READSmart student guide

For students in Grades 4 to 6

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

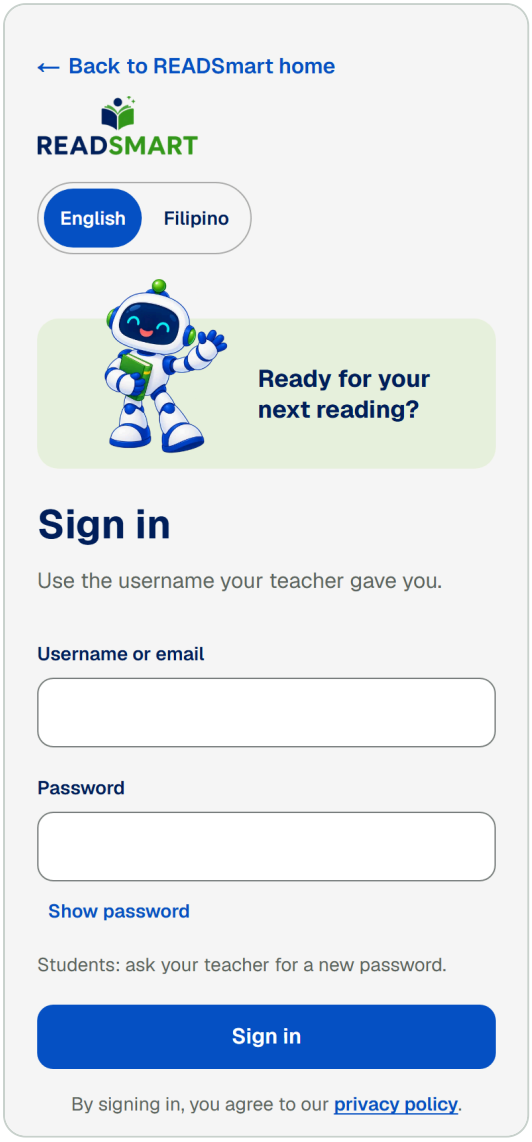
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READSmart helps you practice reading aloud and see how your reading grows. This guide walks through each page of the app. Ask your teacher if you get stuck.

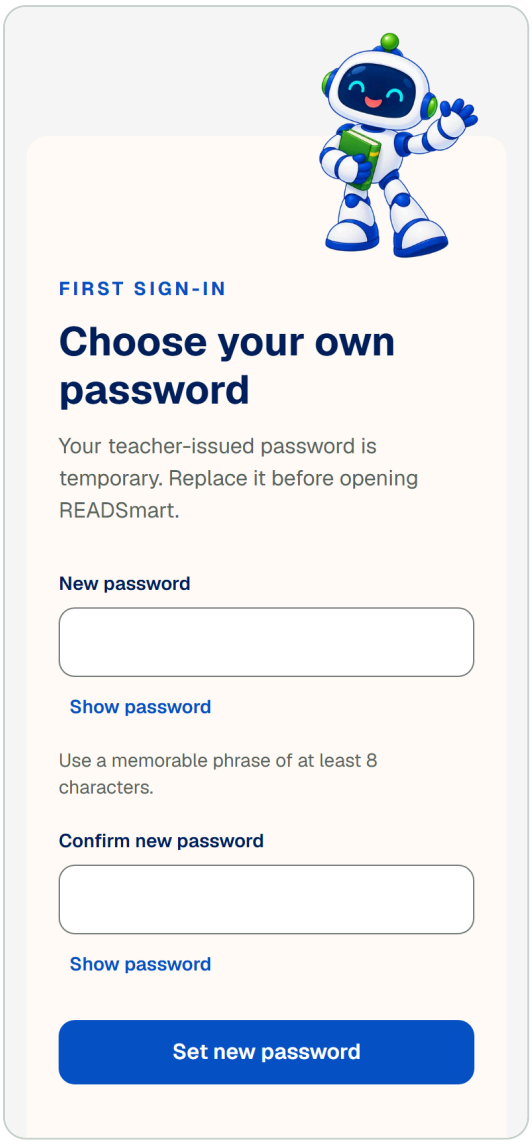
Sign in



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.

