

## Using e-books, story time websites and audio books - Guide for Parents.

See below at the bottom page for how to find an AR quiz- if you're wanting to quiz on e-books.

There are many free websites you can access to read e-books, take part in story time sessions or listen to audiobooks at the moment. Here are a few we suggest to start with:

### Oak National Academy - Virtual School Library. <https://library.thenational.academy/>

There has been lots of press coverage about this recently but in case you have not seen it the Virtual School Library (Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust) has been launched.

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

**National Literacy Trust link:** <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

The NLT library was launched in September and there are 22 authors already.

### Somerset Library -Online library services

Online membership gives you access to 1000's of downloadable books. Audiobooks, magazines, newspapers and comics free of charge. Just visit:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/libraries-services/library-membership/#Online-library-services> to see details to join. Or visit

Chard Libraries Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChardLibrarySomerset/>

### Oxford Owl - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Read eBooks. Click on My Class Login and enter 'tatworth2' for both the username and password

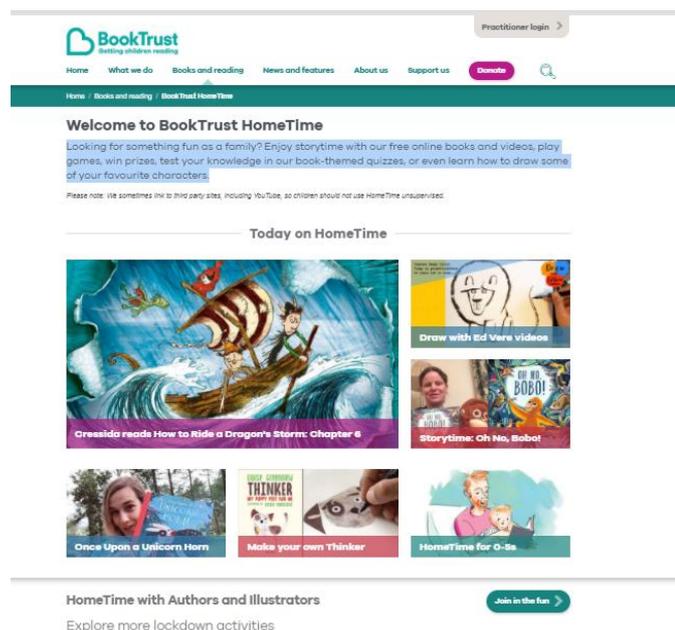
The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'My class login', 'Help', 'Join us', and 'Log in'. The 'My class login' link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Welcome to Oxford Owl' section with a description: 'Discover expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support children's learning at primary school and at home, from Oxford University Press.' There are two main content areas: 'Oxford Owl for School' and 'Oxford Owl'. The 'Oxford Owl for School' section includes 'Teaching resources and expert school improvement support' and lists 'Award-winning subscriptions and leadership support', 'Free teaching resources and eBooks', and 'Free Professional Development videos'. The 'Oxford Owl' section includes 'Free resources to support...' and lists 'Advice and support for parents', 'Educational activities and games', and 'Free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds'. A login form is overlaid on the right side, with a red arrow pointing to it. The form has a title 'Welcome to Oxford Owl' and a close button. It contains a text input field with 'tatworth2', a password input field with '\*\*\*\*\*', and a 'Log in' button. Below the password field, there is a link for 'Problems logging in?' and a note: 'Teachers - this is the class login box. To log in with your own details please Log in here.' There is also a 'Log in' button at the bottom of the form.

Then click e-books. You can search by age groups.

The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl e-books search page. The page has a colorful, cartoonish background with a house, a tree, and a character. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Oxford Owl', 'Hello tatworth2', and 'Log out'. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with 'e Books' and a search icon. The search bar has 'Age groups', 'Series', and 'Themes' dropdown menus, and a 'Search...' input field. There are 'Start Again' and 'Go' buttons. Below the search bar, there are four book covers: 'Fetch!', 'Sky', 'The Watercress', and 'The Wedgehog'.

**The Book Trust HomeTime:** <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy story time with free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in our book-themed quizzes, or even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.



**Books for Topics -** <https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>

With access to libraries, classrooms and bookshops limited for many, we've been busy finding some of the best online story times for children to access freely at home. The QR codes and links in the document link to story readings on Youtube and all of the books we've chosen are read aloud by their fabulous authors and illustrators.



**Words for Life NLT** <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>

Providing activities and support to improve language, literacy and communication skills from home.

