Read to Learn

User Guide



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Read to Learn Overview

The Read to Learn series:

Do the Right Thing

Life Skill Readers

Safety Skills Reader

Focus on Feelings

Self-Determination Readers

Dynamite Emotions

Social Story Readers

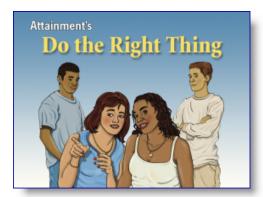
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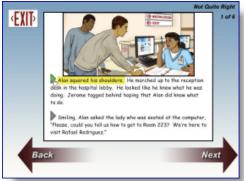
About Read to Learn

Welcome to the Read to Learn series. These eight software programs, sold individually or in a collection, present "talking-book" stories designed for transition-age students with significant developmental disabilities. The stories illustrate real-world situations and the skills to handle them.

All of the stories feature professional narration and word highlighting. The students' answers to test questions are stored on the system. Options management allows teachers to customize the program for each student, and to track their progress.

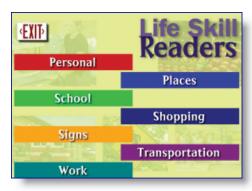
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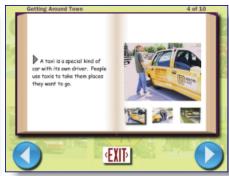




25 stories feature Maria, Jerome and their friends learning to resolve everyday dilemmas in social situations. Six multiple-choice test questions follow the story: three for comprehension, and three for vocabulary.

Life Skill Readers



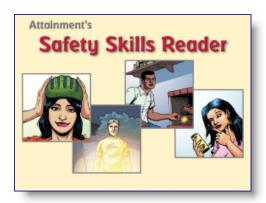


Life Skill Readers has 40 photo-illustrated stories with community themes in seven categories:

* Personal * School * Signs * Work

Each page have two or more photos that students may choose to highlight. Five multiple-choice comprehension questions follow each story. Life Skill Readers is the only "Read to Learn" program that does not feature vocabulary-word instruction.

Safety Skills Reader





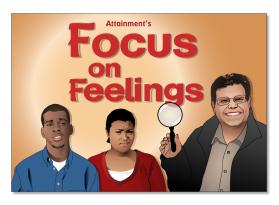
Safety Skills Reader's 27 stories introduce safety issues in the context of four categories:

* Community * Work

* Home * Personal

Six multiple-choice questions follow each story: three for comprehension and three for vocabulary.

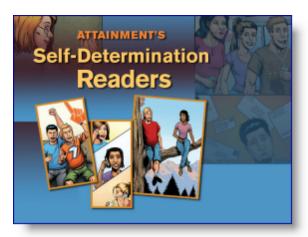
Focus on Feelings





For autistic teens and young adults. 19 photo-illustrated stories describe experiences and the emotions they are likely to cause, and illustrations of faces support learning of facial expressions. After each page of the story, students are required to choose the main character's emotion. Other activities include connecting the emotion word to a face, and a matching game just for fun.

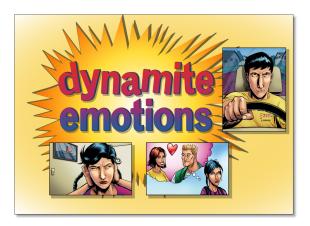
Self-Determination Readers





16 stories with graphic novel style illustrations focus on transition and coping skills. Ten multiple-choice test questions follow the story: five for comprehension, and five for vocabulary.

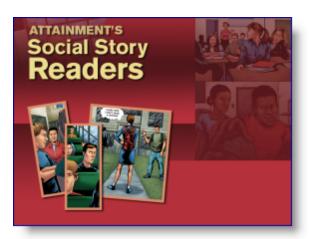
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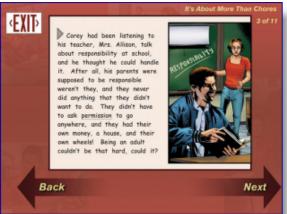




Six linked stories about a brother and sister dealing with anger and frustration. Following two multiple-choice comprehension questions, supporting activities teach students to recognize their own physical warning signs.