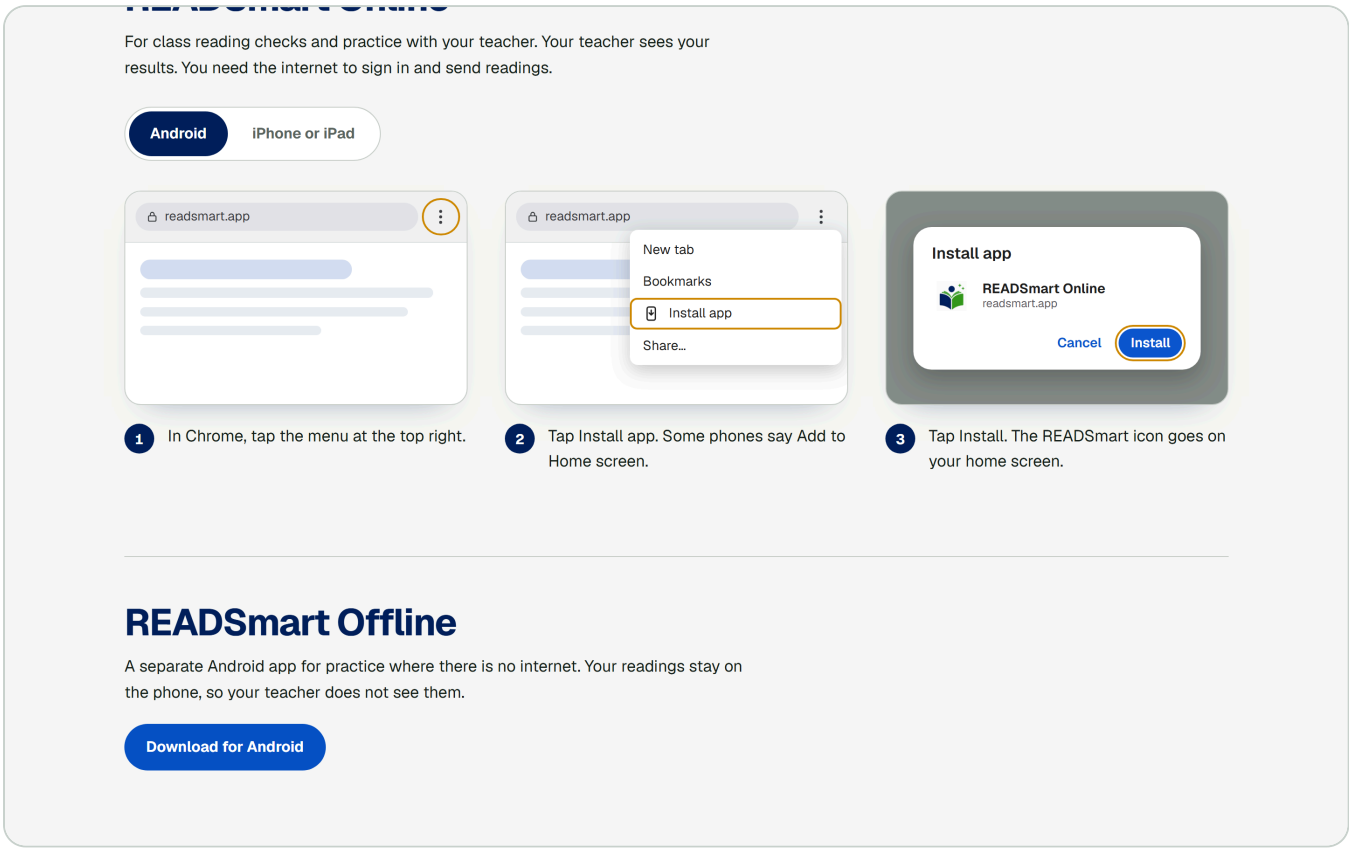
Sign in for the first time



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



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.

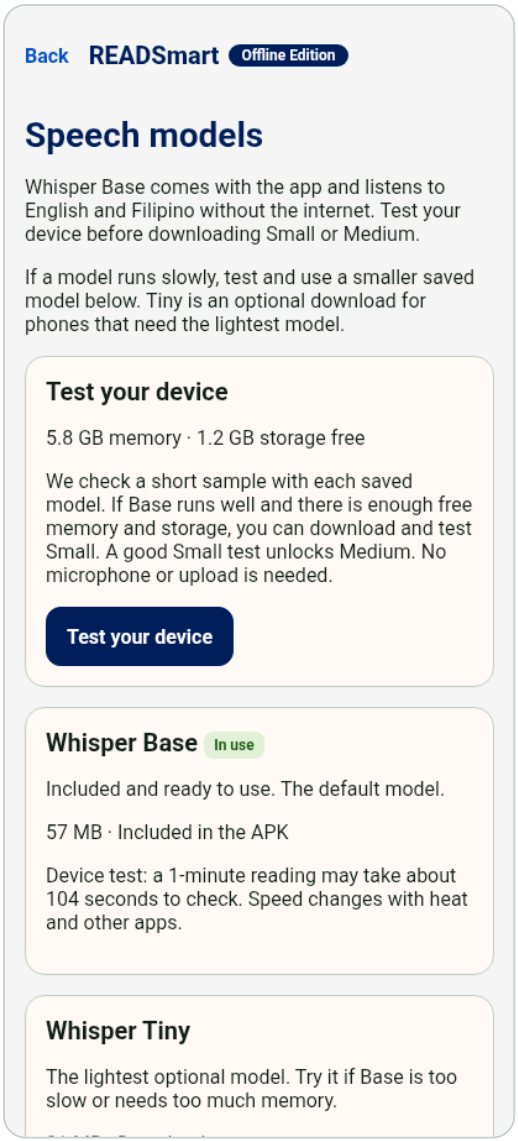
Ask a grown-up to help you get it.

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

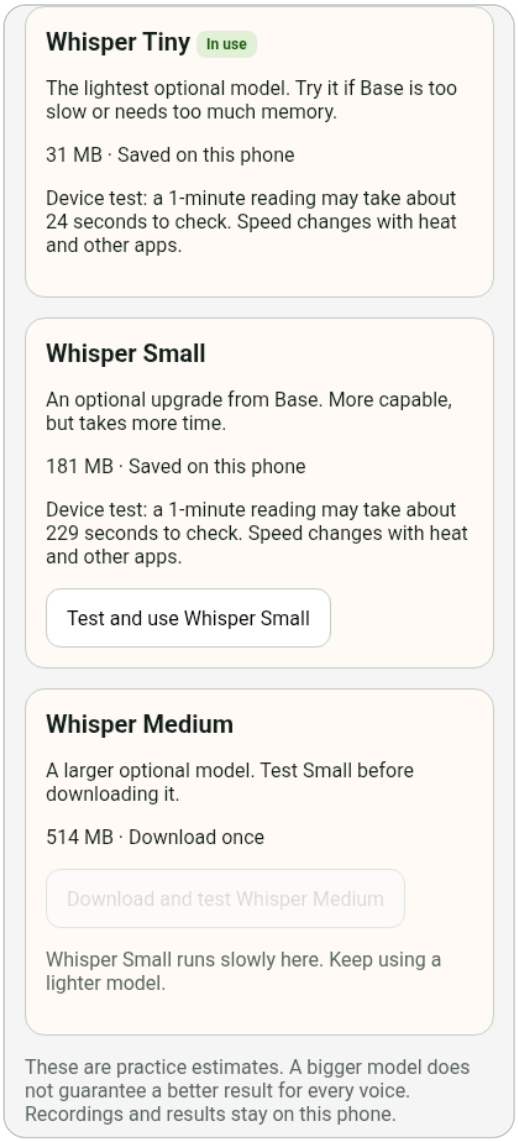


Tap Test your device to choose a speech model for your phone.

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.

