



READSmart student guide

For students in Grades 4 to 6

Sign in, read aloud, practice with stories and follow your progress.

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READSmart helps you practice reading aloud and see how your reading grows. This guide walks through each page of the app. Ask your teacher if you get stuck.

Sign in

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English Filipino



Ready for your next reading?

Sign in

Use the username your teacher gave you.

Username or email

Password

[Show password](#)

Students: ask your teacher for a new password.

Sign in

By signing in, you agree to our [privacy policy](#).

Type the username and password your teacher gave you.

Open the address your teacher gives you. Type your username in the first box and your password in the second box, then tap Sign in. The English and Filipino buttons at the top change the words on the screen, not your password. If your password does not work, ask your teacher for a new one.

Sign in for the first time



FIRST SIGN-IN

Choose your own password

Your teacher-issued password is temporary. Replace it before opening READSmart.

New password

[Show password](#)

Use a memorable phrase of at least 8 characters.

Confirm new password

[Show password](#)

Set new password

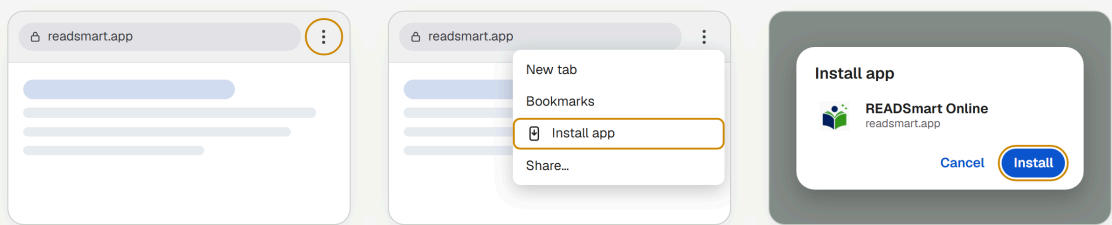
Make your own password the first time you sign in.

The password your teacher gave you only works for a few days, so you choose your own the first time you sign in. Type a new password with at least 8 characters, then type it again to make sure it matches. Keep your password secret, even from friends. If you forget your first password, ask your teacher for a new one.

Add READSmart Online to your phone

For class reading checks and practice with your teacher. Your teacher sees your results. You need the internet to sign in and send readings.

Android iPhone or iPad



1 In Chrome, tap the menu at the top right.

2 Tap Install app. Some phones say Add to Home screen.

3 Tap Install. The READSmart icon goes on your home screen.

READSmart Offline

A separate Android app for practice where there is no internet. Your readings stay on the phone, so your teacher does not see them.

Download for Android

Pick your phone. The orange ring shows where to tap.

Tap Install app in the menu, or go to readsmart.app/install. If you see an Install READSmart button, tap it and say yes.

No button? Pick Android or iPhone. There are three steps, each with a picture. The orange ring in the picture shows where to tap.

On Android, use Chrome. Tap the menu at the top right. Tap Install app, then Install.

On iPhone or iPad, use Safari. Tap Share, then Add to Home Screen. Keep Open as Web App on, then tap Add.

The icon is called READSmart Online. Tap it to open the app. The app updates by itself. You still need the internet to sign in, send your reading, and see results.

Get READSmart Offline

READSmart Offline is a separate app for Android phones. It works with no internet. You read stories aloud, answer questions and take reading checks. Your readings stay on the phone, so your teacher does not see them.

Ask a grown-up to help you get it.

1. Go to readsmart.app/install and find READSmart Offline.
2. Tap Download for Android.
3. Open the file. If the phone asks, allow apps from this source.
4. Open READSmart Offline and add your name.

You can also get the app from a friend's phone over Bluetooth or Nearby Share.

The app includes Whisper Base. It listens to your voice on the phone. You can record and get scores with no internet. Leave about 300 MB free for the app and its model. Ask a grown-up to help with updates. Keep the old app installed so you keep your saved readings.

Check your phone

Speech models

Whisper Base comes with the app and listens to English and Filipino without the internet. Test your device before downloading Small or Medium.

If a model runs slowly, test and use a smaller saved model below. Tiny is an optional download for phones that need the lightest model.

