Using Mobile Devices with Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader student app allows students and teachers to do the following on an iPad®, iPhone®, or iPod touch®. (The quiz information is sent to Accelerated Reader RP via a wireless connection.)

▶ Take Reading Practice Quizzes (English and Spanish), Recorded Voice Quizzes, Vocabulary Practice Quizzes, Literacy Skills Quizzes, and Other Reading Quizzes (English and Spanish).

▶ View a bookshelf showing the books for which an AR quiz was taken and the quiz scores earned on each.

▶ View progress towards goals for the marking period for Reading Practice Quizzes taken and progress on words learned on Vocabulary Practice Quizzes taken.

▶ View a demonstration version (demo mode) of the AR Student app that does not require a login or an Accelerated Reader account and can be used with or without an Internet connection.

See "Differences Between Taking Quizzes in AR Renaissance Place, on NEO 2s, and on Mobile Devices" on page 159 for more information.

Before Students Quiz on a Mobile Device

You must complete the following steps before students take AR quizzes on mobile devices:

▶ Establish an Internet connection.

▶ Download the AR student app. **Note**: You must have established and verified iTunes and Apple accounts before you can download the app.

▶ Establish settings by connecting to Renaissance Place on one device.

▶ Share those settings with any and all devices the students will be using to take AR quizzes.

Download the AR student app and Connect to Renaissance Place

1. Download the free AR student app from the iTunes Store® or App StoreSM. See the store where you downloaded the app for information about system requirements.

2. Launch the AR App by tapping **AR**.

3. The first time you launch the app, tap **Connect to Renaissance Place** to connect to Renaissance Place.
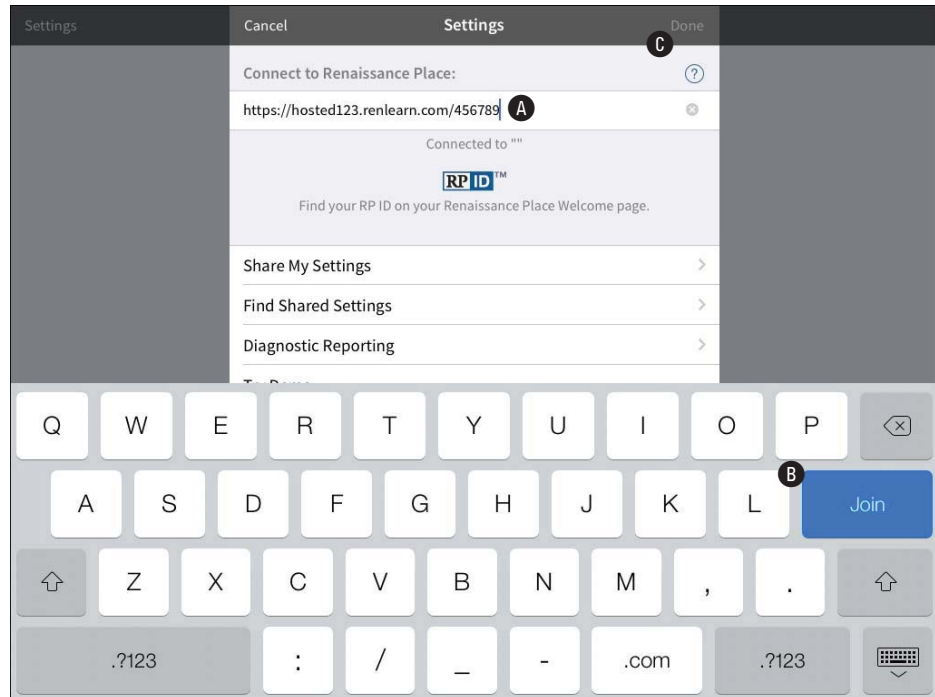If this is not your first time launching the app, tap **Settings** to connect to Renaissance Place.

4. On the Settings page, tap the Connect to Renaissance Place field Ⓐ, type your web address (URL) or Renaissance Place ID (RPID) on the keyboard, and tap **Join** Ⓑ. Your connection will be validated. If it is not validated, try this step again.

   ▸ Example web address: https://hosted123.renlearn.com/456789

   ▸ Example RPID: RLI-12AB

Where can I find my **Renaissance Place ID (RPID)?** *It is on the Welcome page and the Checking Software Requirements page (see page 13).*

Tap Try Demo to view a demonstration version of the AR student app that does not require a login or an Accelerated Reader account. The Demo can be used with or without an Internet connection.

