Teams in Accelerated Reader Classrooms

Cooperative reading teams usually consist of groups of four to six students and include a mix of high-, average- and low-ability students in roughly equal proportions. Team members work together to achieve team targets for the marking period. Team targets are calculated by Accelerated Reader based on each team member's individual targets for average percentage correct and points. Team members select a name for their team and are given opportunities to meet as a group to talk about how everyone is doing. A team achieves its targets when team members meet their individual targets. Each student's contribution to the team target is capped at 100 per cent of their individual target. This way, in order for a team to achieve all its targets, each member of the team must meet his or her own target.

Cooperative reading teams are very effective in classes that contain a wide range of reading ability. That is because participating and achieving personal and team targets take precedence over simply accumulating points or reading at the highest book levels. Moreover, each member's contribution is equally important to the success of the team as a whole.

It's important to:

- recognise all teams that achieve their targets

- maintain a cooperative spirit, not a competitive one

- remember to give teams a chance to meet each week

Team Status Report

This Accelerated Reader report lists the students by team and shows individual progress towards targets. The report shows each student's progress towards the percentage correct target and points earned and also a combined average for these two targets. The Team Status Report also shows team totals.

Team Standing Chart

This Accelerated Reader report shows by bar graph how each team is progressing towards its targets. The progress is based on the overall progress of team members towards their own individual targets.