Test your device

5.8 GB memory · 1.2 GB storage free

We check a short sample with each saved model. If Base runs well and there is enough free memory and storage, you can download and test Small. A good Small test unlocks Medium. No microphone or upload is needed.

Test your device

Whisper Base In use

Included and ready to use. The default model.

57 MB · Included in the APK

Device test: a 1-minute reading may take about 104 seconds to check. Speed changes with heat and other apps.

Whisper Tiny

The lightest optional model. Try it if Base is too slow or needs too much memory.

Tap Test your device to choose a speech model for your phone.

Tap Speech models, then Test your device. Keep the page open while it checks a short sample. It does not record your voice. Base is ready to use from the start. If Base runs well and the phone has enough free space and memory, the Small download opens.

Ask a grown-up before you tap Download and test Whisper Small. Use Wi-Fi. The app checks the new model before switching to it. If Small runs well and the phone has enough room, you can download and test Medium next. If a model runs slowly, the app keeps the lighter one selected. After each download, it works with no internet.

If checking a reading takes too long, open Speech models. Tap Test and use beside a smaller model saved on the phone, such as Base or Small. The app tests it again before switching. You can also download and test Tiny. It is the lightest model. Base stays ready while the new model downloads. A lighter model may miss more words.

Whisper Tiny In use

The lightest optional model. Try it if Base is too slow or needs too much memory.

31 MB · Saved on this phone

Device test: a 1-minute reading may take about 24 seconds to check. Speed changes with heat and other apps.

Whisper Small

An optional upgrade from Base. More capable, but takes more time.

181 MB · Saved on this phone

Device test: a 1-minute reading may take about 229 seconds to check. Speed changes with heat and other apps.

Test and use Whisper Small

Whisper Medium

A larger optional model. Test Small before downloading it.

514 MB · Download once

Download and test Whisper Medium

Whisper Small runs slowly here. Keep using a lighter model.

These are practice estimates. A bigger model does not guarantee a better result for every voice. Recordings and results stay on this phone.

Use Tiny when the phone needs a lighter speech model.

Record and see your result

Pick a story, or tap Take the check. Tap Start reading aloud. Read the whole passage. Tap Stop when you finish. You can play your voice back or tap Record again.

Tap Go to the questions. Keep the page open while the app checks your voice. Then answer the questions and tap Finish. If the check fails, try again in a quiet place.

Your reading result

A Pot Behind Glass

Word accuracy	Reading speed	Understanding
99%	150 WCPM	100%

Estimated reading level: **Independent**

Whisper small · 27.7 seconds recorded. WCPM means correct words in one minute. These scores are estimates. Ask a teacher if a result looks wrong.

Your word reading

69 words matched · 1 different · 0 not heard · 0 extra

Underlined words differ from what Whisper heard. Crossed-out words were not heard. Words in brackets are extra. Noise and the model can cause differences.

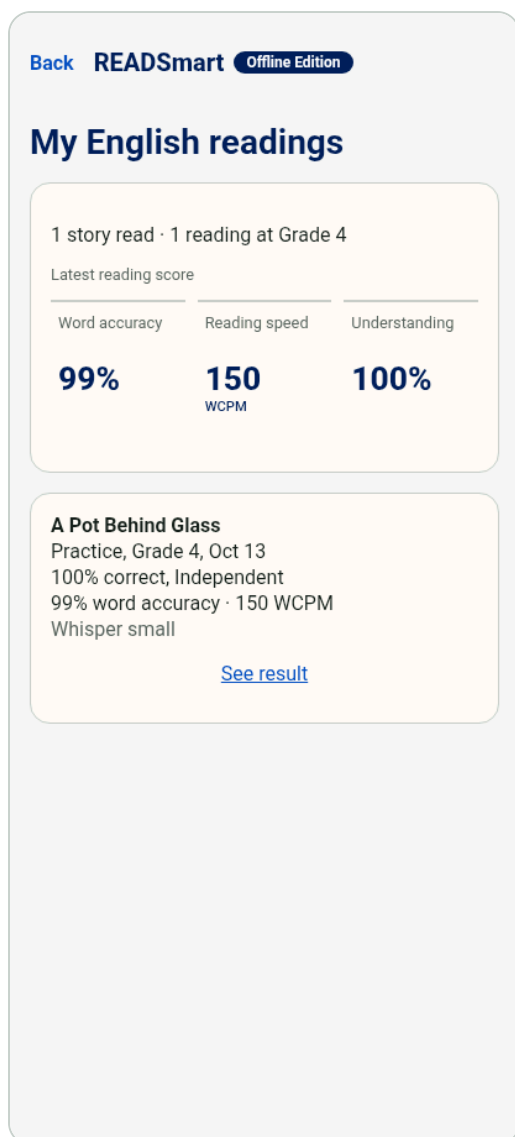
nora stopped by a brown pot behind glass
she had come to see gold and jewels why
is that here she asked the museum keeps
pots used for cooking too said lola nora
leaned closer but did not touch the glass
she thought of the pot at home and meals
they shared was this part of someone's
day she asked now she wanted to know

