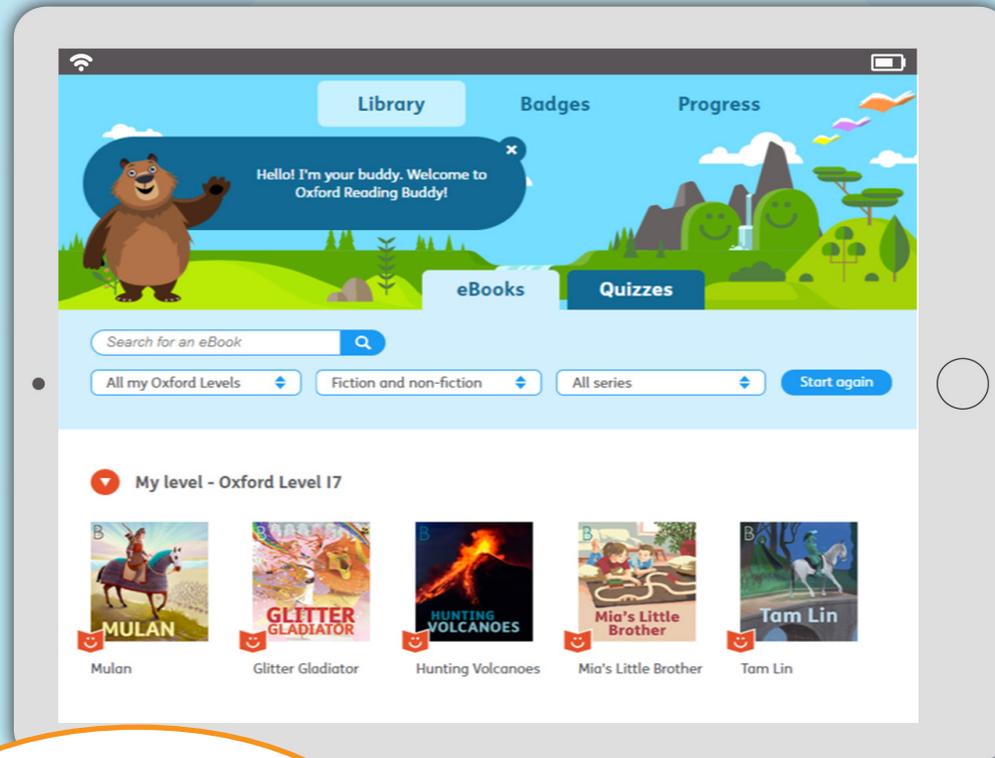
Just click on a book to get started!

Library   Badges   Progress

Hello! I'm your buddy. Welcome to Oxford Reading Buddy!

eBooks   Quizzes

Search for an eBook

All my Oxford Levels   Fiction and non-fiction   All series   Start again

My level – Oxford Level 17

| Mulan | Glitter Gladiator | Hunting Volcanoes | Mia's Little Brother | Tam Lin |
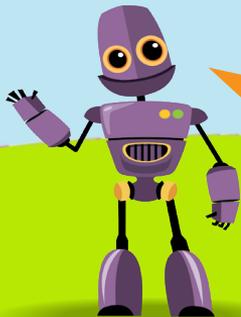
TIP

Find out more about Oxford Levels on the Support Site

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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

