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## New Feature: Display the last time a student read a book and their subscription status

On the Account Info tab, you can now see.
(1) Columns with the last date a student read a book and the number of days that have passed.
(2) Columns with students' subscription status and expiration dates.


## New Feature: Reading Notification

You can now use color coding to easily see how many days have passed since a student has read a book on Xreading. You can also choose to have students receive an email notification. There are up to 3 levels of notifications, however, you can use as many as you want. The settings are on the Institution/Program tab, Reading Notification sub-tab. Currently, the number of days for each notification is configurable per program. In the future, we may allow configuration per class. On the next page, you can see an example of the outcome.


## Instructions

- To more easily see which students have and have not been reading regularly, you can turn on color coding and have email notifications automatically sent to students.
- Students who have been reading regularly will be green
- You can set as many notifications as you want, but you need to set them in order (Notification 1, then Notification 2, etc.)
- Start by pressing the Edit Configuration button and then selecting the number of days for Notification 1 .


Note: Students will receive email notification only if their username is a valid email address.

## Note:

Color coding is per class. If a student is in two classes, they may have two different colors. For example, student Anna is in Class $A$ and Class B. Anna has recently read a book for Class A, but has not read for Class B in ten days. When the teacher looks at the Class
Summary for Class A, the Anna's name will be in green. But in Class Summary for Class B, Anna's name will be in yellow.

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## New Feature: User Log - Book Summary

On the Detailed Book Data popup, teachers can now see how much time a student has spent on each section of a book and their reading speed. You can also see the number of times the Inactivity Timer popped up while reading. This should help determine if a student genuinely read a book. For example, in the case below, the student spent 16 minutes reading a book, and their reading speed is $129.5 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{m}$. But the User Log Summary shows that the student spent over 15 minutes on one section, and the inactivity popup appeared 3 times.
Note: It is STRONGLY advised that you NEVER show this data to any student! Otherwise, they will just modify the way they cheat.


## New Feature: View results of Reset Quizzes

When a student retakes a quiz, their new score replaces the old score. Now teachers can see results of previous attempts.

Please note, in general, we discourage letting students retake quizzes. Last year, we started adding more items to quizzes in Xreading. This allows questions to be randomized when students take the quiz. This makes cheating much more difficult because students will see different questions when they take a quiz. While most student will never do so, resetting the quiz could allow some bad students to find all of the questions and share them with classmates.


## An Important Note about Resetting Quizzes and Reducing Cheating

Unfortunately, as long as grades are given, there will be some students who will try to cheat. It is a small minority, but their actions can have a big impact. It is often said that cheaters are only hurting themselves. However, this is untrue. Cheaters are in fact compromising the integrity of the entire academic system. This is because honest students will usually know what's happening, and if they see that one of their classmates is getting grades they have not earned, it can corrode their confidence in the entire academic process, ultimately decreasing their motivation.

One of the most appealing features of extensive reading is the freedom and autonomy it gives students. Students can select their own books, read at their own pace, take quizzes without being monitored, etc. However, this freedom and autonomy make it more susceptible to cheating.

Due to this reality, we have worked hard to add features to Xreading that reduce or catch cheating. For example, the display of Reading Speed, the Inactivity Timer, User Logs, and the new User Logs Book Summary.

Probably the most significant measure we have taken to reduce cheating is adding more questions to each quiz. Originally, every Xreading quiz had 5 questions. For most books, we are now increasing the number to 10 or even 20 questions. Student will still see 5 questions when they take a quiz, but those questions will be randomized from a larger bank. This should make cheating, in particular sharing answers between students, much more difficult. Writing new questions for over 1000 books has been a major endeavor.

However, the effectiveness of this measure will be diminished if teachers allow students to regularly retake quizzes. This is because it won't take long for a few dishonest students to realize if they can take a quiz two or three times, they will be able to see most of the questions. Using social media, students will then be able to pool their resources.

Therefore, unless a student gives a compelling reason, we strongly advise against resetting a quiz. If you believe a student has read a book, and should be given credit, you can just use the Override book credit feature (located just above the Reset Quiz button on the Manage Reading Data popup.

Finally, it should be mentioned that the quizzes in Xreading for the most part are very easy. If a student has read a book, they should pass the quiz. Not every question is perfect, but we are in the process of finding difficult or trickly questions and improving or removing them.

## New Assignment Setting: Hide Read Time and Read Speed until after a quiz is taken

Typically, students only get credit for a book if the speed is under 300 words per minute (unless the setting has been changed by the teacher). Some dishonest students have discovered they can check their speed before taking the quiz. If it is above $300 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{m}$, they can then go back to the book and add more time. By hiding the time and reading speed, it will make this kind of cheating more difficult.