Your result shows word accuracy, reading speed and understanding.

Your result shows how many words matched, how fast you read and how well you understood the story. WCPM means correct words in one minute. Scroll down to see which words the model heard differently and review your answers.

The speech model can make mistakes. These scores help you practice. They are not an official school reading record. Ask a teacher or grown-up if a result looks wrong.

See your progress

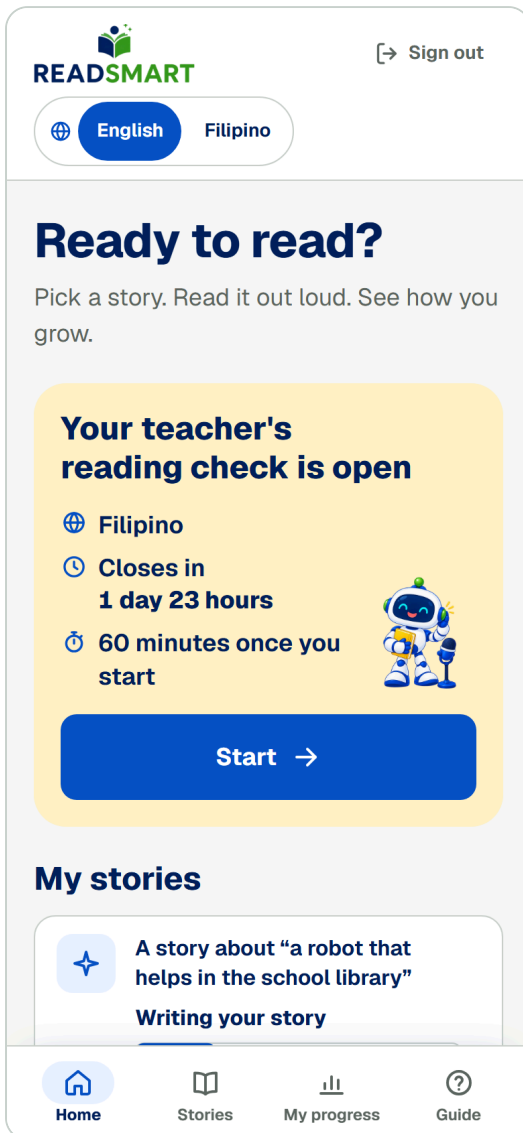


Tap See result to open a saved reading again.

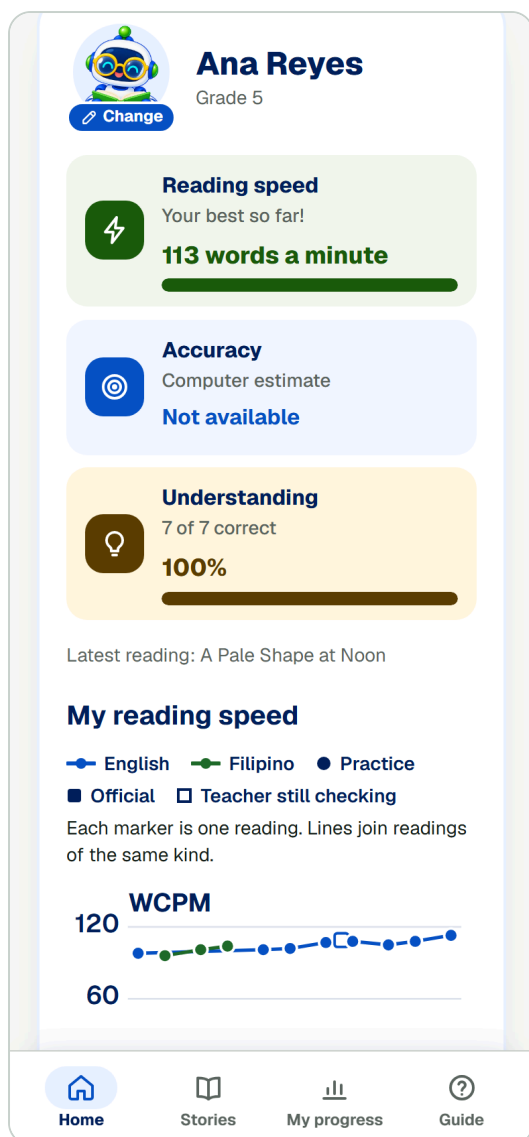
Tap My readings under English or Filipino. You can see past scores and open a result again. Your latest word score also appears on your home page. Each language has its own grade and progress.