**Audible** <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

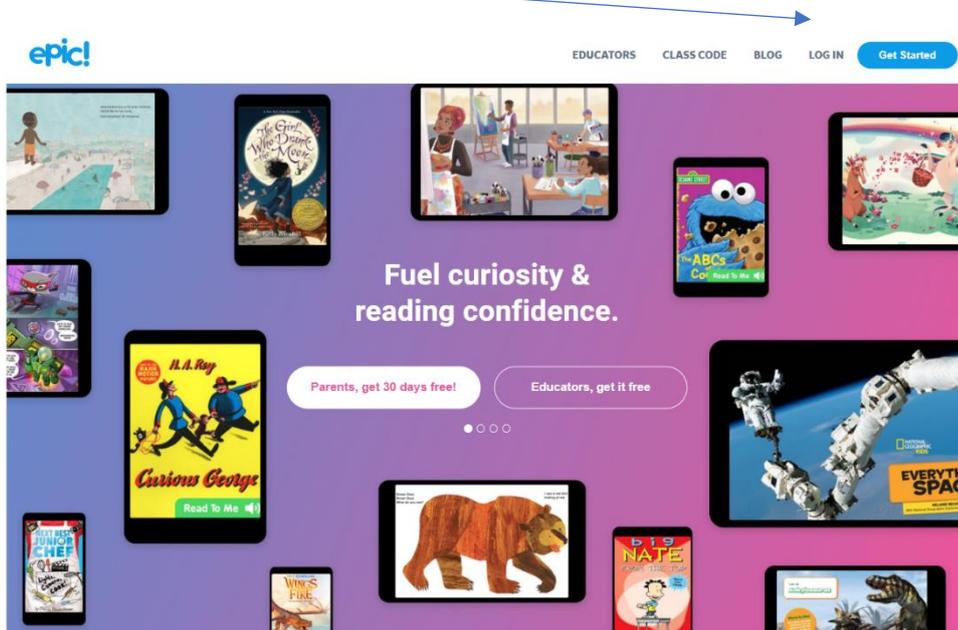
For as long as schools are closed, Audible are providing a collection of stories. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet.

**Topsta** <https://topsta.com/>

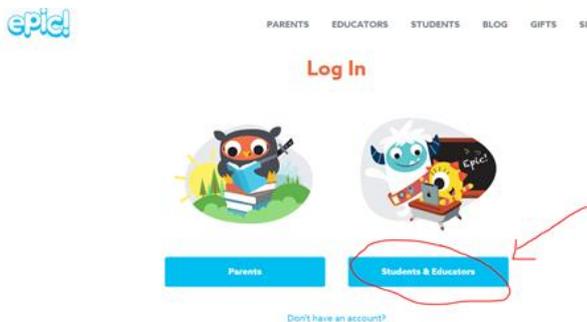
This popular website offers book recommendations, reviews and much more. The link above takes you to a selection of books with activities suitable for a wide age group.

**Epic e-books.** <https://www.getepic.com/> There are so many books to read on Epic, however it is **US based**. **Note: These books can only be accessed from 7am to 4pm.**

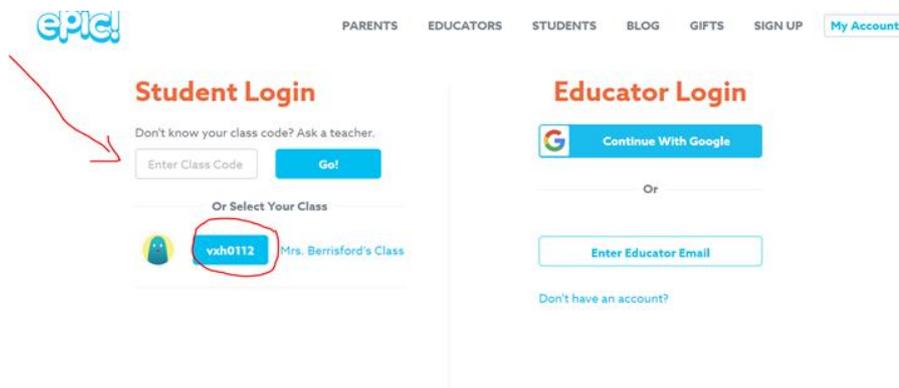
Click log in:



Click students and educators:

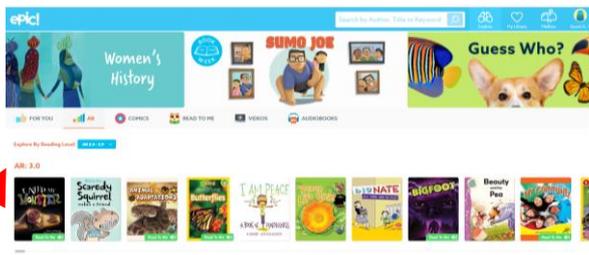


Then enter student login under **class code**: vxh0112



You can search by AR book level, then click on a book to begin reading.

Hint: hover on the edge of the book to turn the page!