Social Story Readers

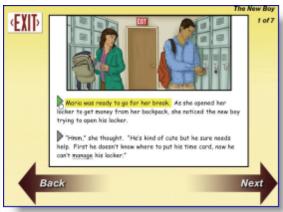




16 stories with graphic novel-style illustrations depict common social issues at school and home. Read-aloud speech support includes speech and thought balloons. Ten test questions follow the story: five for comprehension, and five for vocabulary.

Connections in the Workplace





36 stories introduce Maria and Jerome, their friends, job coach, and on-the-job challenges and triumphs. Six multiple-choice test questions follow the story: three for comprehension, and three for vocabulary.

Quick Start

If you wish to print this **User Guide**, it is available in the following locations:

1. On the CD or DVD containing the program.

2. **In Windows:** All Programs \rightarrow Attainment Company \rightarrow Documentation folder \rightarrow Read to Learn manual

On the Mac: Applications \rightarrow Attainment \rightarrow Read to Learn folder \rightarrow RTL manual.pdf

3. From our website, www.attainmentcompany.com. To download: Type "Read to Learn" in search window, then click on "Read to Learn Software." You will see a PDF link to the User Guide on this page.

Starting the Program

To start the program in Windows:

Go to **Start** menu at bottom left of screen.

Click Start \rightarrow Programs \rightarrow Attainment Company \rightarrow Read to Learn.

To start the program on the Mac:

Click on **Go** pulldown menu and find **Applications** list.

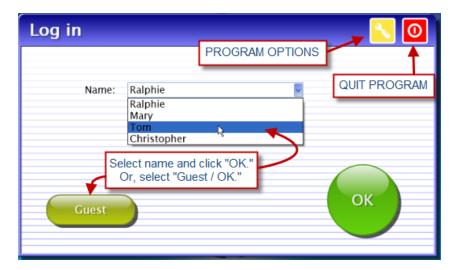
Find Read to Learn.

Double-click Read to Learn icon

Logging In

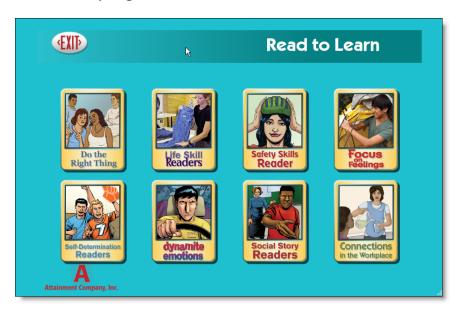
The login screen will come up when the program starts. Select a user's name from the Name pull-down list, or click the **Guest** button, and click OK. When there are no user names, the program automatically logs in as **Guest** and the login screen does not appear.

To create user list, see Options-->Add User



Software and Story Directories

Following login, the software directory lists the eight "Read to Learn" programs. To select a program, click on its icon.





Each program lists all available stories in one or more screens. Click "More" or "Back" to change screens. To select a story, click on its icon.

NOTE: Story lists can be edited for individual students. See Options-->Content tab for more information.

Reading Stories

Clicking on a story icon brings up its title page. On the title page, click the **Read** button to begin the story, or the **EXIT** button to return to the story directory.



Illustration from Self-Determination Readers

The **Next** and **Back** buttons move forward or backward through the story. Click **EXIT** to return to the story directory.

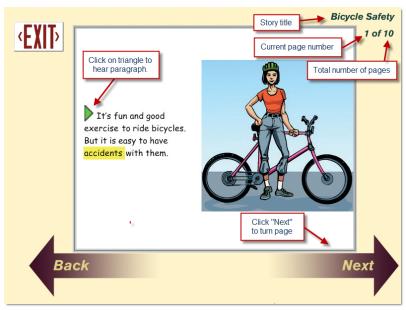
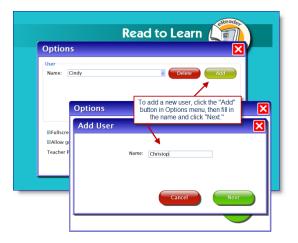


Illustration from Safety Skills Reader

Adding Users

LOCATION: File \rightarrow Options / top of screen





Click the **Add** button to add a new student user. Type in the student's name and click the **Next** button.