Old readings may only show answers to the questions. Their voice recordings were not saved. Record a new reading to get word accuracy and speed. You can take an old check again if it has no word score. Clearing the app's data or removing the app deletes your saved progress.

Your home page



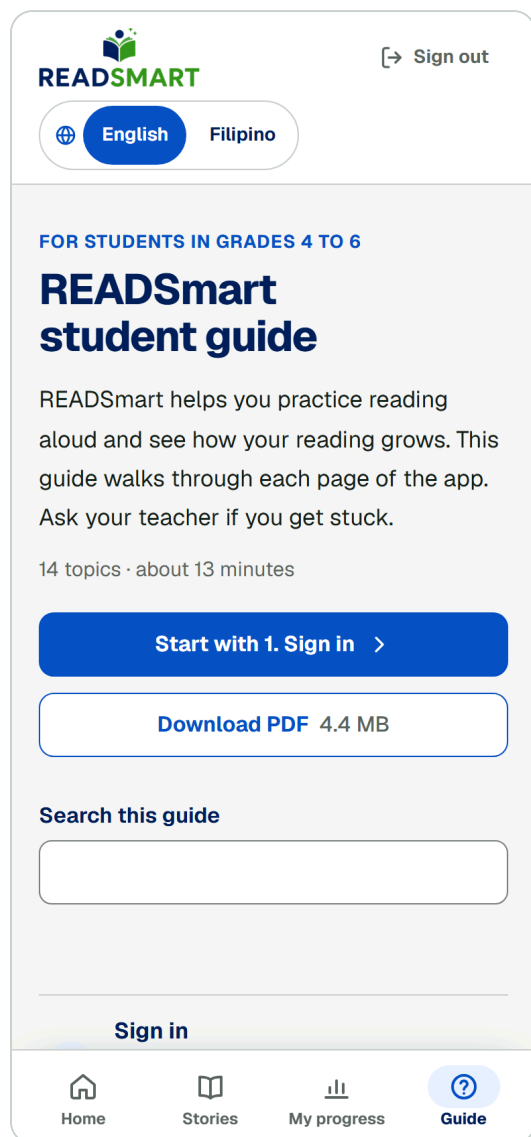
Your home page shows your reading checks and your stories. Scroll down to see your latest reading.



See your latest reading speed, accuracy and understanding.

Your home page asks "Ready to read?" If your teacher has opened a reading check for you, a card appears at the top so you can start it. Under My stories, you can see any story you asked READSmart to make. Your reading card shows your latest reading, your reading speed and how well you understood it. Reading speed means words you read correctly in one minute. On a small screen, each number sits below its label. On a phone or tablet, the menu is a bar at the bottom of the screen; on a bigger screen it moves to the top. It has Home, Stories, My progress and Guide.

Use the guide



Tap a topic to read its steps.

Tap Guide in the menu. Pick a topic, or type a word in Search this guide. Tap Download PDF to save a copy you can read later. You can also tap Guides on the READSmart home page.

Guides

Step-by-step help for students, teachers and school administrators. The pictures come from a made-up showcase school, so no real student appears in them.

Search all guides

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14 topics

Teacher guide >

For class teachers

Student accounts, reading checks, reviewing recordings, class statistics and printable forms.