Finding a quiz

Your child can take quizzes on many Oxford print books, as well as eBooks.
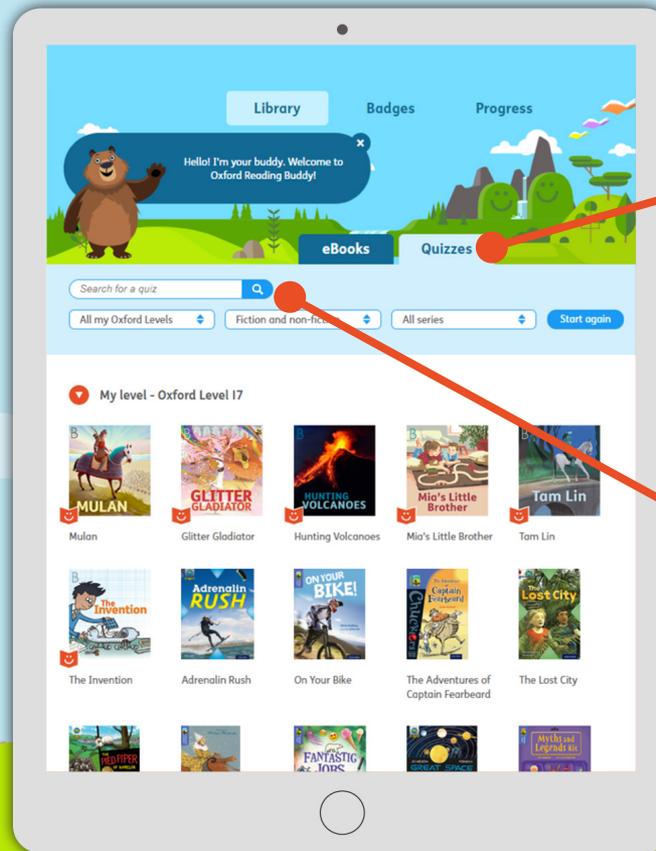
Click on the Quizzes tab to find quizzes

You can search for quizzes by typing the title into the box

How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

eBooks

Oxford Reading Buddy

The moon was so big and so round it lit up the pond like daytime.

"See?" said Rabbit. "We can fish till the sun comes up."

"See?" said
"We can fis
sun comes
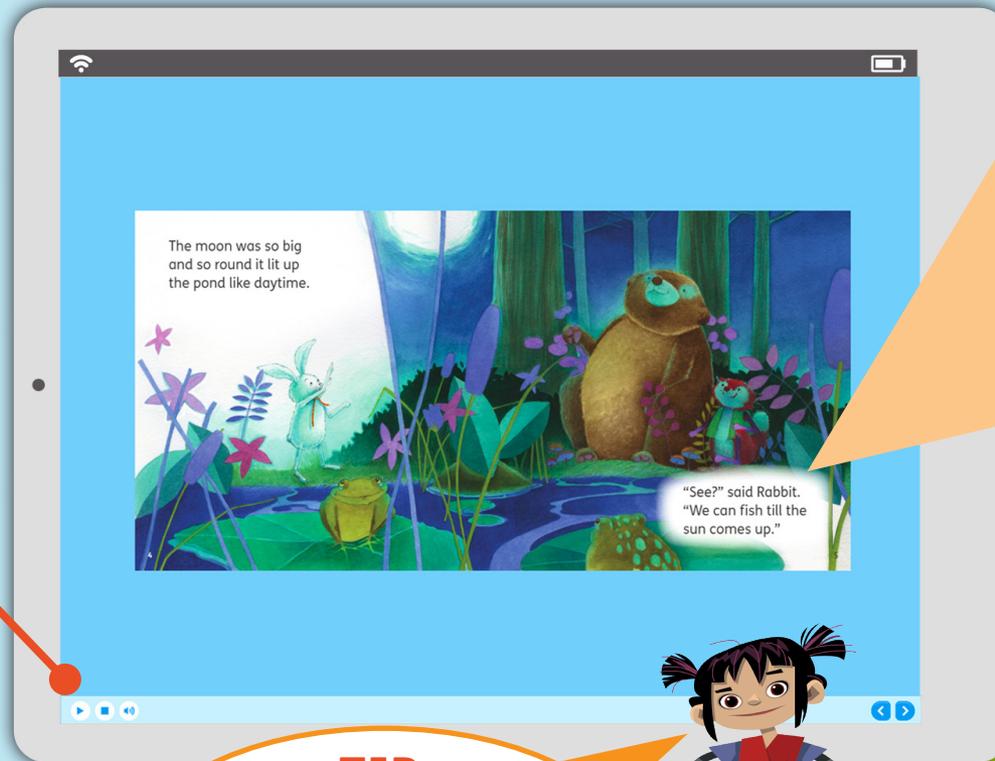
Infant level books have audio, which your child can use if they wish

Text tracking at the earliest levels helps your child to follow the text

TIP

Encourage your child to read the text without audio as they become more confident

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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

Quizzes

Every eBook ends with a quiz. Automatic marking shows your child's teacher how they are getting on. Their quiz scores determine when they are ready to change level.