Choose User Password: After clicking the **Next** button, you'll be prompted to assign a password. This is optional and can be skipped. If you do not designate a password, the user can log in by selecting his or her name from the pull-down login menu.

Choose User Icon: After choosing a password, you may also assign an image, for example a photo, to the user's name. This is also optional. If your computer is camera-enabled, you can click on "Snapshot" to create a photo for the user's icon.



Password and Icon assignments can be added or changed later via the **Settings** button \rightarrow **System** tab.

All of the users will appear in a pull-down list. To change program options for a particular user, select that user from the pull-down list, then click on the **Settings** button.

NOTE: If on a Mac, you must be logged in with the name you used when creating the list of users, or you will not see the list.

To delete a user: Bring user's name up in drop-down list, then click **Delete**.

See Options overview for more information.

Seeing and Hearing the Stories

Story Audio

To hear a paragraph, click the triangle to its left.

To hear a single word, click directly on the word.

To restart the story narration, click on the triangle, or double click at the point you want the narration to resume.

Speech balloons, signs, labels, and other words on the page are also spoken. Click directly on the words to hear them.

The mouse pointer will change from an arrow to a hand when it rolls over any readable text.



By default, spoken text begins automatically after each page turn. This auto read option can be disabled.

The text is read as natural speech, in a conversational tempo. Slower, word-by-word speech is also available.

See:

Narration Style to change speed of speech

Story Options-->Auto Read to turn off automatic narration

Highlighting

As the story is spoken, text is highlighted one word at a time, in yellow.

Highlighting can also be by sentence, by line, or turned off, and the highlight color can be changed. See Narration Highlighting.



Illustration from Focus on Feelings

Glossary Words

Glossary words have a gray underline. When a glossary word is clicked, a definition appears, and the word and its definition are heard.

The glossary feature can be turned off, if desired, in **Options**. See <u>Story Options--</u>><u>Slossary Lookups</u>.

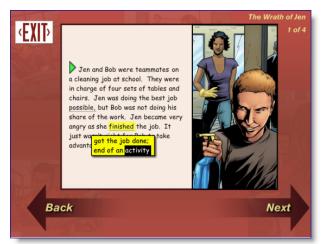


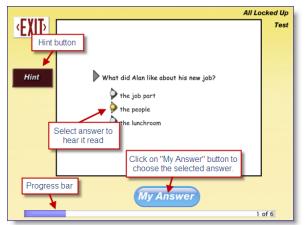
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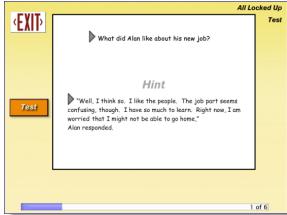
Story Activities

These are activities following the story for the reader.

Test

On the last page of each story, the **Next** button is labeled **Test**. Clicking it takes the user to a series of multiple-choice questions, covering comprehension and vocabulary. The questions are read automatically. Click the button next to each answer to hear it read.





The **My Answer** button chooses the selected answer. This button must be clicked to advance to the next question.

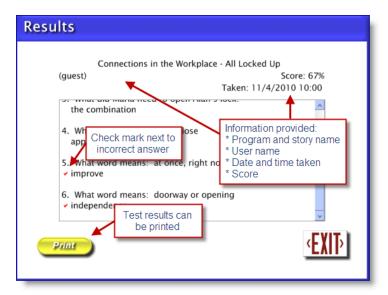
The **Hint** button displays the story paragraph with the correct answer. On the **Hint** screen, the **Test** button returns the student to the test question.

Following the final question, the test results page will be shown. Questions answered incorrectly will have a check mark. You may also choose to have the correct answer displayed.

NOTE:

- * All users will see their results. Logged-in users' results are recorded and can be viewed by teacher or parent. See Results.
- * The programs *Dynamite Emotions* and *Focus on Feelings* do not have a results page.
- * The program Life Skills Reader does not have vocabulary test questions.
- * The test in any program can be disabled. See Test Options.

Click **EXIT** to return to story directory.

