



# Accelerated Reader: Choosing the Right Book

# What is a ZPD?

- Choosing the right book to read is important for our Accelerated Reader programme. We test children at school on their comprehension and their score corresponds to a range of decimals. Those decimals become their 'ZPD' and they choose books within that ZPD.

Here's an example:

Student Name: Joe Wicks ZPD: 3.8 - 4.9

**Joe would be able to read any book within the ZPD decimal range. That range would be:**

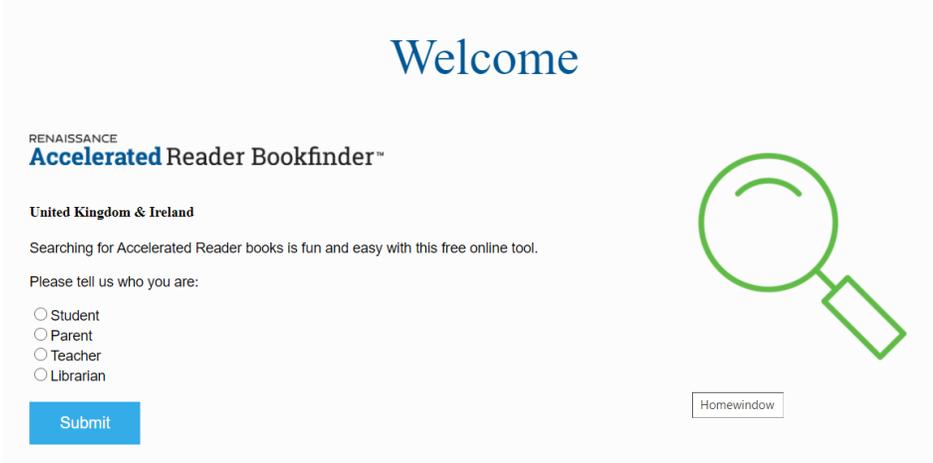
- 3.8
- 3.9
- 4.0
- 4.1
- 4.2
- 4.3
- 4.4
- 4.5
- 4.6
- 4.7
- 4.8
- 4.9

- If Joe read a book at 3.8, that book would be easier for him than a book at 4.7. Students should be reading books at the lower end of their ZPD to build up their confidence with the system, followed by books at the higher end of their ZPD when they are trying to stretch and challenge themselves. If a student keeps getting 80% or less in quizzes, they need to choose books that are lower in their ZPD.

# How do I know which books are right for my child's ZPD?

- You will need to request your child's ZPD from your teacher if they don't already have it recorded in their planner.
- Let's stick with Joe's example of 3.8 - 4.9 for now.

1. Log into the [AR Bookfinder](#) as a parent.



The screenshot shows the login page for Renaissance Accelerated Reader Bookfinder. At the top right, the word "Welcome" is displayed in blue. Below it, the logo for "RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™" is visible. The page is for the "United Kingdom & Ireland" region. A message states: "Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool." Below this, a prompt asks "Please tell us who you are:" followed by four radio button options: "Student", "Parent", "Teacher", and "Librarian". A blue "Submit" button is located at the bottom left of the form area. On the right side of the page, there is a green magnifying glass icon and a "Homewindow" button.

- 2. Change the view from 'Quick Search' to 'Advanced Search'. Choose 'Interest Level' to Middle Years and input your personal ZPD range. You can leave the other fields blank. Click 'Search'.

The screenshot displays the 'Advanced Search' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search' (which is selected), and 'Collections'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a 'Librarian' profile icon, an 'AR BookBag™' logo, and a section for entering a 'Keycode' with a 'Go' button. Below this, a note states: 'You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.' The main search area contains several input fields: 'Title', 'Author', 'Series', 'Publisher', and 'ISBN'. There are also dropdown menus for 'Quiz Released' (set to 'Any Time') and 'Quiz Type' (set to 'Any Quiz Type'). Below these, there are checkboxes for 'Interest Level' (checked) and 'ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level' (checked). The 'Interest Level' dropdown is set to 'Middle Years, Ages 9 to 13'. The 'ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level' section has input boxes for '3.8' and '4.9', with a 'Show Lexile® Measure' link. Below this, there is a note: 'select an Interest Level first'. Further down, there are dropdown menus for 'Additional Criteria' (set to 'All Topics'), 'All Subtopics', and 'Fiction and Non-fiction'. At the bottom, there is a 'Sort' dropdown set to 'Relevance' and two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear Form'.

- A huge selection of books will come up. This is ideal if you wanted to treat your child to any new books but isn't helpful if you want to see which of your current books at home or on *E Platform* (WHS digital library) are the right 'level'.
- To do this, you will need to:
  1. Log into the AR Bookfinder as a parent.
  2. Type the name of a book you have at home (or have borrowed) into the 'Quick Search' toolbar.

The screenshot shows the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Bookfinder interface. At the top right, it indicates 'United Kingdom & Ireland' with a map of the UK and Ireland. The main navigation includes 'Librarian', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Collections'. The search bar contains 'Gangsta Granny' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, the 'Search Results' section shows 'Titles 1 - 20 of 128' and a 'Print' icon. Navigation links include '« Previous', 'Page 1 of 7', 'Next >', 'Go to Page', and 'Go'. The results are sorted by 'Relevance'. The first result is 'Gangsta Granny' by Williams, David, with an AR Quiz No. of 220860, EN Fiction, and a rating of 5.0. The book cover is visible, and there is an 'Add to AR BookBag™' button.

RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™

United Kingdom & Ireland

Librarian Quick Search Advanced Search Collections

AR BookBag™

Enter Keycode

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Refine Your Search

Interest Level

- Lower Years (72)
- Middle Years (47)
- Upper Years (8)
- Middle Years Plus (1)

Fiction/Non-fiction

- Fiction (127)
- Non-fiction (1)

Language

->English

Search

Search Results

Titles 1 - 20 of 128

Print

« Previous Page 1 of 7 Next > Go to Page Go

Sort By Relevance

Gangsta Granny

Williams, David

AR Quiz No. 220860 EN Fiction

IL: MY - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 5.0

AR Quiz Types: RP, VP

Rating: ★★★★★

Meet Ben's granny. Like a lot of grannies, she has white hair, false teeth and used tissues tucked up her sleeve. Unlike most grannies, she's an international jewel thief.

Add to AR BookBag™

3. I have used 'Gangsta Granny' as an example. You can see that this is 'MY' - this means that the content of the book is appropriate for the middle years. Next to this you will see the 'BL' which stands for book level. Hopefully, this will match to one of the ZPD decimal points that you have been given. I can see that 'Gangsta Granny' is 4.9 which matches one of Joe's ZPD points. This means that this book is just right for him to read.

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