5. Tap **Done** Ⓒ. You will be taken to the student login screen.
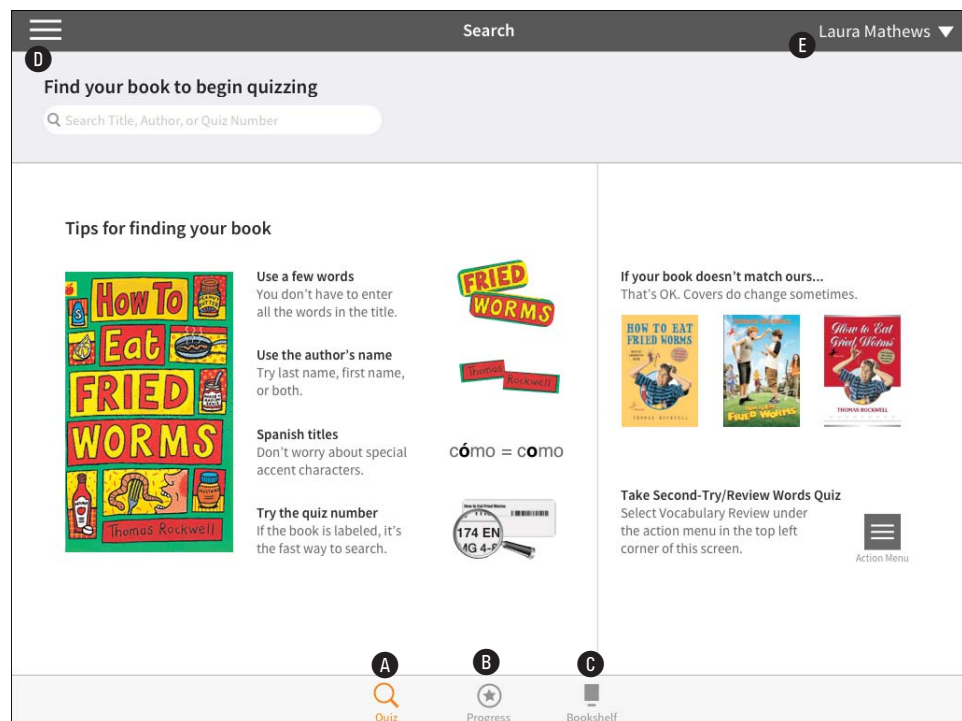
Share Settings with One or More Devices

Instead of typing the web address or RPID on each mobile device, you can share the settings of one device with one or more devices, enabling students to start quizzing more quickly. To share the settings of one device (such as a teacher mobile device) with one or more devices (such as student mobile devices), follow these steps.

1. On the teacher's device, tap **Share My Settings**. Keep this screen up on the device whose settings will be shared as you complete the following steps.

2. On the student's device (that will be using those shared settings for AR quizzing), launch the AR app.

3. Tap **Settings**.

4. Tap **Find Shared Settings**.

5. Tap the settings you want the student's device to use. You will go back to the Settings screen and the connection will be validated.

6. Tap **Done** to go to the student login screen.

7. If you don't have any more devices to share settings with, go to step 8.
   If you do have more devices to share settings with, repeat steps 2 through 6 on each device.

8. Back on the teacher's device, tap **Settings** on the Share My Settings screen, then tap **Done** to stop sharing your settings and go to the student login screen. (Your students will still be connected through your shared settings and will be able to quiz.)

Navigating the AR Student App

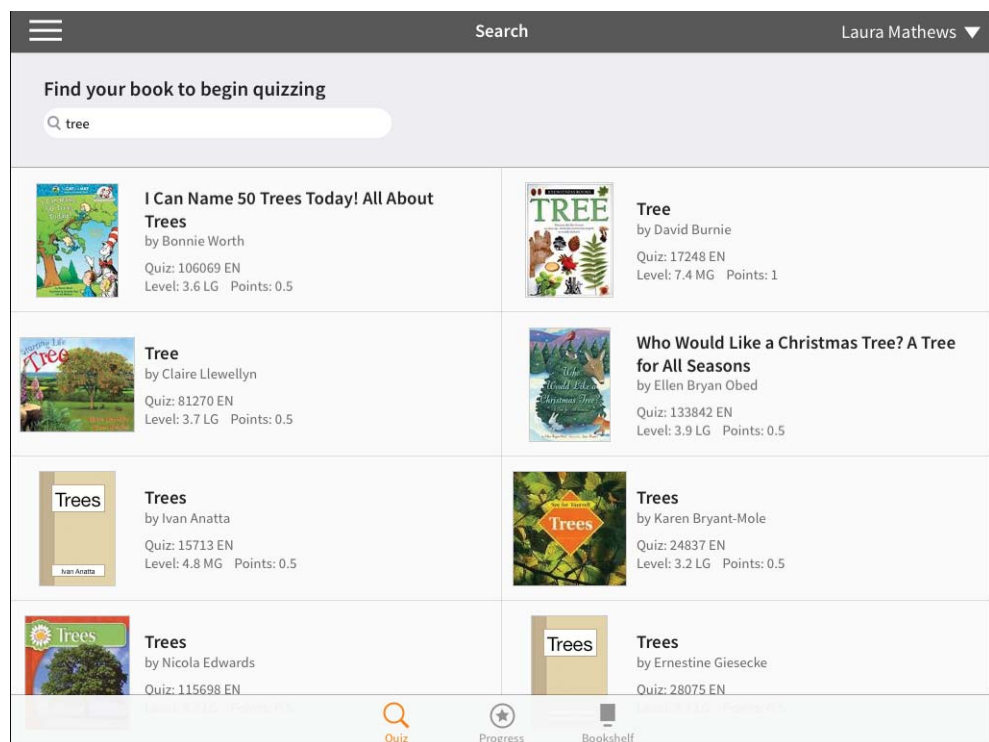Students can use the tabs on the bottom of the screen to switch between the different views in the AR student app.