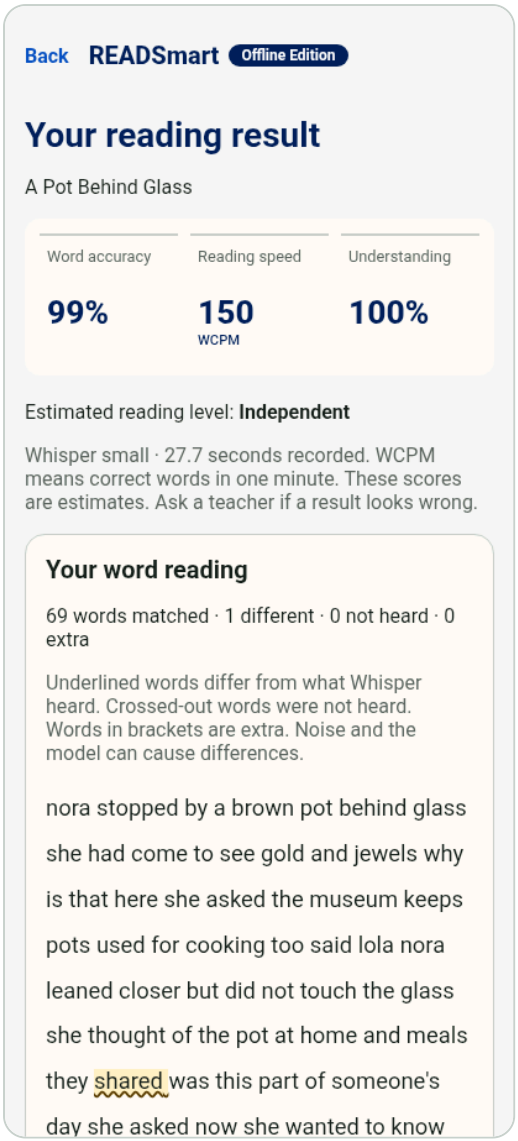


Use Tiny when the phone needs a lighter speech model.

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.

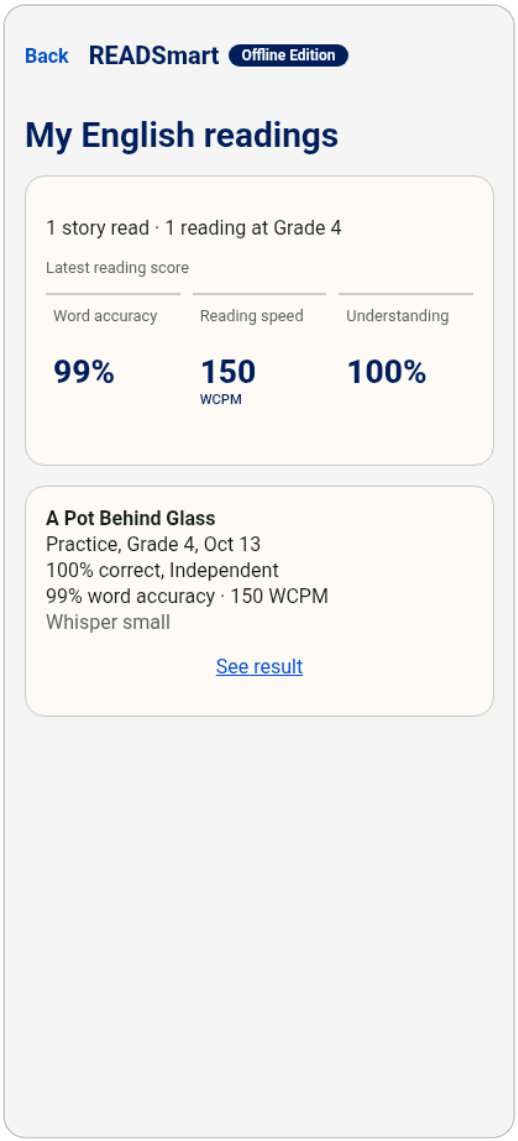


Your result shows word accuracy, reading speed and understanding.

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

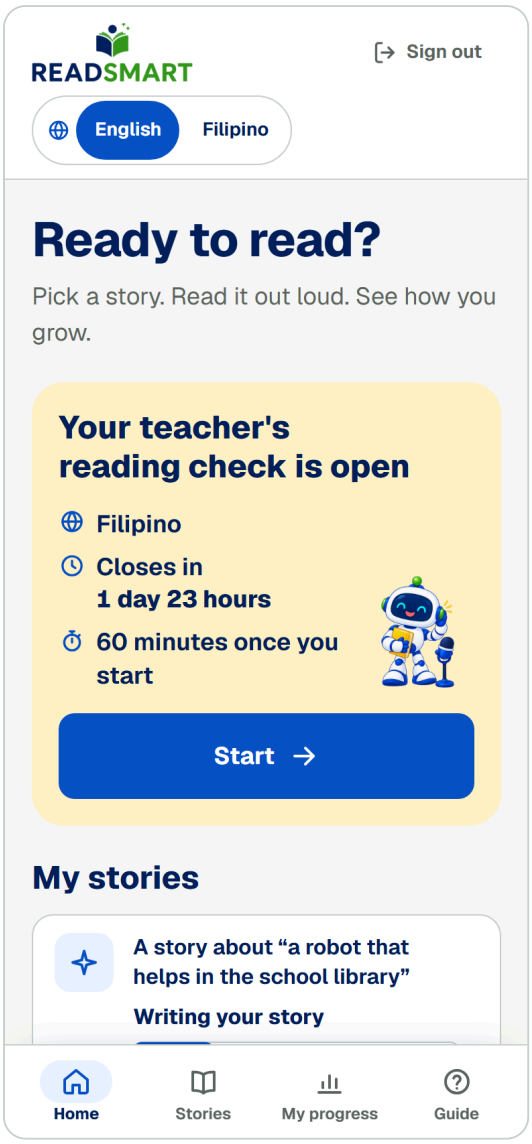


Tap See result to open a saved reading again.

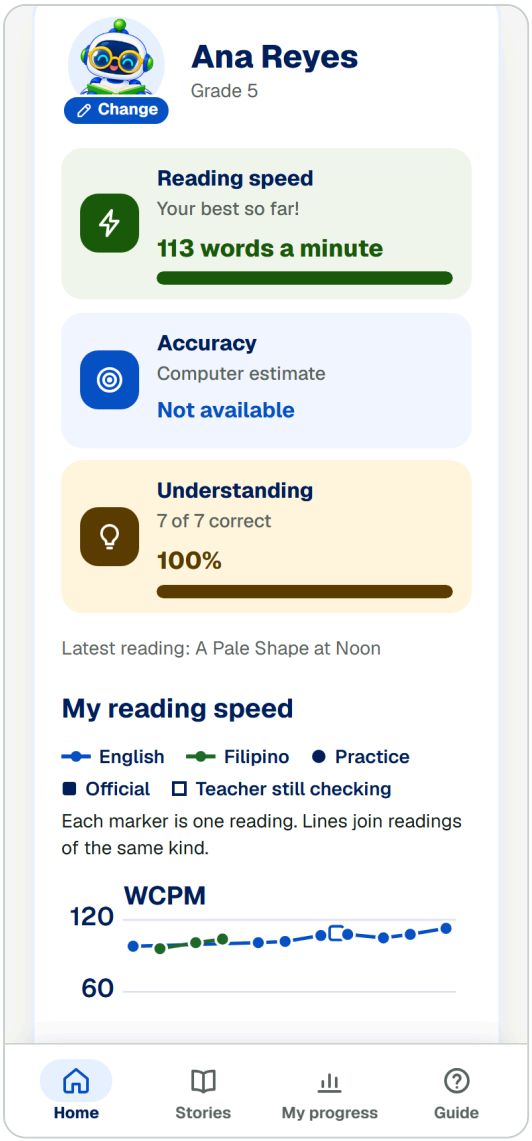
Tap My readings under English or Filipino. You can see past scores and open a result again. Your latest word score also appears on your home page. Each language has its own grade and progress.