Remember, there are quizzes on print books as well as eBooks.

In 'How Doth the Little Crocodile?' Lewis Carroll has chosen words that make the crocodile sound friendly. Highlight these words

Friendly words   Unfriendly words   Erase

How **cheerfully** ✓ he seems to grin
How neatly spreads his claws
And welcomes little fishes in
With gently smiling jaws.

Look at page 21: *Jin's arms whipped back to normal.*
What does *whipped back* mean in this sentence?
Choose the correct answer.

- hit the people behind him
- whirled around the room
- shrunk very quickly
- hit him in the face

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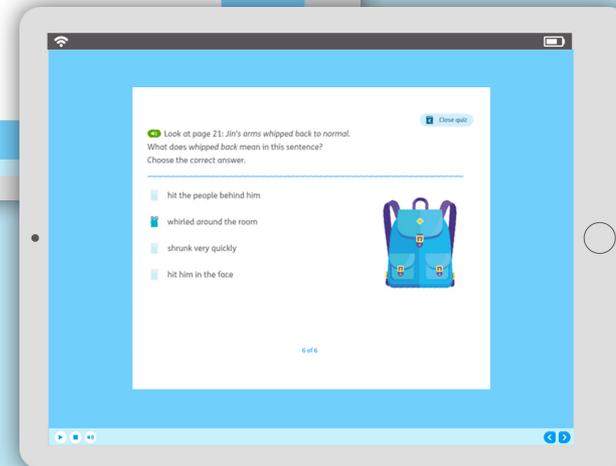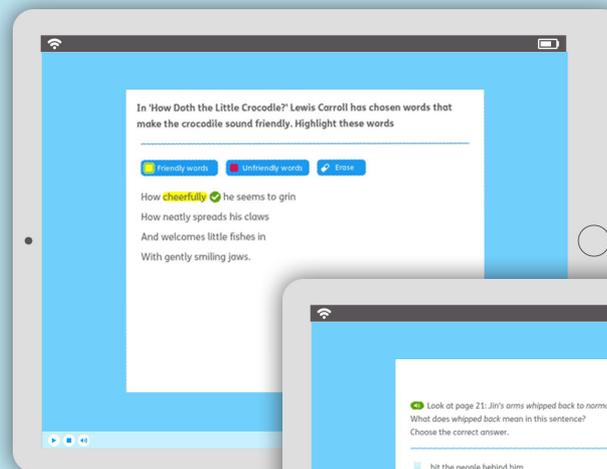
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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:
Coaching eBooks

The Coaching eBooks contain your child's chosen buddy. The buddy will model, prompt and coach your child to become better at comprehension.
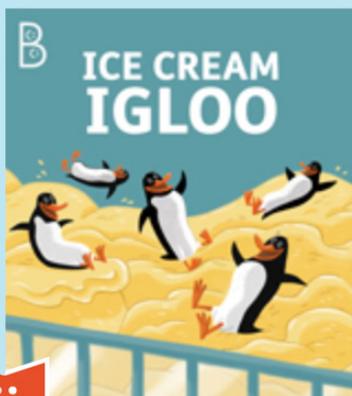
Coaching eBooks can be identified by the red smiley face symbol in the corner.

The danger zone

Once volcanologists have climbed a volcano, they can start to collect samples and data for their scientific research. These include rocks, lava, samples of gases and signs of plant or animal life.

