Xreading Update – April 2023 New Features and other Information

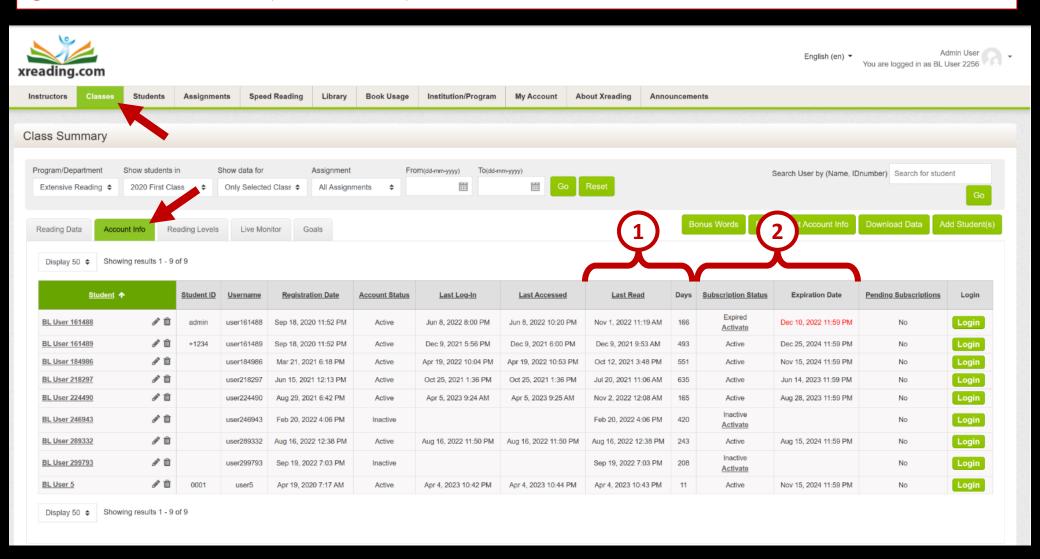
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New Feature: Display the last time a student read a book and their subscription status

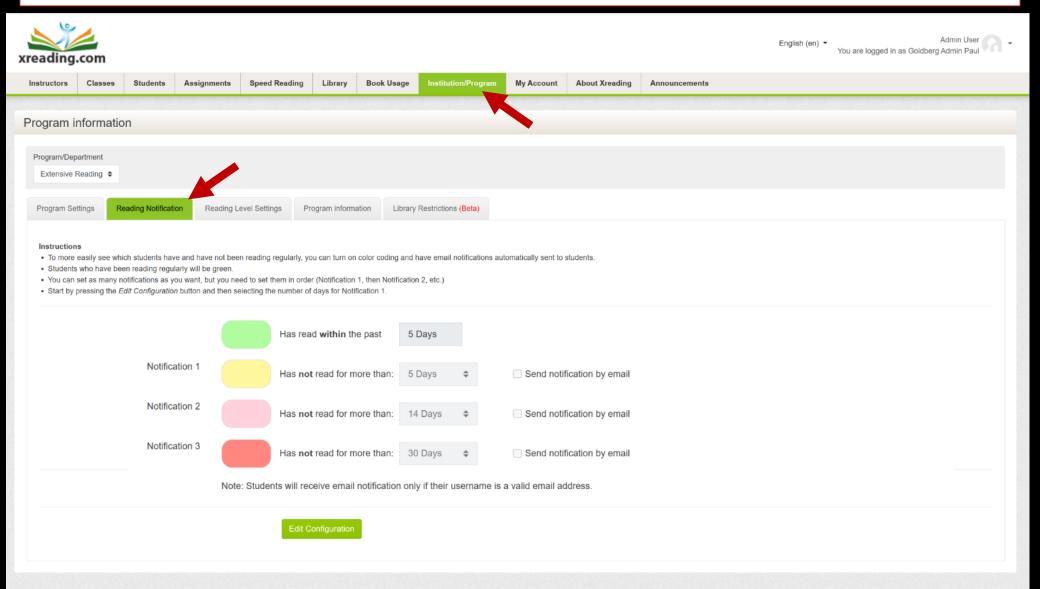
On the Account Info tab, you can now see...

- (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.