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



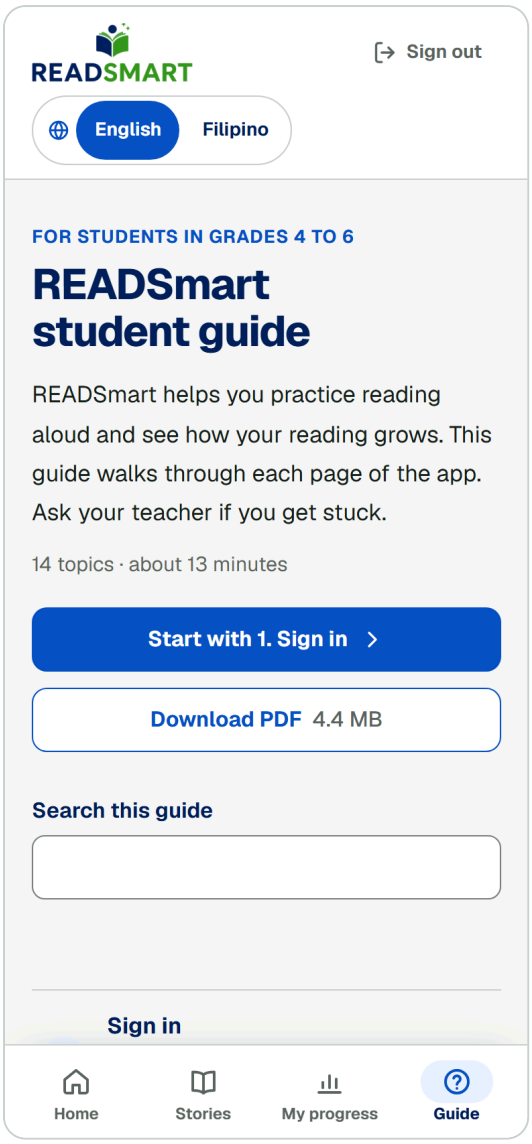
Your home page shows your reading checks and your stories. Scroll down to see your latest reading.



See your latest reading speed, accuracy and understanding.

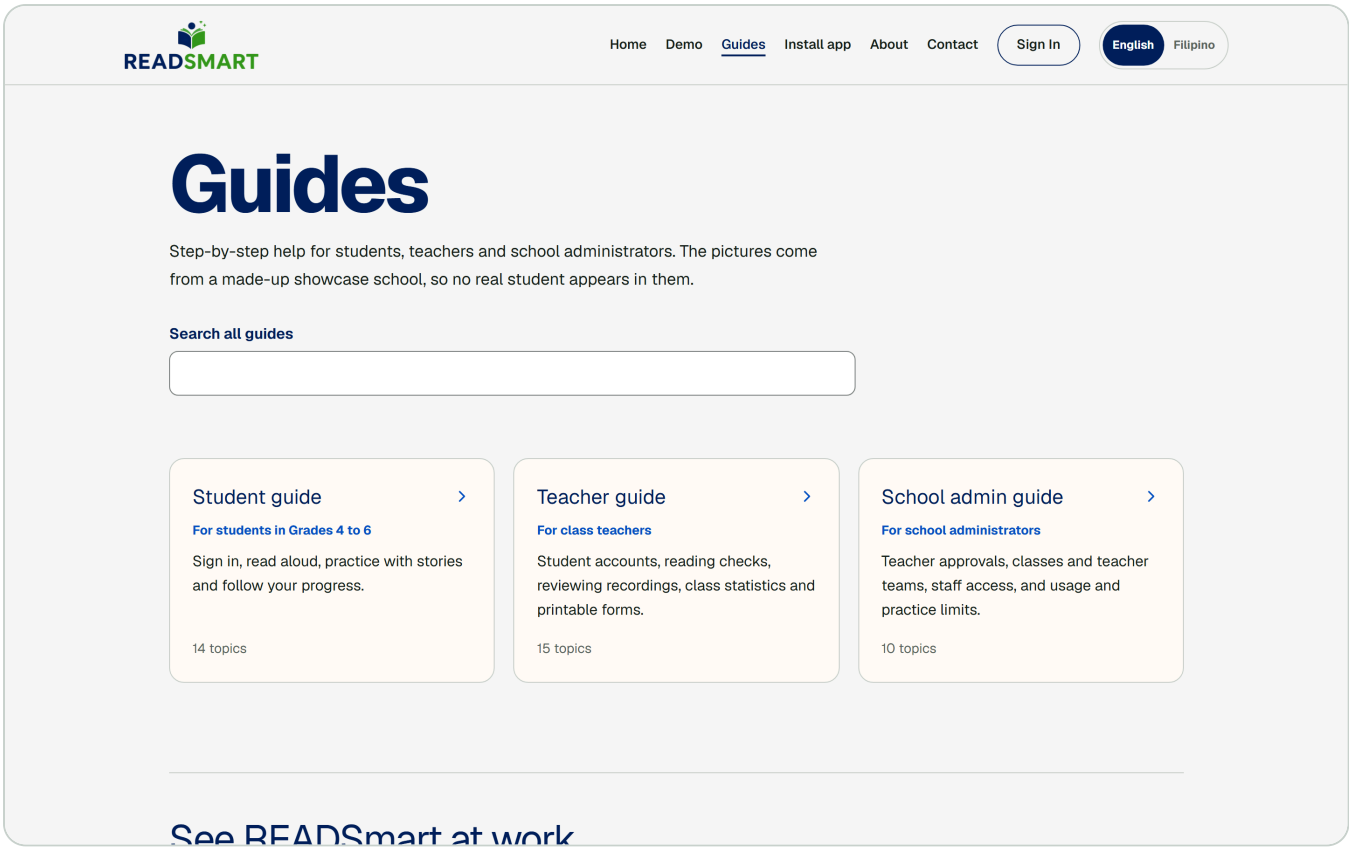
Your home page asks "Ready to read?" If your teacher has opened a reading check for you, a card appears at the top so you can start it. Under My stories, you can see any story you asked READSmart to make. Your reading card shows your latest reading, your reading speed and how well you understood it. 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