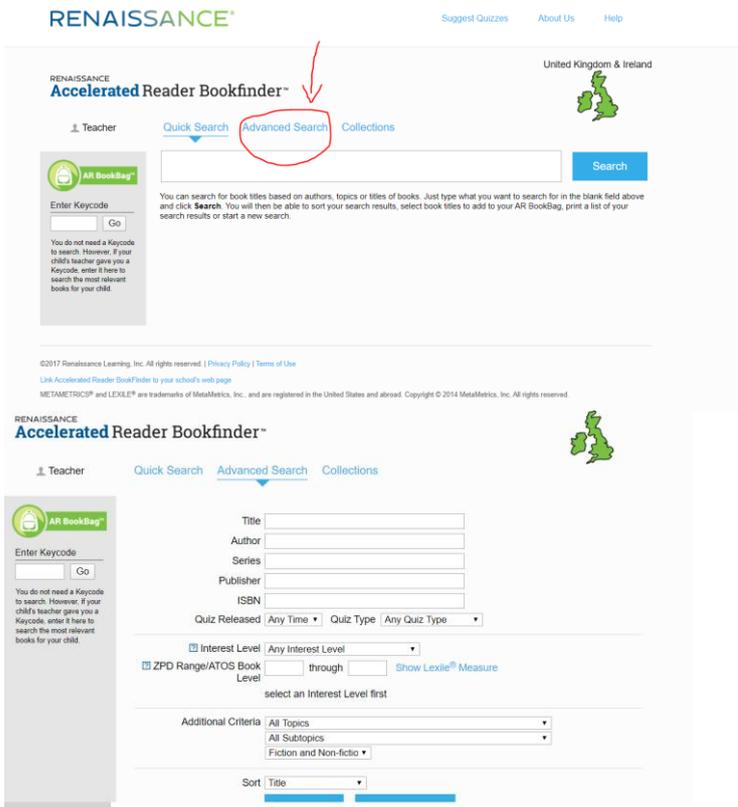


## How to quiz on AR with e-books at home.

The most important thing is to keep reading. Please keep reading for at least 30 minutes every day and record it in your reading record. There is a huge selection of e-books on the websites but not all of these are available on AR quizzing.

If you would like to quiz on a book you have read, you can search on the AR bookfinder website to see if it is available and get the quiz number.

Log onto AR bookfinder : <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> then click on advanced search.



**From the e-book website you are using find the author and/or title of the book.**

For example, on Oxford Owl I looked at the book 'Oh Otto' (age 6-7). I found the author on the inside cover- Michaela Morgan.

**Before reading**

- Look at the front cover and read the blurb. What do you think Otto will be like?
- Look at the picture on the title page. What do you think might happen in the story?

**After reading**

- Otto gets mixed up by words that sound the same but have different meanings. Which words does he mix up? Can you think of other words like this?
- Read About the author at the end of the book. Can you think of any other words that are the same forwards and backwards?

**Book quiz**

- Where does Otto come from?
  - Outer space
  - Inner space
  - Greenland
- Where do Charlie and Josh look for treasure?
  - In the forest
  - In the sea
  - In the sky
- Charlie and Josh think they see a bear in the head's office. What was it really?
  - A bear
  - A dog
  - A cat

**Now read on**

- Revised by Susan Gates (EweTops Fiction Level 9)
- The Deadly Abominable by Michaela Morgan (Project X Original Book Band 9: Gold/Communications)
- Bob's Alien Spouter's Guide by Simon Bottom (Templar Publishing)

See inside the book cover for the book quiz answer!

**Oxford OWL**  
For teachers  
www.oxfordowl.co.uk

**Oh, Otto!**  
 Michaela Morgan  
 Illustrated by Mike Phillips

OXFORD  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

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Return to the AR Bookfinder tab and type these into the domains then press search:

Quick Search **Advanced Search** Collections

Title

Author

Series

Publisher

ISBN

Quiz Released  Quiz Type

Interest Level

ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level  through  [Show Lexile® Measure](#)

select an Interest Level first

Additional Criteria

Sort

If there is an AR quiz the book will appear. Make sure you check that it is the same book. E.g double check the author and picture on the cover.

**Search Results**  
 Title 1 - 1 of 1 [Print](#) [Show Search Criteria](#)

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**Oh, Otto!**  
 Morgan, Michaela  
 AR Quiz No. 211926 EN Fiction  
 IL: LY - BL: 2.3 - AR Pts: 0.5  
 AR Quiz Types: RP  
 Rating: ★★★★★

Miss Underwood has news for her class: there is a new boy coming , and he comes from far, far away! Are Charlie, Josh, and Jo ready to meet Otto? Oxford Reading Tree stage 9 More Stories A. TreeTops.

Look for the **quiz number** and type it into your **AR quizzing login** that can be found at:

<https://ukhosted106.renlearn.co.uk/6713516/>



Click I am a student

Then type in your user name and password.

Have fun and happy quizzing!

If you have any questions or queries please email  
[homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:homelearning.sch331@educ.somerset.gov.uk) with HELP AR QUIZZING as the title.