15 topics

School admin guide >

For school administrators

Teacher approvals, classes and teacher teams, staff access, and usage and practice limits.

10 topics

See READSmart at work

Pick the guide for students, teachers or school admins.

SCHOOL ADMIN

Set up classes >

School administrators create classes and give each one its teacher team.

SCHOOL ADMIN

Approve teacher requests >

Teachers ask to join their school, and an administrator approves each request.

SCHOOL ADMIN

Usage and practice limits >

See recording activity and estimated costs, and set daily and monthly practice limits.

Prefer paper?

Student guide (PDF)

PDF, 3.6 MB

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Teacher guide (PDF)

PDF, 5.7 MB

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School admin guide (PDF)

PDF, 1.9 MB

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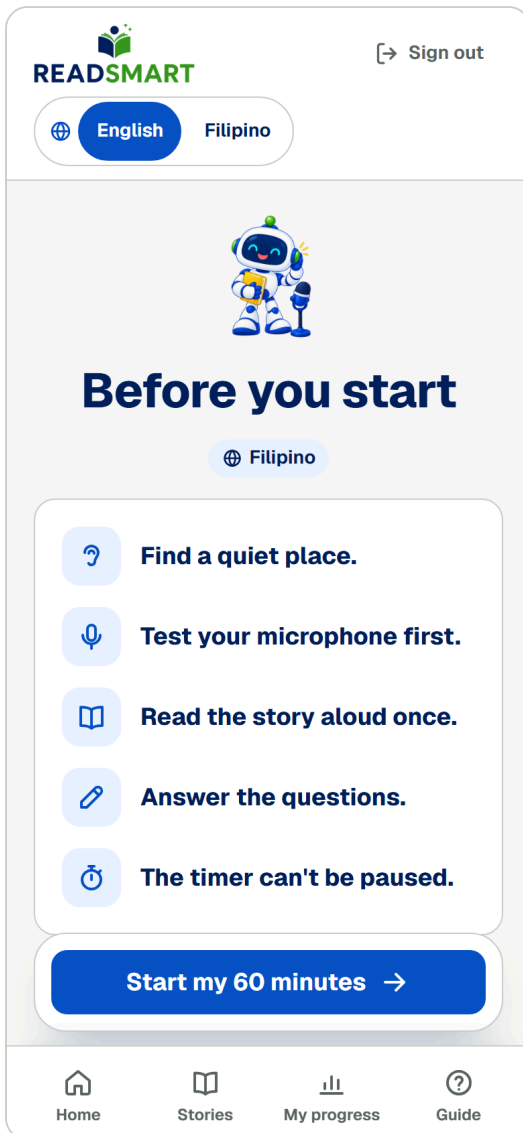
Read Today. Learn Today. Grow Every Day!

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Oral reading research for Grades 4–6 by Cyril D. Tapales, MSIT · Eastern Visayas State University, Main Campus

Use the links at the bottom of the public pages. On a phone, swipe across them to see more.

Take a reading check



Read the rules before you start.

Reading check

🕒 59:56 left

Grade 5 · Filipino

1 Microphone

2 Read

3 Questions

Test your microphone

Read this sentence out loud. Then listen to it.

Today I am checking that my microphone sounds clear.

🔊 Only you hear this test. It stays on this device.

Microphone is off.

🔊 Start recording

First, test your microphone. Then the passage appears and READSmart records you reading it.

1. Your teacher opens the check, and a card appears on your home page.
2. Tap Start, then test your microphone in a quiet place.
3. You can start only once. A timer starts the moment you tap Start and keeps running through the microphone test and your reading.
4. Read the whole passage aloud, then tap Stop recording. READSmart sends it for you, and you can tap Try sending again if it does not go through right away.
5. Answer the questions. You see your score at once, but you see which answers were right only after the check closes, whether your teacher closes it or its time runs out.

Read a practice story

Find a story

Search by title or topic

All languages

English

Filipino



The Fern's Hidden Side
English · 138 words



A Shadow's Other Side
English · 136 words



The Mirror's Side Door
English · 142 words



The Wheel's Hidden Handle
English · 137 words



✦ Make a story

Home

Stories

My progress

Guide

Look at the cover, then tap a story's name.