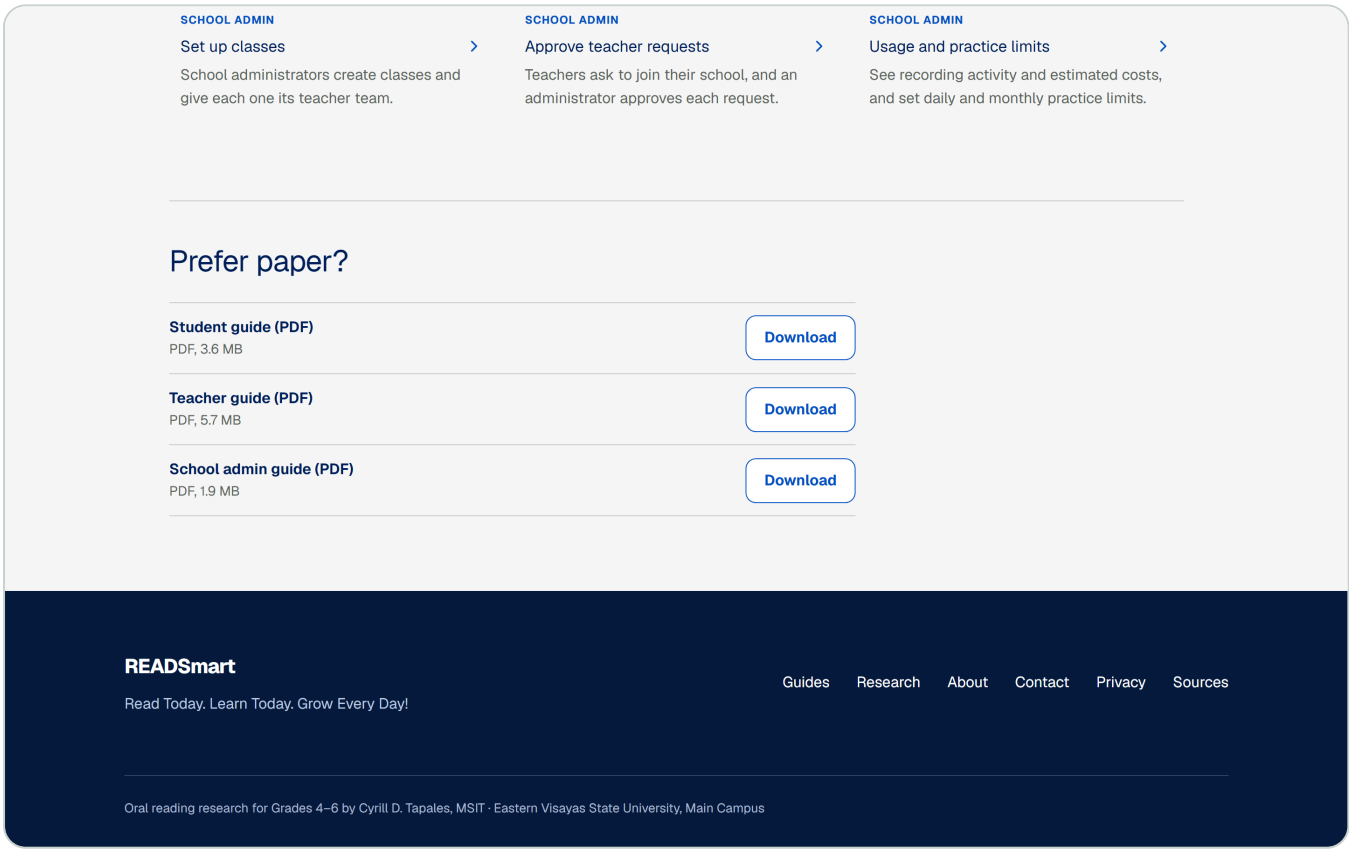


Tap a topic to read its steps.

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.

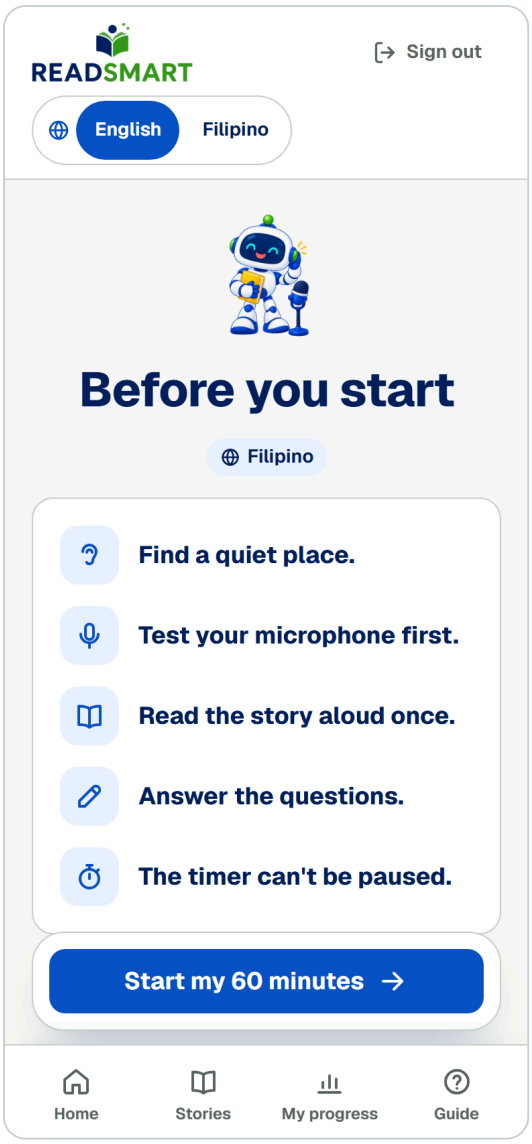


Pick the guide for students, teachers or school admins.