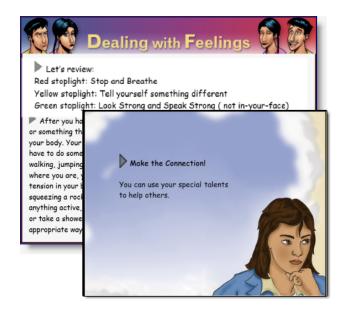


Other Activities

Summative page

Connections in the Workplace features a page, "Make the Connection!" that sums up its principal point, following the story and preceding the test.

Dynamite Emotions features a page, "Dealing with Feelings," that gives useful behavioral advice about controlling anger, at the end of every chapter.

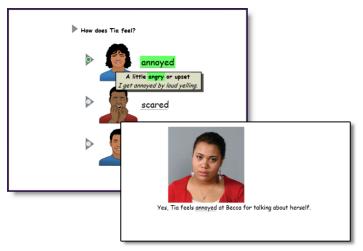


Illustrations from Dynamite Emotions and Connections in the Workplace.

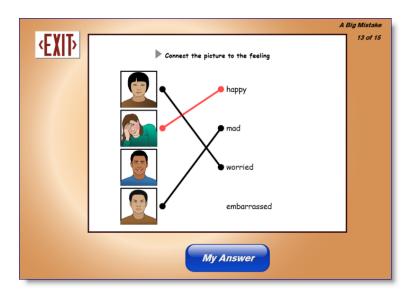
Focus on Feelings

Our most recent program, *Focus on Feelings*, has a different format than the others. There is a multiple-choice question after each page of the four-page stories. Using symbols of faces, the question asks the reader what emotion the narrator is feeling. Clicking on the emotion word will bring up its definition. The story cannot progress until the reader chooses the correct answer. There are four emotions featured per story, one for each page.





Following the story are two activities. First, the reader is asked to connect the four emotion symbols to words, by clicking on each. If the reader makes a wrong choice, the connection turns red, then disappears. The reader can go to the next page when all the connections have been made.



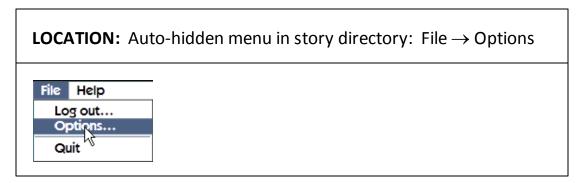
The last activity is a matching game, just for fun. As matches are successfully made, pieces of a photo underneath are revealed. When the photo is completely revealed, a photo caption, connecting an experience to an emotion, also appears.



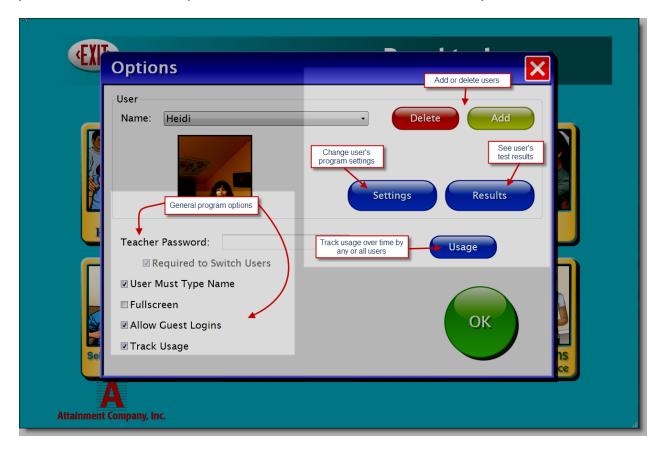
Options

The **Options** menus let you add or delete users, and change settings for individual students.

Options Overview



A password is not initially required; however, if you choose to set a teacher password it will be required. Password **attainment** will always work.



The **Options** menus let you add or delete users, change general program settings, and change settings for individual students.

In the **top level options menu,** you can:

- * Add new users. Add User
- * Delete a user. Bring user's name up in drop-down list, then click **Delete.**
- * Make changes to general (non-user) options. <u>Teacher Password</u>; <u>User Must Type Name</u>; <u>Fullscreen</u>; <u>Allow Guest Logins</u>; <u>Track Usage</u>.

To make changes in a student user's options, click on the Settings button.

See **settings** listed below.

To see a student user's test results, click on the Results button.

• **TIP:** To change default settings for all new users, select **Guest** from the pull-down menu of users, and then change the settings.

See Factory Settings list.