Ⓐ Tap **Quiz** to search for and take an Accelerated Reader Quiz.

Ⓑ Tap **Progress** to view student progress toward Reading Practice Goals, Reader Certification, and newly learned Vocabulary Practice words.

Ⓒ Tap **Bookshelf** to view the books for which AR quizzes have been taken (organized by month) and the scores on each.

Ⓓ To take a Second-Try/Review Words Quiz, tap the menu, then choose **Vocabulary Review**.

Ⓔ Tap the student name for the option to log out.

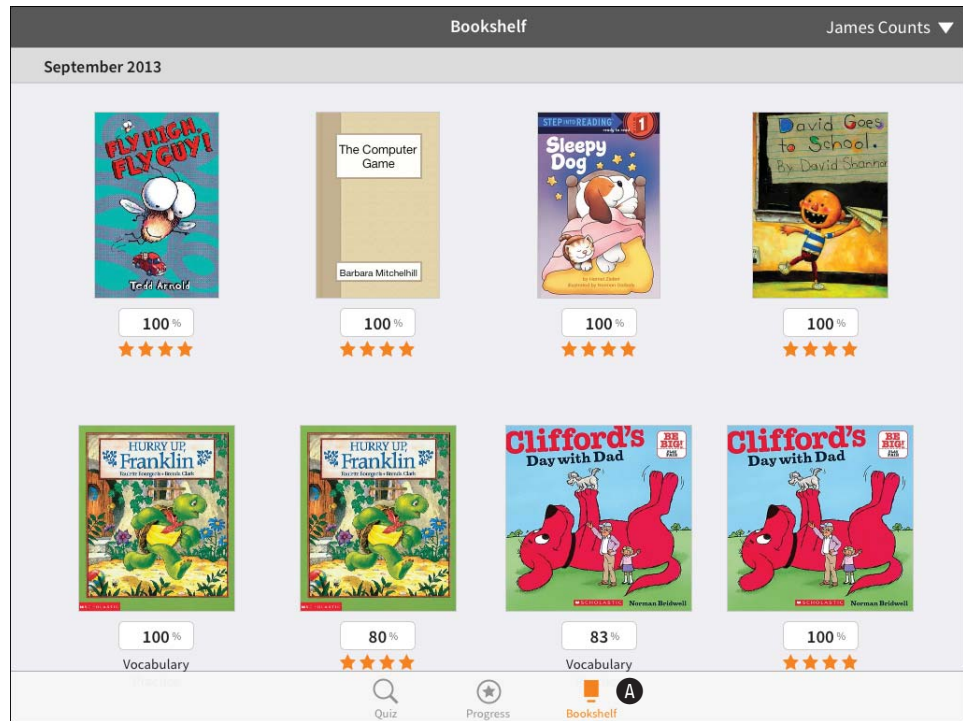## How Students Search for Quizzes

After the student has logged in to AR on the mobile device, he or she will see the Quiz tab open and can type a keyword, book title, author, or quiz number to begin searching for a quiz to take. Tips are provided on the screen to help the student find the correct quiz quickly (as seen in the image on the previous page).

After the student types a search term, the results display with the book cover image (for most Reading Practice, Vocabulary Practice, and Literacy Skills Quizzes) and book details. The student can tap a book in the result list to see more information about that book and then take the quiz for it.