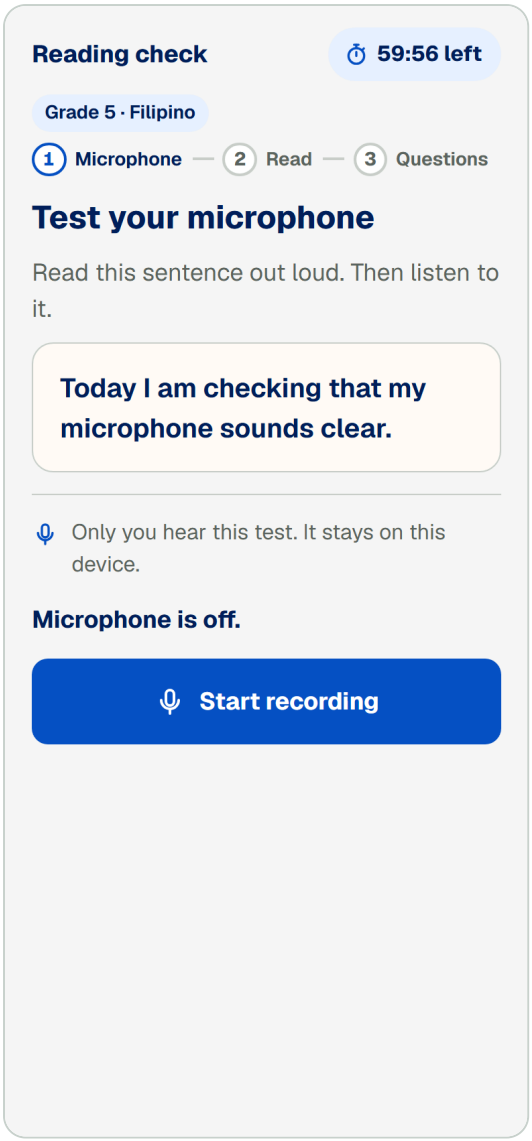


Use the links at the bottom of the public pages. On a phone, swipe across them to see more.

Take a reading check



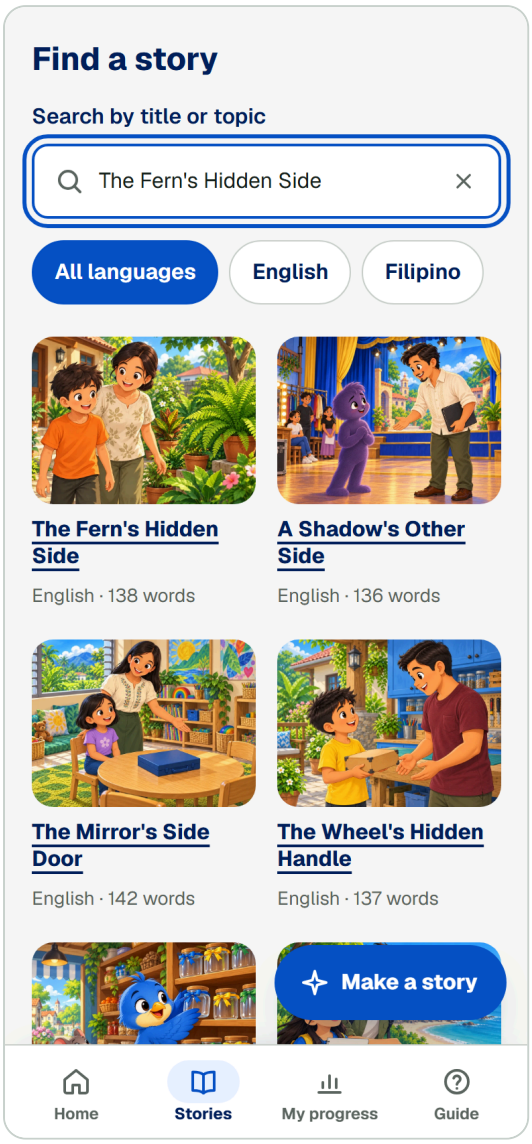
Read the rules before you start.



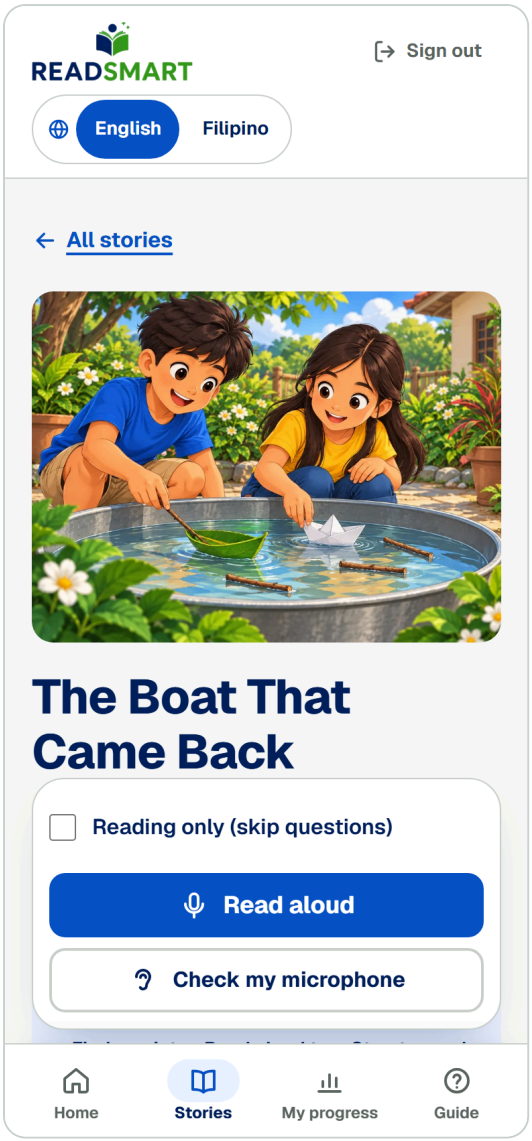
First, test your microphone. Then the passage appears and READSmart records you reading it.