Some researchers collect samples of molten lava, which can be as hot as 1150°C. That's over ten times hotter than boiling water! Usually, they collect lava samples with a long metal rod, but very occasionally, volcanologists may **abseil** into the crater of the volcano itself. To do this, they must wear a special silver suit to protect them from the heat. These full-body suits include a whole-head helmet, gloves and boots. No part of the body is left exposed. The suits aren't used very often because they are bulky, so it's hard to move around in them.

The area closest to the rim of an active volcano is called the danger zone because of the possibility of toxic gases, lava bombs and unexpected lava flows. Researchers need to work quickly and get out of the danger zone as soon as possible.

Look for clues

I can't believe volcanologists actually camp on volcanoes! Why do you think they decide to spend the night in such a dangerous place?

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TIP

The reading buddy is a good model of how to support your child as they read

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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

Badges

Your child will get badges for things like reading a lot, doing well in quizzes, listening to all of their buddy's prompts, etc.

They can see their badges by going to the Badges screen.

Library   **Badges**   Progress

⬤ My level - Oxford Level 17

First Quiz
You did your first quiz!
Awarded a day ago

Skill Superstar
You got every question correct in a quiz!
Awarded 12 hours ago

Book Boss
You've been reading lots of books!
Awarded 11 hours ago

Listening Legend
Earn this badge by listening to all the Buddy Prompts in a Coaching eBook
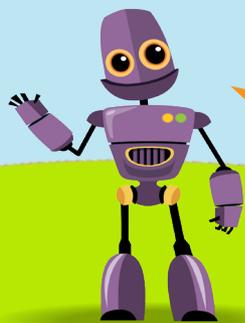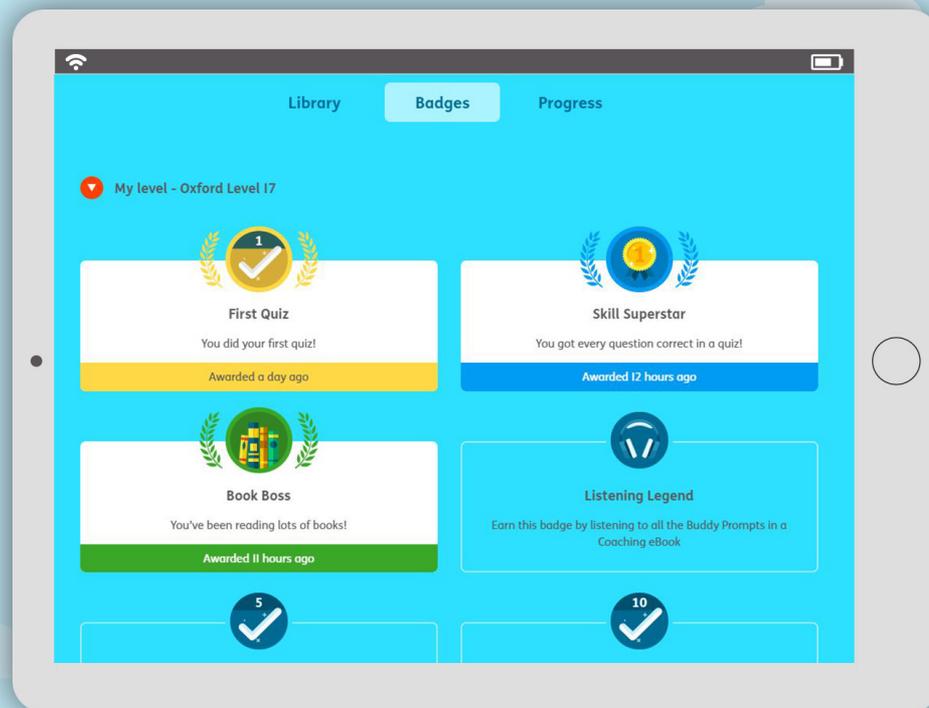
TIP
Badges can be earned multiple times so encourage your child to try for more!