→ Sign out

English

Filipino

← All stories



The Boat That Came Back

Grade 5

English

111 words

stories

 Read aloud

 Check my microphone

Home

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Guide

Look over the story, then tap Read aloud.

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The Boat That Came Back

Grade 5

English

Jo made a small boat from a leaf.
Her cousin made one from a scrap
of paper. They put both boats in a
wide tub.

“First to that side wins,” said Jo.
She blew hard. Her leaf spun
round and came back. Her cousin
laughed, but his boat had caught
on the rim.

“Our boats need help,” he said.
Jo found a twig. She pushed his
boat free. He made a small wave

 **Recording**



0:02

of 10:00

 **Stop recording**

Read the story aloud, then tap Stop recording to send it.

doorway and picked off a burr with tiny hooks. "Did this plant bite me?" he asked. His aunt smiled. "Some seeds catch on cloth and ride to a new place." Ben looked back at the path. He had walked all the way from the field. "Then my sock was a bus!" he said. He set the burr on a sheet of paper.

Original READSmart demonstration passage

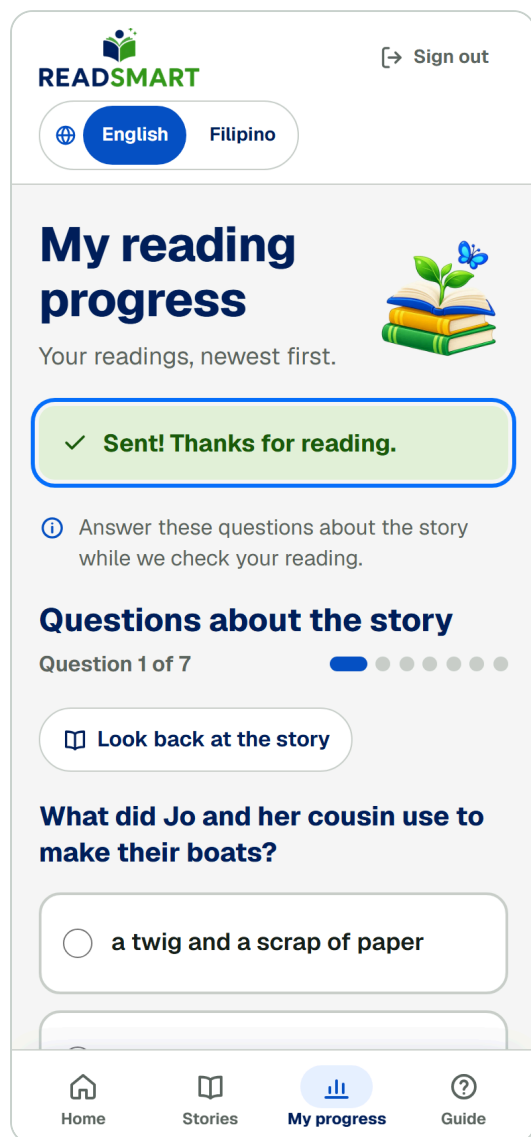
0:02
of 5:00

■ Stop recording

Stop recording stays at the bottom, even at the end of the story.

Your grade has 100 READSmart stories in English and 100 in Filipino. Search for a story by typing a word, or pick English or Filipino to see fewer stories. Some stories are for reading on the screen. Use Read aloud when it is shown. Tap a story's name to read it over before you record. When you are ready, tap Read aloud, and READSmart starts recording right away. You can tap Check my microphone first to hear how you sound. Tap Stop recording when you finish, and READSmart sends your reading for you. Stop recording and the timer stay at the bottom while you scroll through the story.

Answer the questions



READSMART [→ Sign out]

English Filipino

My reading progress

Your readings, newest first.

✓ **Sent! Thanks for reading.**

Answer these questions about the story while we check your reading.

Questions about the story

Question 1 of 7

Look back at the story

What did Jo and her cousin use to make their boats?

☐ a twig and a scrap of paper

Home Stories **My progress** Guide

Answer the questions while READSmart checks your reading.

The questions appear as soon as you send your reading. You can look back at the story while you answer if you need to. Want to change an answer? Tap Back to go to the question before. Tap Next to move on again. Once you finish, you see which answers were right, why, and where to find them in the story.