Settings that can be changed:

Narration Style for speed of speech

Narration Highlighting for items highlighted and highlighting color

Auto Read to have narration start automatically after each page turn

Auto Page Turn to have page turn automatically after it has been read

Glossary Lookups to have definitions of vocabulary words appear

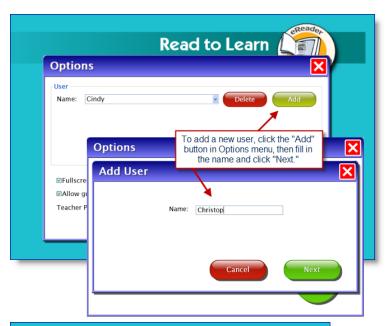
Take Test to enable test

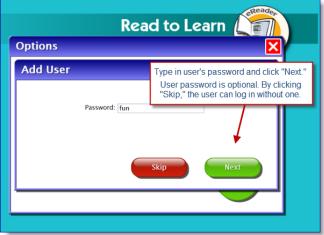
Scanning to enable automatic scanning

Sounds to turn sounds off

Add User

LOCATION: File \rightarrow Options, at top of screen

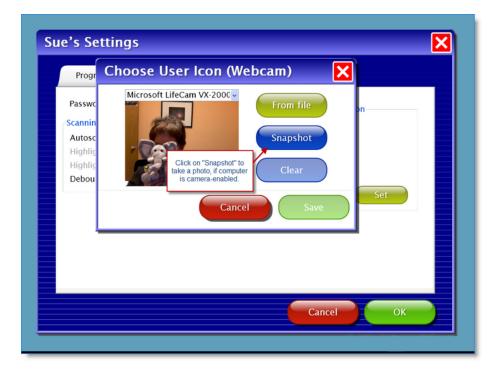




Click the **Add** button to add a new student user. Type in the student's name and click the **Next** button.

Choose User Password: After clicking the **Next** button, you'll be prompted to assign a password. This is optional and can be skipped. If you do not designate a password, the user can log in by selecting his or her name from the pull-down login menu.

Choose User Icon: After choosing a password, you may also assign an image, for example a photo, to the user's name. This is also optional. If your computer is camera-enabled, you can click on "Snapshot" to create a photo for the user's icon.



Password and Icon assignments can be added or changed later via the **Settings** button \rightarrow **System** tab.

All of the users will appear in a pull-down list. To change program options for a particular user, select that user from the pull-down list, then click on the **Settings** button.

NOTE: If on a Mac, you must be logged in with the name you used when creating the list of users, or you will not see the list.

To delete a user: Bring user's name up in drop-down list, then click Delete.

Factory Settings

This is a list of the initial program settings. They can be altered for an individual user or for Guest.

NOTE: Settings for Guest are the default values when adding new users.

Narration Style: Natural Speech Narration Highlighting: By Word

Auto Read: checked

Auto Page Turn: unchecked Glossary Lookups: checked

Hint: checked

Print test results: checked

Content list: all stories available

Autoscan: Disabled Debounce: Disabled

Sounds: All three checked [music, speech, special effects]

Teacher Password: Not required

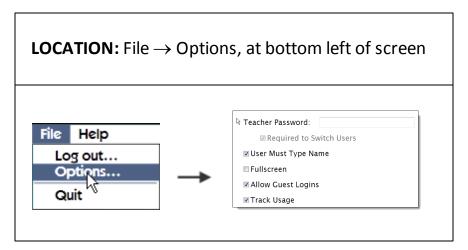
Required to Switch Users: checked, if a password has been entered

Fullscreen: checked

Allow guest logins: checked

Track usage: checked

Options - General



These options will be set for the Read to Learn program in general, regardless of user.

They are found at the bottom left of the Options main window.

Teacher Password

You have the option to create a personal password, of one character or more, that can be used to access the **Options** menu.

Built-in password "attainment" will always work.

User Must Type Name

When checked, there is no drop-down menu. Each user must type a name in the blank provided to log in.

Fullscreen

If **Fullscreen** is checked, there is no menu bar and the window cannot move.

If unchecked, the window can be moved and resized. The text and pictures will not resize.

Allow Guest Logins

If Allow Guest Logins is checked, allows users to log in as "Guest."