## Assignment settings

## General settings



Reader/Audio Player Settings

## New Program Setting: Decide the default language of the website for students and whether they can change it

 You can now decide the language the Xreading website will display in for students after they log in, and control whether they can change the language. Current languages are English, Japanese and Mongolian. If you would like to help us add more languages, please let us know. Note, the language of the book is not affected!

## General settings

Level system used by your institution

Date Style

Name Style
Interactive Glossary
Xreading ₹

16 Apr 2023 ₹

Given name, Family name $\approx$

Student Permission
Allow students to self-register to Xreading

Allow students to change their own privacy settings

Allow students to change their name

Allow students to change their own password

Allow Students to change language

Default Language for Students
Allow students to change their own level

Yes $\uparrow$
No $\uparrow$
Yes $\uparrow$

Yes $\uparrow$
No $\hat{*}$

English (en) *

No *

Allow Students to change language
No $⺀$

Default Language for Students

## New Preference Setting: Default Assignment Status

On the Assignments page, some teacher want to see All Assignments by default. Other teachers, especially those who create weekly assignments, want to see only the Active Assignments by default. Now there is a setting that allows you to choose between the two!

> Classes page Assignments page Students page
Receive all updates from Xreading
Receive only urgent updates from Xreading
Receive no updates from Xreading
Asia/Tokyo ث

Classes page
Hide Reading Data until requested

Hide Totals and Averages until requested
Assignments page
Hide Reading Data until requested

Default form Assignment Status


## New Column: Journal Status

On the Assignments page, there is a new column showing how many journals have been submitted, and how many have been graded.


Assignments

| Program/Department | Semester/Session |  | Classes |  | Assignment Status |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Extensive Reading $\hat{*}$ | All | $\uparrow$ | Active classes | * | Active Assignments * |

Status Settings Goals


Display 50 - Showing results $1-8$ of 8

| Assignment $\uparrow$ |  | Open Date | Close Date | Message | Student Status | Book Status | Quiz Status | Journal Status |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Links - Required Graded Readers <br> Links Class (Students: 1) <br> Books available: 40 <br> Book access: Allow Text and Audio <br> Quiz Type: Xreading Quizzes (Min Pass Grade: 60\%) <br> Maximum Reading Speed: $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { की } \\ & \text { eे } \end{aligned}$ | Apr 11, 2023 | Mar 30, 2024 11:59 PM | This assignment contains all of the graded readers used in Links. | No Book: 0 Added Books: 1 | Added Books: 1 <br> Passed Books: 0 | Taken: 0 <br> Passed: 0 <br> Avg Grade: 0.0 | Submitted: 1 Graded: 1 |
| $\underline{2}$ Links - Free Reading <br> Links Class (Students: 1) <br> Books available: 1,666 <br> Book access: Allow Text and Audio <br> Quiz Type: Xreading Quizzes (Min Pass Grade: 60\%) <br> Maximum Reading Speed: $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ | क co | Apr 11, 2023 | Mar 30, 2024 11:59 PM | This assignment contains all of the graded readers NOT used in Links. | No Book: 1 <br> Added Books: 0 | Added Books: 0 <br> Passed Books: 0 | Taken: 0 <br> Passed: 0 Avg Grade: 0.0 | Submitted: 0 Graded: 0 |
| All Books <br> 2020 First Class (Students: 9) Books available: 1,705 <br> Book access: Allow Text and Audio <br> Quiz Type: Xreading Quizzes (Min Pass Grade: 60\%) <br> Maximum Reading Speed: $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ <br> Goal: 55 Words Read | $\begin{aligned} & \text { क } \\ & \text { C } \end{aligned}$ | Aug 29, 2021 | Dec 31, 2023 11:59 PM |  | No Book: 5 Added Books: 4 | Added Books: 64 Passed Books: 30 | Taken: 39 Passed: 36 Avg Grade: 87.2 | Submitted: 56 Graded: 49 |
| Free Reading <br> Class J \& P (Students: 3) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { क } \\ & \text { en } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Taken: 6 |  |

New Feature: When downloading data from a Student's Book Data page, new column for "Credited Words"
While looking on the website, it is easy to see which words a student is getting credit for (white rows) and which ones they are not getting credit for (pink rows). However, when the data is downloaded to a csv file, it is not easy to distinguish. Therefore, we added two new columns on the csv file called Words Read (Total) and Words Read (Credited).


## New Feature: The newest Xreading News first

Because most students looking for Xreading News want to read the most recent issue, when Xreading News is selected under Publisher/Series filter, the books now automatically sort from newest to oldest.