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. Tap Show question at the bottom to answer. Tap Hide question to read the full story. 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.

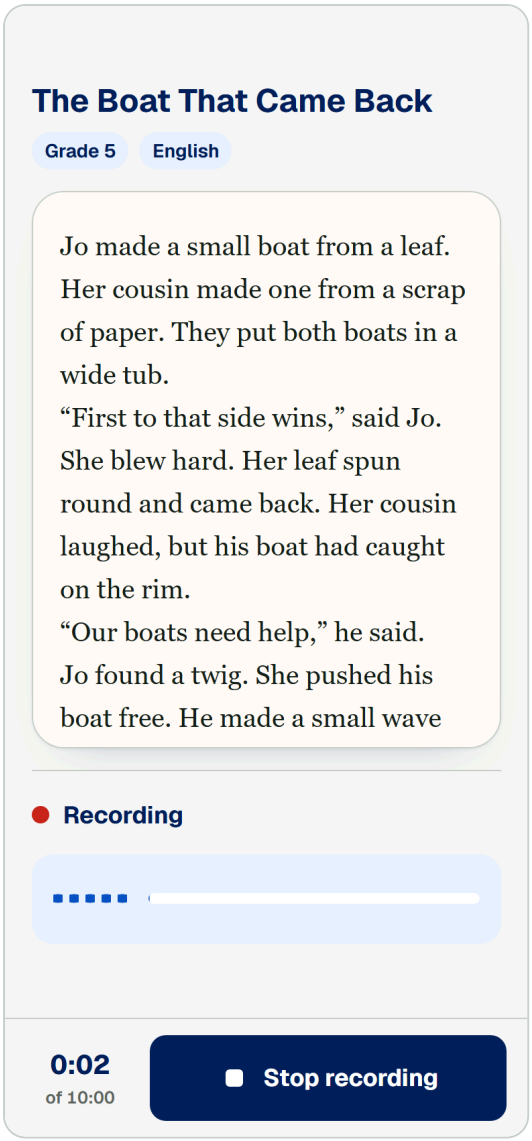
Read a practice story



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



Tap Read aloud. The story appears when recording starts.



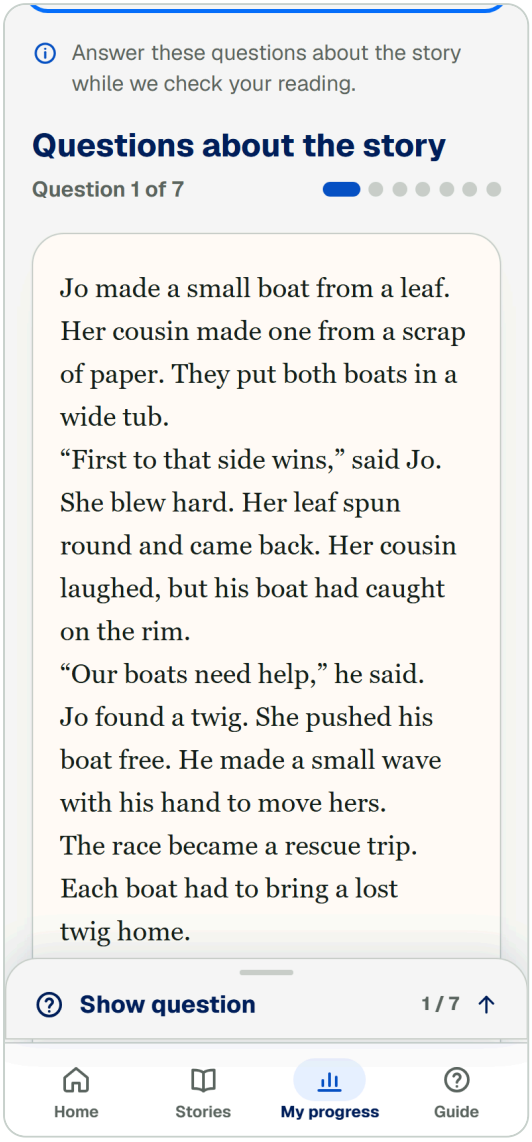
Read the story aloud, then tap Stop recording to send it.



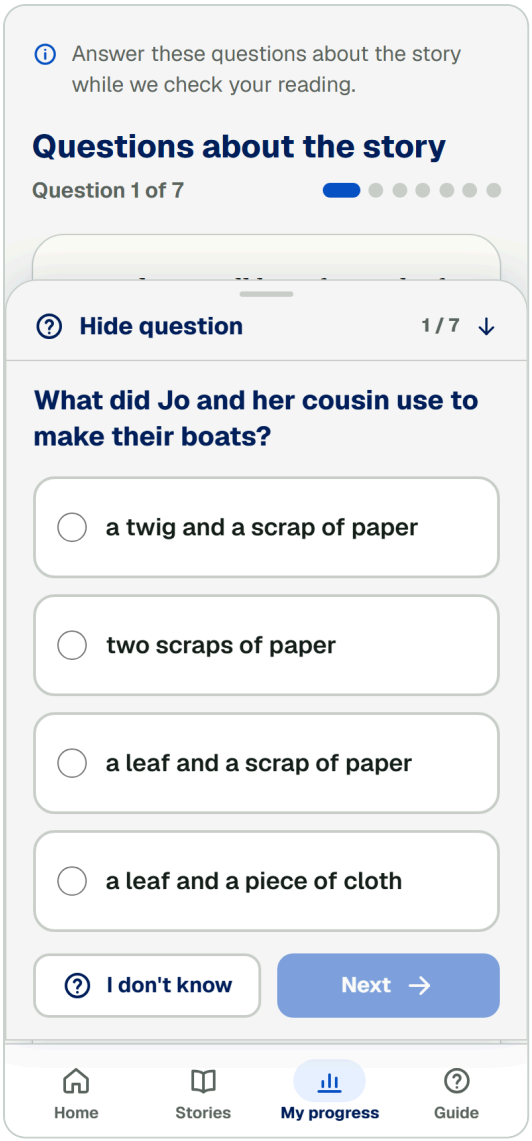
Stop recording stays at the bottom, even at the end of the story.

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 see its cover and title. The words stay hidden until recording starts. To skip the questions, check Reading only (skip questions). 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



Read the whole story. Tap Show question when you are ready.