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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:

Progress

Your child can see everything they've read, their quiz scores and their level-changes by going to the Progress screen.
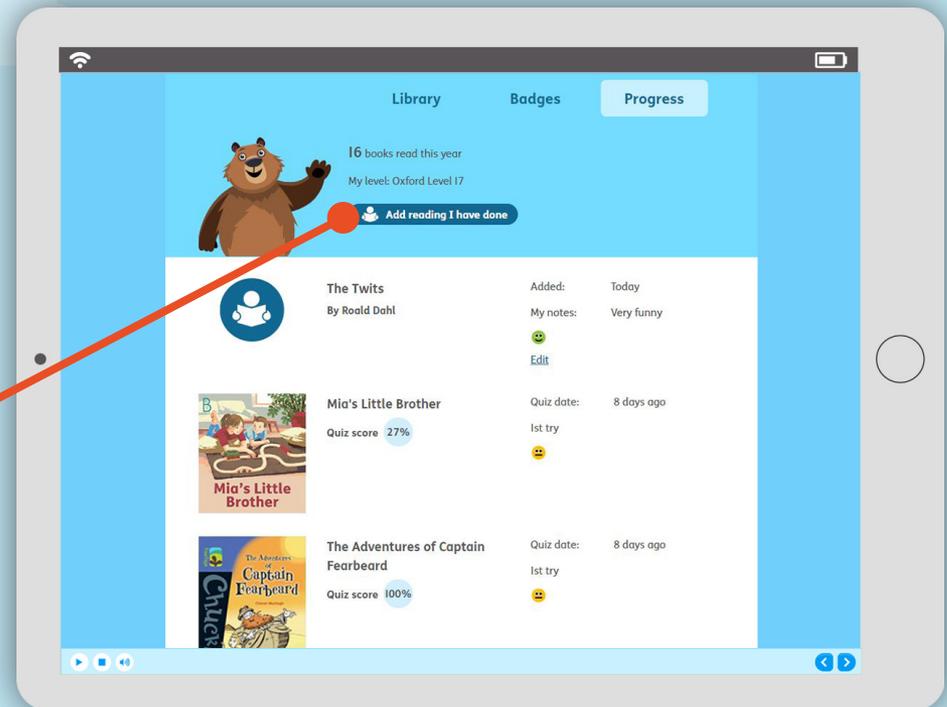
Click on the 'Add reading I have done' button to add wider reading

Oxford Reading Buddy

| Library | Badges | Progress |

16 books read this year
My level: Oxford Level 17

Add reading I have done

The Twits
By Roald Dahl

Added: Today
My notes: Very funny
Edit

Mia's Little Brother
Quiz score 27%

Quiz date: 8 days ago
1st try

The Adventures of Captain Fearbeard
Quiz score 100%

Quiz date: 8 days ago
1st try

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How to use *Oxford Reading Buddy*:
Adding wider reading

- In *Oxford Reading Buddy*, all reading is valued, not just books in the system.

- On the Progress screen you or your child can record any other reading that they have done

- This means that you, your child and their teacher can see all your child's reading to talk about and celebrate

Oxford Reading Buddy

Add a book I have read

Title: Alone on a Wide Wide Sea

Author: Michael Morpurgo

My notes: I love Michael Morpurgo's books!

Did you like this book?

Save   Delete
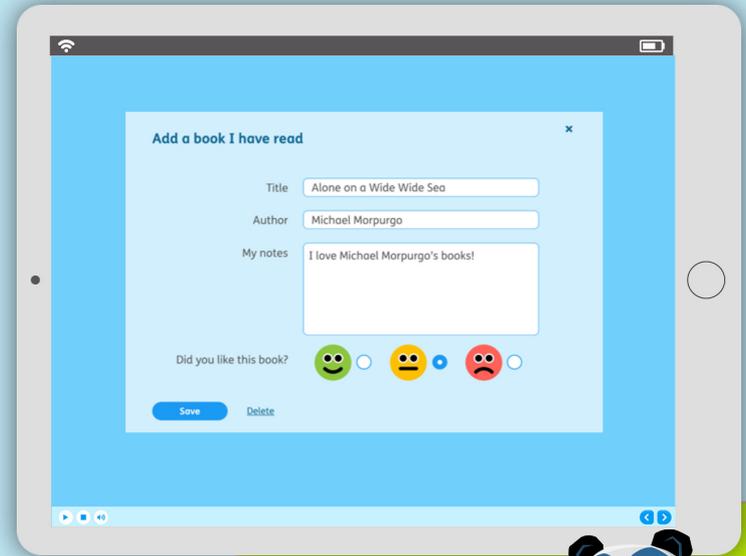
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How you can help your child