## xreading.com

| Instructors |
| :--- |
| Classes |
| Book Library |
| Students |
| Assignments |
|  |
| Restricted for Assignment |
| Full library |
| Search |
| Search... |
| Search By |

Filter By
Publisher / Series

- Xreading News

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$\square$ Abax-Global Issue Narratives
$\square$ Atama-ii - Multipath Books
$\square$ Atama-il - What If
$\square$ AWL Readers - My Mysterious Friend Sora
$\square$ Cambridge - English Readers
$\square$ Cambridge - Experience Readers
$\square$ Cengage-NGL - Footprint Reading Library
$\square$ Librange
$\square$ Cengage-NGL - Page Turners
$\square$ Collins - Amazing People
$\square$ Compass - Classic Readers
$\square$ Compass - Young Learner Classic Readers
$\square$ e-future - Classic Readers


- Xreading News (1)
by Multiple Writers
Xreading Level: 6 ( 800 headwords)
Genre(s): Non-Fiction
Words: 2101
Has Quiz: Xreading
Rating: No review
Type: Original
Format: Narrative
Target Age: Young Adult
English Type: American Main Character(s): N.A. (N.A.)
Section Type: Stories
Audio: Narration (00:12:56)
Added to Xreading: $\mathbf{1 5}$ April 2023

Summary: This week's stories:
Nature and the Environment: SEAWEED PROBLEM FOR BEACH BUSINESSES
Space: NASA ANNOUNCES ASTRONAUTS GOING TO THE MOON
World News: DALAI LAMA'S OFFICE APOLOGIZES ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Science and Technology: EXPERTS WANT TO PAUSE CHATGPT DEVELOPMENT
Entertainment: SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE BREAKING RECORDS

Xreading News: 2022-12-18 (Vol. 1 Issue 28) $\bigcirc$


| * Xreading News (1) | Type: Original |
| :--- | :--- |
| by Multiple Writers | Format: Narrative |
| Xreading Level: $\mathbf{6}(800$ headwords $)$ | Target Age: Young Adult |

## New Feature: New Books for the Speed-Reading Component

The popular Speed-Reading Component which we launched last year now has three books at different levels. Each book has 22 reading passages. Students' reading speed for each passage is automatically tracked and put on a graph.

For more information about this feature go to the link below:
https://xreading.com/theme/xreading/pix/pfd/Tutorial for Speed Reading.pdf


## New Books

## Xreading Publishing

From our recently launched publishing house


## I Talk - You Talk Press

More exciting stories from one of the most popular publishers


## New Books

## Pomaka: Stranger in Japan

A three-book series about a high school student who comes to Japan for study abroad


## Oak Hills Press:

Dynamic Conversations from the English Gym

Tung Hua: Viewpoints Reading Library
A brand new series from a publisher in Taiwan
All of these interesting stories involving young adults


## Coming Soon

## FTD Publishing

StandFor Readers
A collection fiction and non-fiction, retold classics and original stories


HATRIQA Readers Jamie Johnson Stories
Based on Dan Freedman's hugely popular books about football!


National Geographic Learning China Showcase Library
Stories and beautiful photos about the people, customs and history of China


## Xreading News

We are continuing with the very successful Xreading News. There will be a new issue every week through the end of July, and then start up again in the fall.

* If you are interested in being a news writer, please get in touch.



## LinkS - The only four skills communication textbook with an extensive reading component <br> Now Available!!

This is a physical textbook that can be bundled with a subscription to Xreading for big savings.
If you would like an examination copy, please get in touch and we will send you one by post.
Or you can see sample chapter here


- A winning combination of interesting topics, engaging language learning activities, and comprehensible input.
- Uses a task-based approach for developing greater student motivation.
- Thematic units with a variety of pre- and post-task activities built around a graded reader.

Unit Topics

- Friendship • Study Abroad • History • Money
- Technology • Peace • Stories • Science \& Progress
- Extended reading: additional graded readers and follow-up activities for each unit.
- Realistic dialogues of learners discussing various aspects of the graded readers.
- Clear, easy-to-teach units that provide flexibility for various contexts.
- Includes a subscription to the full Xreading library with thousands of graded readers that students can read anywhere, anytime.

[^0]- Staring with CEFR B1 and more levels coming soon.



## The $6^{\text {th }}$ Extensive Reading Congress

Bali, Indonesia - Aug 7 to 11, 2023
For detailed information, go to https://erfoundation.org/ewrc6

## The 6th Extensive Reading World Congress

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- 130 Presentations over 3 days.
- Pre-Conference workshops
- Optional Gala Dinner with Cultural Entertainment
- Optional tour on 11 August


[^0]:    Justin Harris • Paul Leeming