How Students View a Bookshelf of Books Read and Quizzes Taken

After the student has logged in to AR on the mobile device, he or she can tap
Bookshelf Ⓐ on the bottom of the screen to view a showcase of all books for
which AR quizzes have been taken (organized by month with the most recent
quizzes listed first), the scores earned on each, and how the student rated the
book.

When the student taps the book cover, more details about that book, the student's performance on the quiz, and an option to view the TOPS Report for the quiz are available.
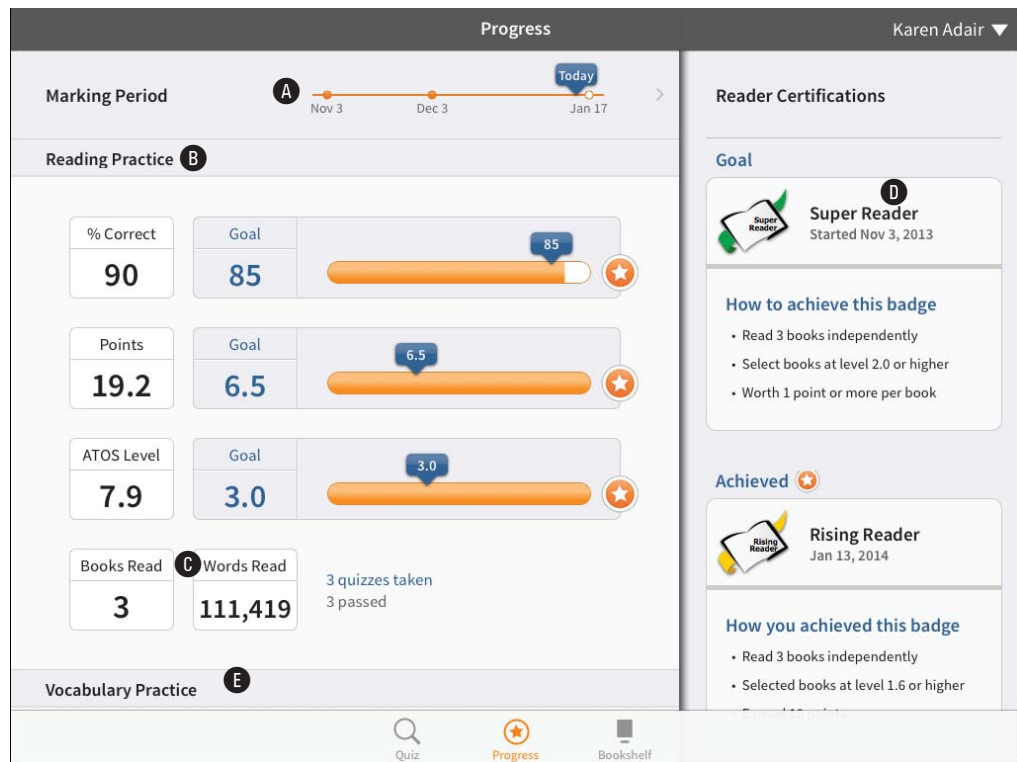

A Depending on the quiz type, you will see details about the book similar to what is shown here, such as title, author, quiz number, level, points, whether is it is fiction or nonfiction, and a brief description.

B These areas describe the student's performance on the quiz: how many questions the student answered correctly, the percent correct, the number of points earned, the number of words read, the quiz type, the date the quiz was taken, how the book was read, and how the student rated the book.

C The student can tap **View TOPS Report** to see the report for this quiz again.

How Students View Progress on Quizzes Taken

After the student has logged in to AR on the mobile device, he or she can tap **Progress** on the bottom of the screen to view progress toward goals for the marking period for both Reading Practice Quizzes taken and Vocabulary Practice Quizzes taken.

Ⓐ This line chart shows today's date in the Marking Period selected and how much time remains in that Marking Period. Tap the arrow at the right end to see a list of the available Marking Periods and the current one.

Ⓑ Reading Practice goals include average percent correct, total points, and average book level (if they are used). You will only see one book level (ATOS); if an alternate book level is selected in the Book Level Settings (see page 147), it will replace the ATOS book level.

Ⓒ Books Read and Words Read totals are displayed (however, goals cannot be set for them). The totals only include quizzes that have been passed. Students do not need to get 100% correct to earn all of the words read for the book.

Ⓓ If the student has Reader Certification goals set, the student sees details here about the Reader Certification(s) achieved, when it was achieved, and how the badge was achieved.

Ⓔ Scroll down the page to view a list of the learned words (with the new words identified by the star badge) and the average grade level of all the words. Words are sorted by grade level.