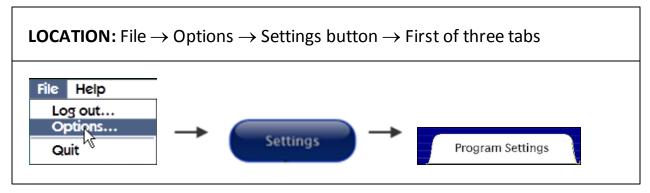
If unchecked, only named users can log in.

Guest login is automatic if no users are added.

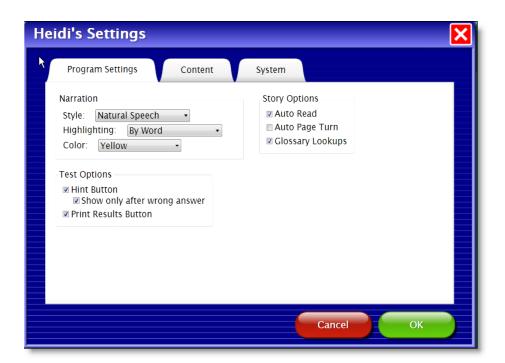
Track Usage

When checked, the program will record activity by any user. The usage chart is a calendar graph, with use displayed in minutes.

Program Settings tab



In this tab you change the settings for narration style, highlighting, auto reading and auto page turns, glossary lookups, and test options. The name of the user whose settings are changing is displayed at the top.



See:

Narration Style

Narration Highlighting

Story Options

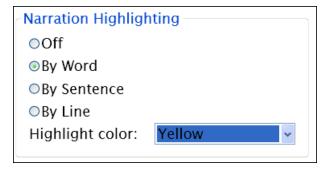
Test Options

Narration Style

Choose between three speech options: Off, Natural Speech, and the slower Word By Word speech.



Narration Highlighting



Choose between four highlighting options: Off, By Word, By Sentence, or By Line. You can also change highlight color.

NOTE: Highlighting of the text goes along with audio.

If there is no story narration, there will be no highlighting.

Test Options



Hint Button

If checked, hint referencing the paragraph containing test answer will be visible on test page.

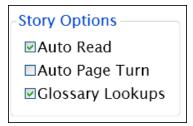
You have the option of making the hint visible at all times, or appear after first wrong answer.

If unchecked, the hint will not be available.

Print Results Button

This button appears on test results page, and enables printing out of results. If unchecked, results can be viewed, but not printed.

Story Options



These are features that can be turned on independently or in combination.

Auto Read

When checked, story narration will begin a moment after page is turned, whether page is turned automatically or manually. Clicking anywhere on the page will turn auto read off, but it will start up again on the next page.

When unchecked, audio narration is triggered by clicking the arrow next to a paragraph, or by double clicking inside the story paragraph.

Auto Page Turn

When checked, the page will turn automatically after the last sentence on the page has been read. It is possible to inhibit this function by clicking on the page immediately after the last sentence has been read. If so, automatic page turning will start up again on the following page.

When unchecked, clicking the Next button will turn the page.

Glossary Lookups

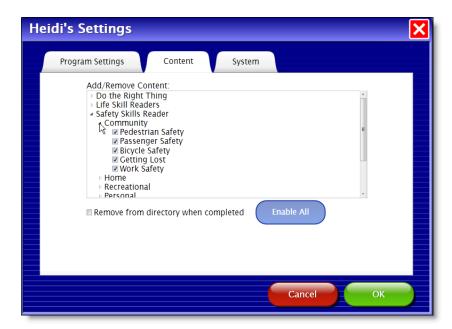
When checked, glossary words are underlined on the first page where they appear. Underlined glossary words can be clicked to reveal the definition, which is also highlighted and read out loud.

When unchecked, glossary words are not underlined, and their definitions cannot be accessed.

Content tab

LOCATION: File \rightarrow Options \rightarrow Settings button \rightarrow Second tab

Story lists for each student can be customized. Check or uncheck stories to display or hide them in the student's directory. All stories are checked by default.



Treat Completed Stories As Removed:

Stories are considered complete when all available pages have been viewed, whether or not test was done. If checked, story icons are removed from the student's story directory.