- Encourage your child to read regularly, both on and off *Oxford Reading Buddy*

- Talk to your child about what they are reading

- Resist the temptation to help your child on the quizzes because their answers will help your child's teacher understand their needs

- Encourage your child to listen to the 'Buddy prompts', as these will help them improve their comprehension

- Be patient and encouraging, as children progress at different rates

TIP

Click the Help button to visit the Support Site, where there is a special section for parents and carers

How will I know how my child is getting on?

- You can look at your child's Progress screen to find out how many books they have read and their quiz scores

- The Progress screen also records level changes

- You can look at the Badge screen to see what badges your child has earned in their current level

TIP

Sometimes children move down levels as well as up. Don't worry if this happens; it may take a little while for the system to assess your child's level correctly.

Don't forget the Support Site!

- The Support Site has a special section for parents and carers.

- It contains more information on all aspects of the service, including Oxford Levels, Comprehension skills and technical support

https://support.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/
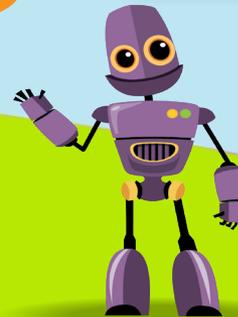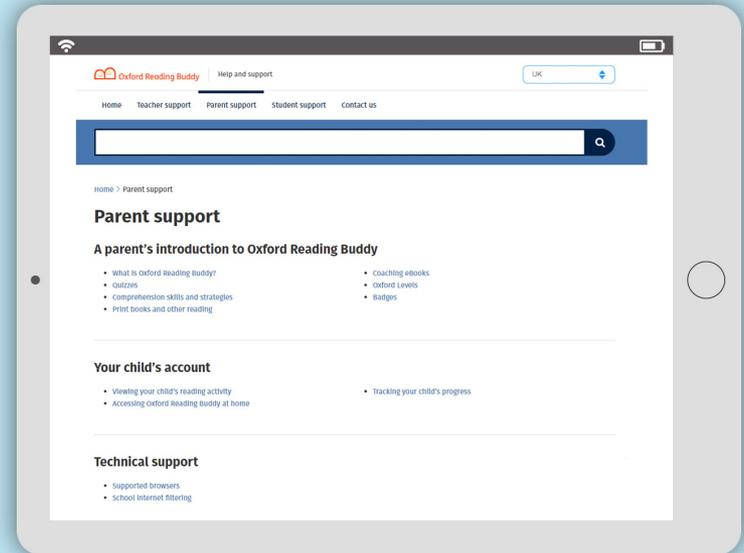
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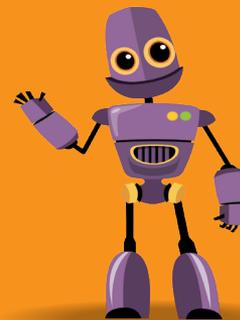
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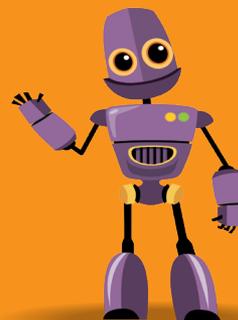
"Reading is important
because if you can read, you
can learn anything about everything
and everything about anything."

Tomie de Paola

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