Frequently Asked Questions: AR on Mobile Devices

What mobile devices will support quizzing?

The AR Student app will be available for Apple's iPad, iPod touch, and the iPhone with iOS 5.0 and higher.

Where can I get the AR student app?

The AR app is available in the iTunes Store and the App Store. **Note**: You must have established and verified iTunes and Apple accounts before you can download the app.

Can anyone download the app and start quizzing?

Anyone can download the app and take a sample quiz in the Demo mode (tap **Try Demo** from the initial screen you see when you first launch the app or from the Settings screen). However, only those who have Accelerated Reader powered by Renaissance Place and have each device connected to Renaissance Place can take actual quizzes.

Where can I find the Demo mode?

You can access the Demo mode from the initial screen you see when you first launch the app or the Settings screen (tap **Settings** from any screen). Tap **Try Demo** from either place to start the sample quiz and view other sample features of the app.

What is the Demo mode?

Demo mode is a place where you can explore the AR App without being connected to an Accelerated Reader customer site. You can take a sample quiz, view the bookshelf, view a TOPS Report, and view progress. In Demo mode, the student is always Emily Adams and the sample quiz always has the same questions, regardless of the quiz you choose or any other options you chose.

Where can I find the system requirements?

There are two sets of system requirements you will need: those for the mobile device and those for Renaissance Place (used to set up the Accelerated Reader program).

▶   For mobile devices, look at the app store where you downloaded the AR student app.

▶   For Renaissance Place, visit www.renaissance.com/Customer-Center#systemrequirements.

Are there plans to create apps for other mobile devices?

We are exploring the option of creating apps for other devices and would welcome customer suggestions.

What if a student tries to cheat while taking a quiz?

If a student leaves the quiz screen by pushing the Home button on any device, after 5 seconds he or she will be logged out of the AR student app. When that student logs back in, that quiz will be an unfinished quiz and a monitor password will be required for the student to either finish or delete the unfinished quiz.

Can a teacher log in and perform management tasks in AR on mobile devices?

Yes, you can perform management tasks in a web browser on a mobile device, although the design has not been optimized for mobile devices. At this time there is no specific native AR teacher app.

Can students take quizzes from home on their own personal iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch?

Renaissance Learning recommends that schools set restrictions within the software to prevent quizzing from outside the school, such as monitor passwords, date and time restrictions, and IP restrictions. This is our recommendation for all schools regardless of what devices they are using to ensure that quizzing takes place in a secure, monitored environment. See "Blocking Students from Quizzing" on page 178.

What can students do in the app while away from the school?

What students can do in the AR student app depends on which restrictions and preferences have been set, as described in the following table. **Note**: If IP Restrictions are set, they will override the Preference settings.

What Students Can Do in the AR App	IP Restrictions		Monitor Password Required Preference		Date and Time Restrictions Preference	
	Set	Not Set	Set	Not Set	Set	Not Set
Quiz Search	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Take Quizzes	**No**	Yes	**No**	Yes	**No**	Yes
View Bookshelf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
View Progress	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Look here for more information about these restrictions and preferences:

▸ IP Restrictions (see Security Options in the *Renaissance Place Software Manual*)

▸ Monitor Password Required Preference (see page 44 for school, see page 55 for classroom)

▸ Date & Time Restrictions Preference (see page 49)

Can students find Vocabulary Practice Quizzes that match another quiz already taken?

From a mobile device, students can search for the title they want and then select **Vocabulary Practice** as the quiz type.

Where can a student view the quiz details?

The student should tap **Quiz Info** to see the quiz details, such as the book cover, quiz title, author, quiz number, level, and quiz type.

Can I reprint a TOPS Report for a quiz taken on a mobile device?

Yes, teachers and students can. Teachers go to Accelerated Reader Renaissance Place and reprint the report as you would any other TOPS report.

Students can tap the **Bookshelf** tab to see a list of the quizzes they have taken. Then they tap the book cover of the desired quiz, and then tap **View TOPS Report** to view or reprint it. (Students can only reprint the TOPS if the TOPS Report Printing Preference is enabled and the mobile device is connected to a printer.)

Can a student print the TOPS Report from the mobile device?

Yes, if the below requirements are met. The TOPS Report must be open on the mobile device. The student taps **Print** to select a printer and the number of copies desired.

Requirements

▸ School (see page 44) and Classroom (see page 62) TOPS Report Printing Preference must be enabled.

▸ The mobile device must support wireless printing and be connected to a printer.

Note: Older iOS devices may not support printing. Be sure to check your iOS version for wireless printing support. You may be able to upgrade to a version that supports printing.