If unchecked, completed stories are grayed out as if they are not available. However, they can still be selected to read again.

System tab

LOCATION: File \rightarrow Options \rightarrow Settings button \rightarrow Third tab

The System tab allows you to change a user's password, icon, scanning settings and sound settings.



See:

Scanning

Student Password

Sounds

Student Icon

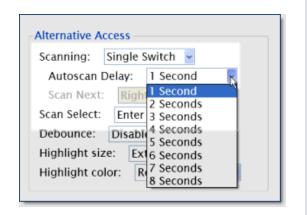
Scanning

Also see Alternative Access.

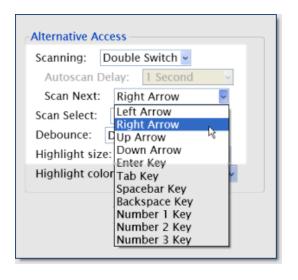
Scanning: Choose Single Switch (automatic), Double Switch (manual), or Disabled. When "Disabled" is chosen, all of the other fields are grayed out and cannot be selected.



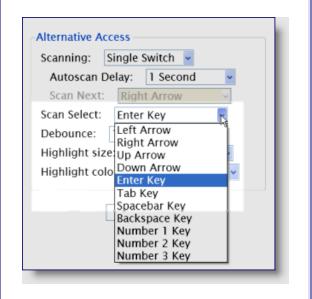
Autoscan Delay: Available when Single Switch is chosen. Select the length of time the cursor dwells on each selection when automatically scanning, between 1 and 8 seconds.



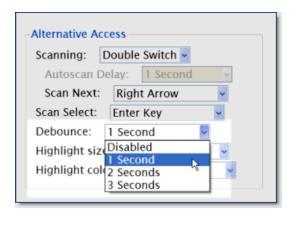
Scan Next: Available when Double Switch is chosen. Choose the keyboard key which will advance to the next scanned field when manually scanning. When using a switch or button, determine which key is programmed to the device.



Scan Select: Available for both Single Switch and Double Switch. Choose the keyboard key which will make a selection while scanning. When using a switch or button, determine which key is programmed to the device.



Debounce: Select the length of time in which repeated switch input is ignored, between 1 and 3 seconds. Debounce can be disabled if not needed.

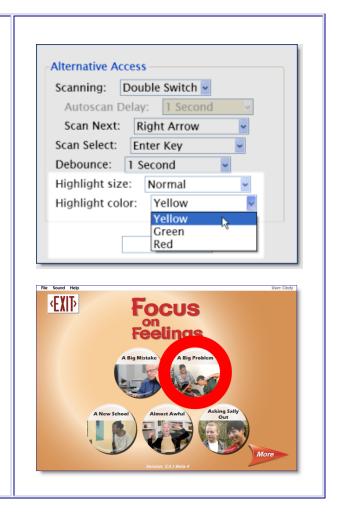


Available for both Single Switch and Double Switch.

Highlight size: Select the weight of the highlight border which indicates current choice. Choose between Normal, Large and Extra Large.

Highlight color: Select the highlight color which indicates current choice. Choose between red, yellow, and green.

In sample, extra large red scan is selected.



Auditory Scanning

When checked, an auditory cue will play when the item is highlighted.

Auditory Rollover

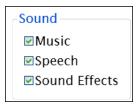
When checked, the item under the cursor will be spoken aloud after a 1.5 second pause.

Student Password



Optionally assign a password for the current student user. If no password is entered, the user will be able to log in by selecting his or her name from the pulldown menu and clicking "OK."

Sounds



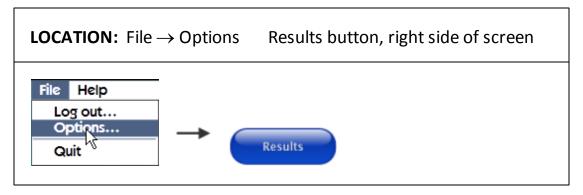
Sound: Theme music, narration audio, and sound effects (such as button clicks) can be independently turned on or off for any individual user.