See what READSmart heard

Where READSmart heard something different

READSmart can mishear. Your teacher checks your reading.

2 Different **1 Missed** **0 Extra**

1 Repeated

Jo made a small boat from a leaf. Her cousin made one from a scrap of paper. They put both **boats¹** in a wide tub.

"First to that side wins," said Jo. She blew hard. Her leaf spun round and came back. **Her²** cousin laughed, but his boat had caught on the rim.

"Our boats need help," he said. Jo found a twig. She pushed his boat free. He made a small wave with his hand to move hers.

The race became a rescue **trip³** trip. Each boat had to **to⁴**

Home

Stories

My progress

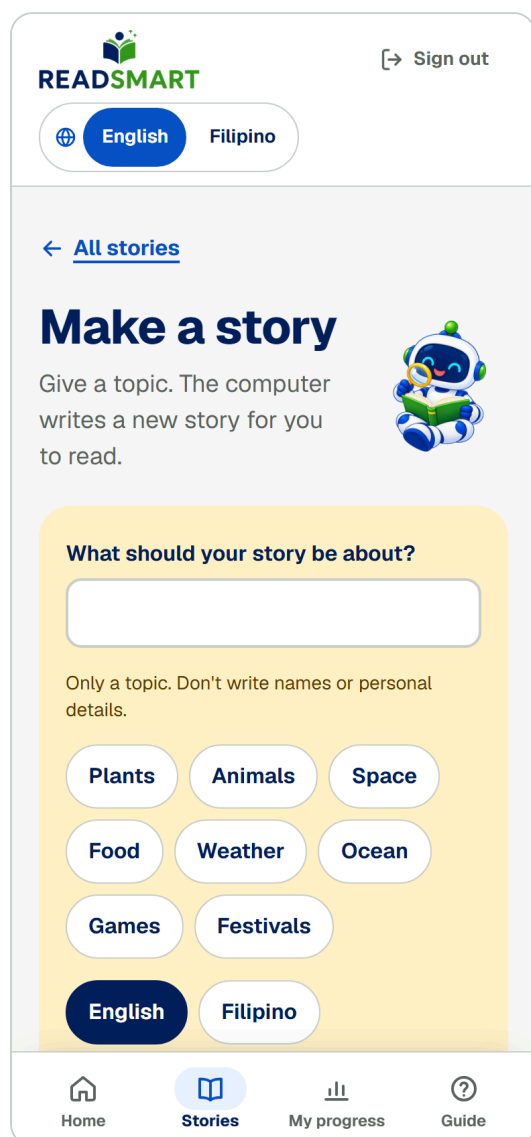
Guide

Marked words show where READSmart heard something different from the story.

When your result is ready, scroll down to see the story with some words marked. Different means READSmart heard another word. Missed means it did not hear a word. Extra means it heard a word that is not in the story. Repeated means it heard a word twice. The list under the story tells you what READSmart heard each time.

READSmart can mishear, so your teacher still checks your reading. You can see these marks for 30 days after you read. To see them again, open the reading on your progress page.

