

## Using Literacy Skills Quizzes

While Reading Practice Quizzes indicate comprehension on a general level and are meant to be motivational, Literacy Skills Quizzes monitor growth in 24 skills often assessed in national tests. Literacy Skills Quizzes are available for selected titles. Students do not take a Literacy Skills Quiz after every book they have read. When Students do take a Literacy Skills Quiz they should first have passed the Reading Practice Quiz for the book.

Literacy Skills Quizzes are useful tools to:

- assess how well Students can apply a skill
- determine what additional teaching or intervention is needed
- help prepare Students for high-stakes tests

Each Literacy Skills Quiz also includes a teacher's guide that provides:

- critical-thinking questions
- enrichment activities and prompts for writing exercises

Accelerated Reader's default pass mark for Literacy Skills Quizzes is 70 per cent. You can change the pass mark using the Student Quizzing Preference in School Preferences.

### The 24 Skills Measured on Literacy Skills Quizzes

#### **Initial Understanding:**

- Describing events
- Identifying reasons for events
- Identifying details
- Identifying feelings
- Identifying the function of dialogue
- Identifying sequence

#### **Literary Analysis:**

- Identifying plot
- Identifying setting
- Understanding literary features
- Describing characters
- Understanding historical/cultural factors
- Understanding the author's craft

#### **Inferential Comprehension:**

- Comparing and contrasting
- Drawing conclusions
- Extending meaning
- Making inferences
- Making predictions
- Recognising cause and effect

#### **Constructing Meaning:**

- Deriving word or phrase meaning
- Differentiating fact and opinion
- Identifying reading strategies
- Recognising persuasive language
- Responding to literature
- Identifying the overall message

### Accelerated Reader Reports for Literacy Skills

Literacy Skills Quizzes have corresponding TOPS Reports. Information also appears on the Student Record Report if Literacy Skills Quizzes are selected. There are other reports that specifically help monitor literacy skills including:

- Literacy Skills Chart—gives a quick visual comparison between a student and the class average for each of the 24 skills
- Literacy Skills Status—shows how each student in the class is performing on each of the 24 skills and includes class totals
- Literacy Skills Class Summary—shows how a class as a whole is performing on the 24 skills