Student Icon



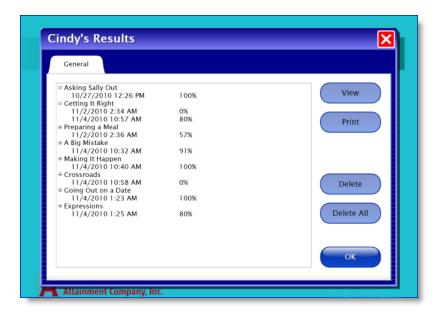
Student Icon: Optionally add, delete, or change an image that's paired with a student's name on the login screen. Create an icon from any available graphic file. If computer is camera-enabled, you can create an icon by clicking on "snapshot." If no icon is created, only the user's name is displayed on the login screen.

Results



Every story that a logged-in student completes, and every test result, is recorded in the program. To view students' results, go to **File-->Options**. With user selected, click on the **Results** button.

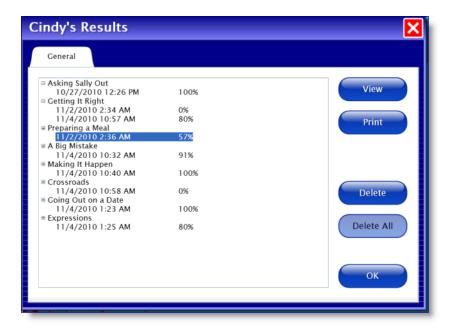
NOTE: Results are never recorded for a "Guest" user.



Test results are listed by story; check "sort by date" to re-order list by date of tests.

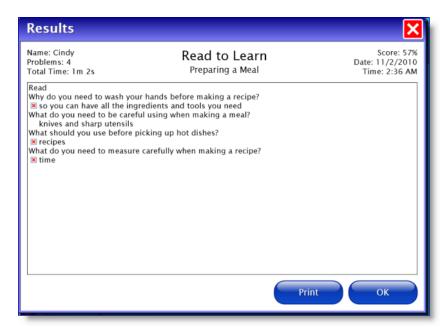
Test Results

To see the score, date, and time of each test taken: In a user's **Results** tab, click the plus sign next to a story. If the user takes a test more than once, each test's results will be recorded.

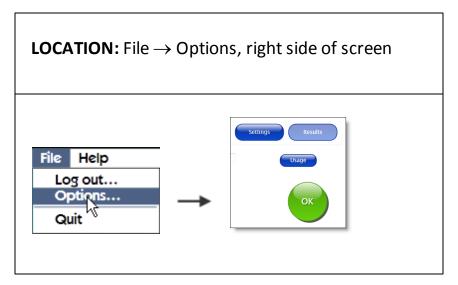


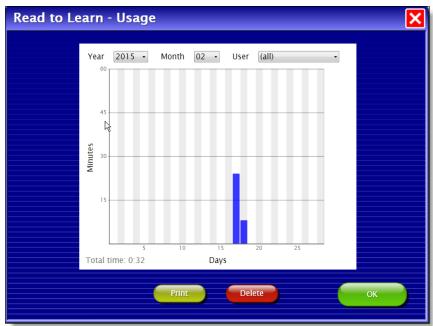
To see more detailed information: Click on a particular test, and then click the **View** button at right. A new screen will appear with each question and the answers given. An incorrect answer is marked with an **x**. Click **EXIT** to go back to Results screen.

This screen can be both viewed and printed.



Usage





The "Usage" button brings up a calendar graph which shows the amount of use by all users, or a selected user, in minutes.

This chart can be printed.

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Alternative Access

Read to Learn is accessible with a mouse, touch screen, interactive whiteboards, and switches. Switch access is built in through the use of scanning.

Scanning

This program supports single- or two-switch step scanning. To change scanning settings, go to Options menu, Systems tab. See <u>Scanning</u> for more detailed information.

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- * What was the error and type of error message, if any?
- * What triggered the problem?
- * Can you duplicate the problem?
- * What operating system are you running?

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System Requirements

Windows - System Requirements:

Windows Windows 7, Windows 8
Minimum of 512MB RAM
Microsoft .Net 3.5 SP1

NOTE: During installation from the Autoplay menu, if .Net v3.5 is not detected, you will be prompted to install it. .Net 3.5 SP1 is included on the CD.

Mac - System Requirements:

Intel processor OS 10.7, 10.8, 10.9 Minimum of 512MB RAM

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