Make your own story

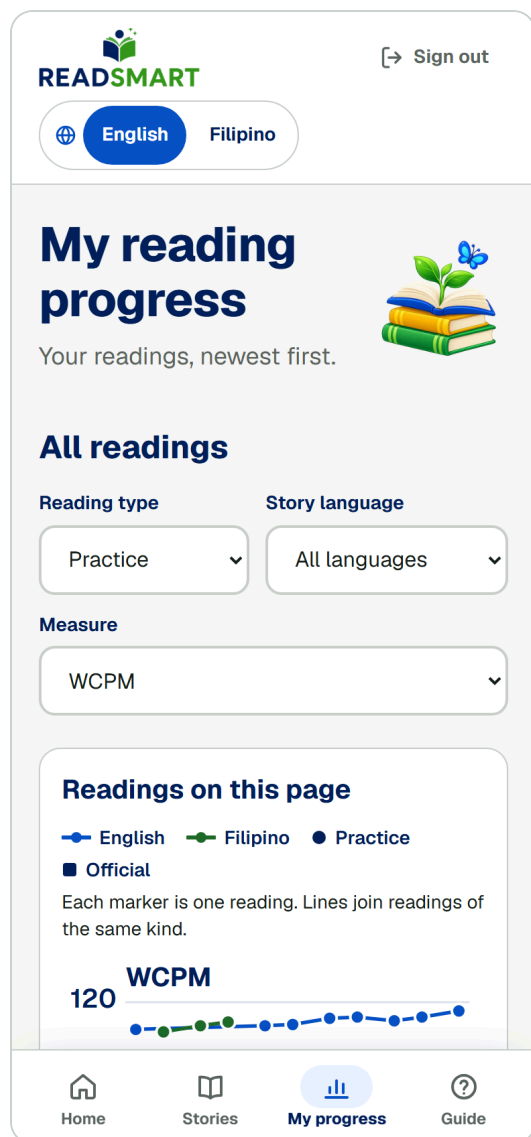


The screenshot shows the READSMART app interface. At the top, there's a header with the READSMART logo, a globe icon, and buttons for 'English' and 'Filipino'. A 'Sign out' link is also present. Below the header, there's a section titled 'Make a story' with a sub-header 'All stories'. The main content area has a title 'Make a story' and a description: 'Give a topic. The computer writes a new story for you to read.' To the right of the text is a cartoon robot holding a book. Below this is a large text input field with the prompt 'What should your story be about?'. Underneath the input field is a note: 'Only a topic. Don't write names or personal details.' Below the note are several topic buttons: 'Plants', 'Animals', 'Space', 'Food', 'Weather', 'Ocean', 'Games', and 'Festivals'. At the bottom of the topic selection area are language buttons for 'English' and 'Filipino'. The bottom navigation bar has four icons: a house for 'Home', a book for 'Stories' (which is highlighted), a bar chart for 'My progress', and a question mark for 'Guide'.

Tell READSmart what your story should be about.

Pick a topic and a language, then tap Make my story. READSmart writes a story about your topic and draws a picture for it. Your home page and the story list show how the story is coming along. Your teacher checks the story before you can read it, and you can only make a few new stories each day.

See your progress



Your progress page shows how your reading changes over time.

A chart shows how your reading changes over time. WCPM means how many words you read correctly in one minute. Accuracy is how many words you got right, and Comprehension is how many questions you got right. You can filter the list by reading type, language and story. Below the chart is a list of your readings, with any messages from your teacher.

Language and signing out

The English and Filipino buttons at the top change the words in the app, but each story stays in the language you picked when you found or made it. Tap Sign out when you finish, especially on a shared phone or tablet.

Questions

I forgot my password. What do I do?

Ask your teacher. They can give you a new first password to sign in with.

My microphone does not work.

When your device asks to use the microphone, tap Allow. You can also try the microphone check first to hear yourself before you record. If it still sounds wrong, move closer to the microphone. If nothing helps, ask your teacher.

What does "No internet right now" mean?

This message appears at the top of the screen when your phone or computer loses its internet connection. It means READSmart cannot load new pages right now. Once you are back online, the message goes away and pages load again.

If a class or practice reading does not send, it waits on this device. Keep its reading page open. READSmart tries again when the connection returns and every 30 seconds while it waits with a connection. You can also tap Try sending again. If you closed the page, reopen the same reading on this device before the session ends. Do not clear the app's saved data while a reading is waiting.

If the reading session has ended, ask your teacher for another try.

What happens if the time runs out in a reading check?

If you are reading when time runs out, READSmart sends the part you already read. If time runs out before you start reading anything, ask your teacher for another try.

Can I read a story again?

Yes, you can open a practice story again any time. Recording a new reading is capped at a set number each day, and every reading you send shows up on your progress page. Once you reach the day's limit, you can still open and read the story, but READSmart tells you that you cannot record any more right now.

Who can hear my recordings?

Your teacher and staff at your school can listen to your recordings. Practice recordings are deleted automatically 30 days after you send them.

What happens if I leave the demo?

Your demo result and finished questions stay available in the same browser tab for three hours. Come back to Demo to see them. The sound you recorded cannot be restored. Tap Try another passage, or pick a different sample on the home page, to start a new reading. The reading range uses both reading accuracy and your answers when you finish the questions.

Where is Stop recording?

While you read in Demo or practice, Stop recording and the timer stay at the bottom of the screen. Scroll through the story, then tap Stop recording when you finish.