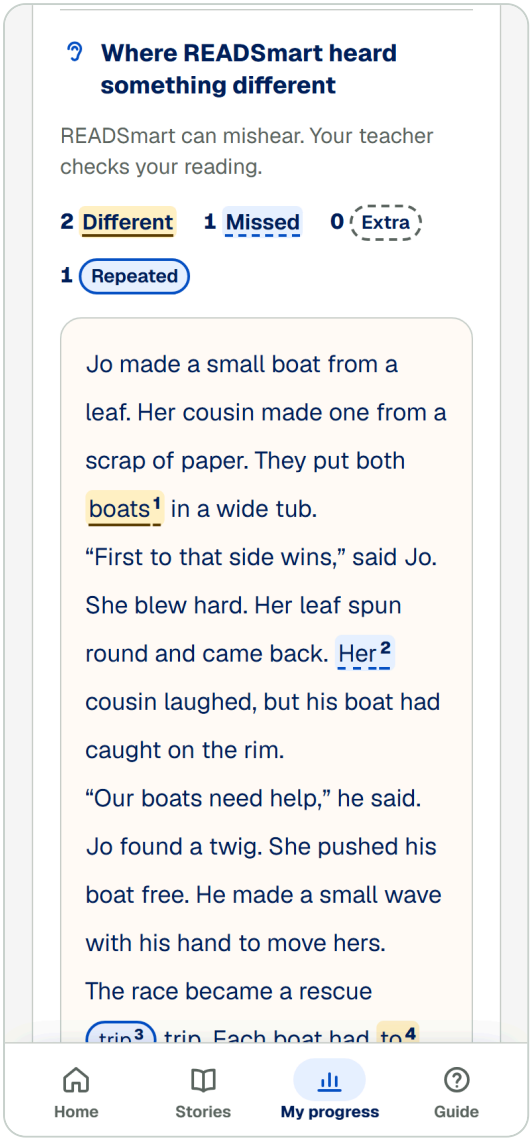


The question opens over the story. Tap Hide question to read again.

Questions are optional in practice. If you picked Reading only, you go straight to your reading result after sending. Comprehension shows Not assessed. You can also tap Skip questions when the questions appear.

After you send your reading, the full story stays on the page. Tap Show question at the bottom. The question opens over the story. Tap Hide question to read the story again. Your answer stays saved while you open and close the panel. This works for practice and school reading checks. 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

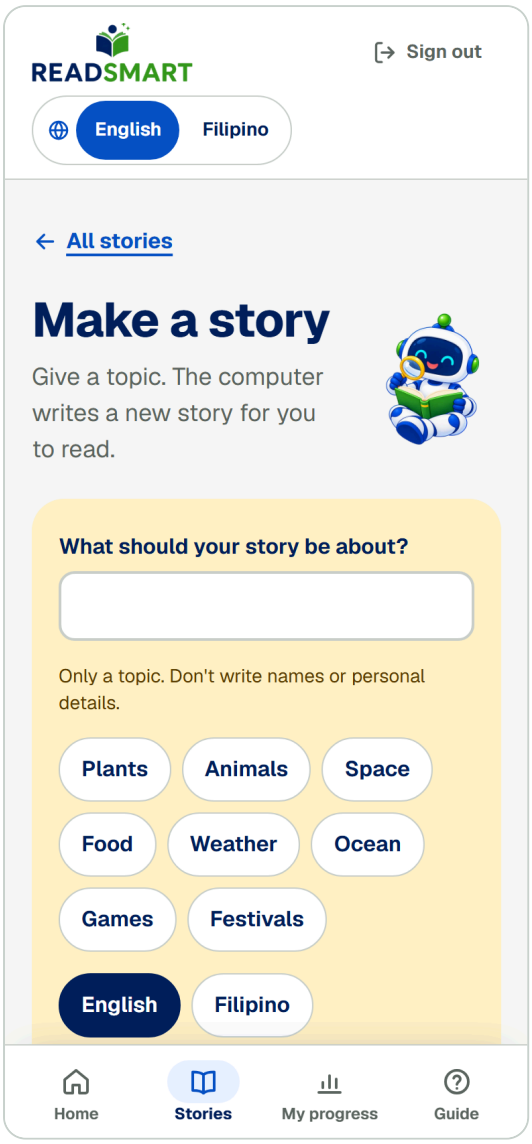


Marked words show where READSmart heard something different from the story.

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.

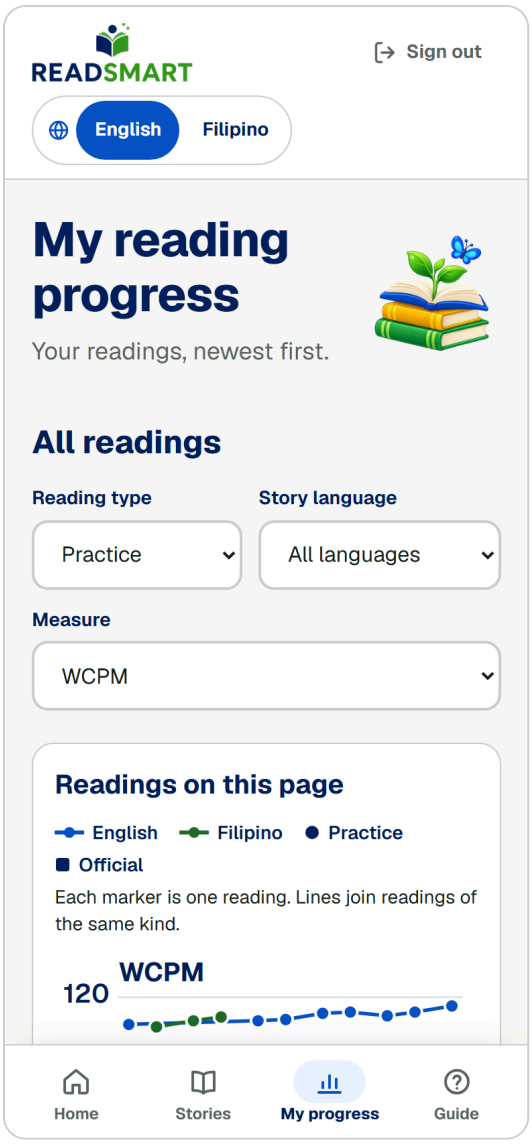
Make your own story



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 the story's cover, 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.