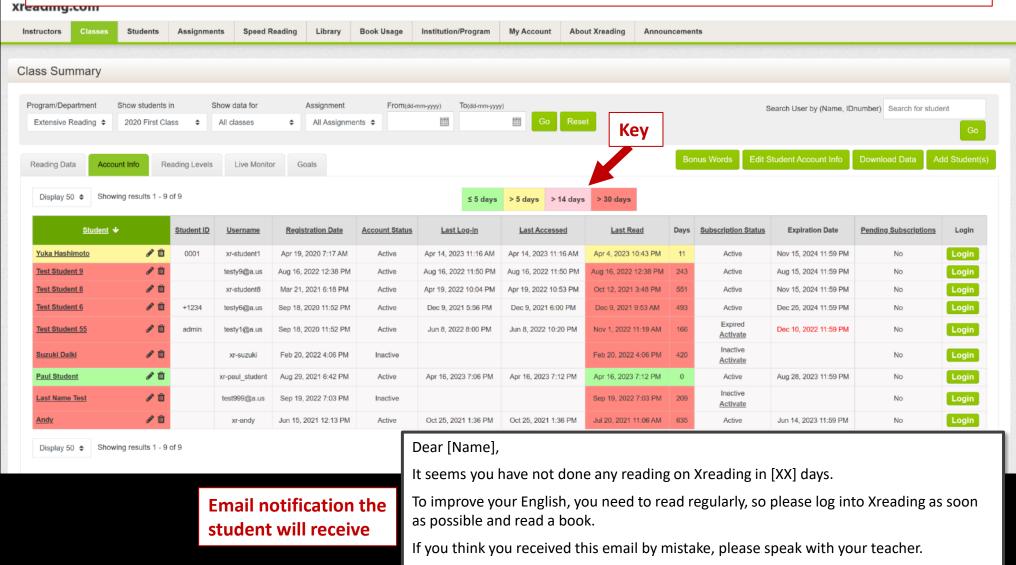
New Feature: Reading Notification

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.



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.



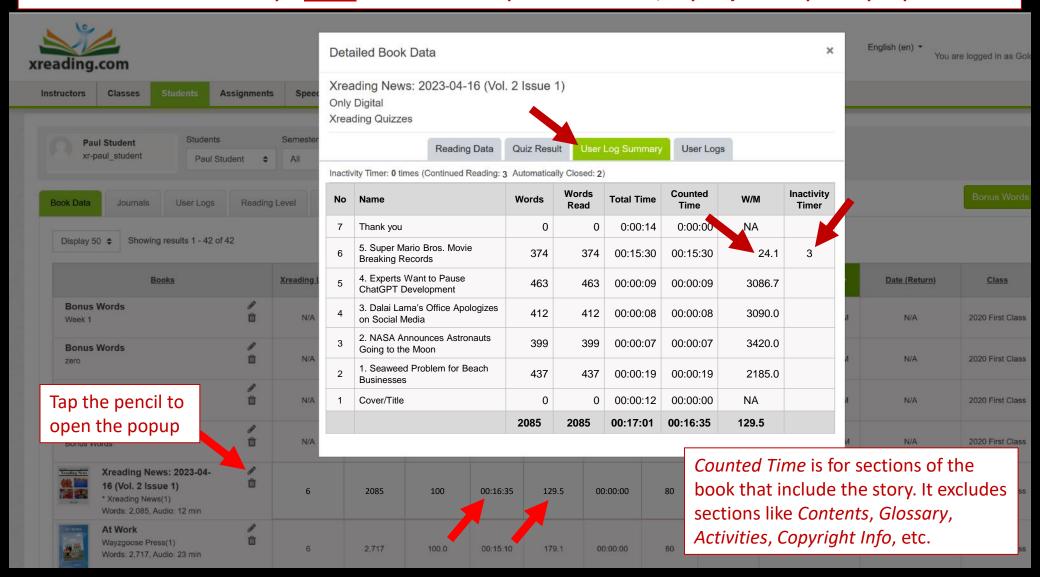
Sincerely,

The Xreading Team

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 w/m. But the *User Log Summary* shows that the student spent over 15 minutes on one section, and the inactivity popup appeared 3 times.

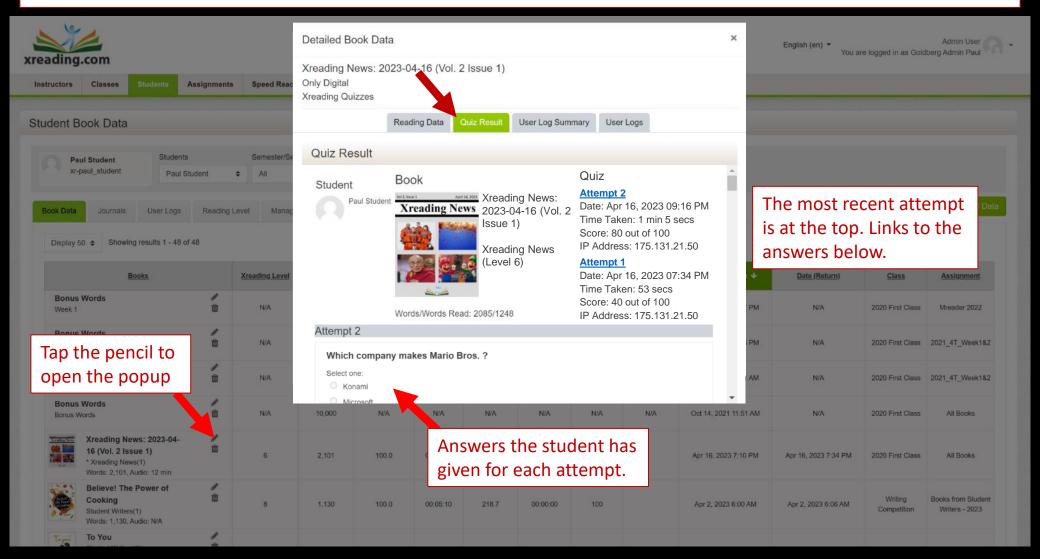
Note: It is STRONGLY advised that you NEVER show this data to any student! Otherwise, they will just modify the way they cheat.



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.

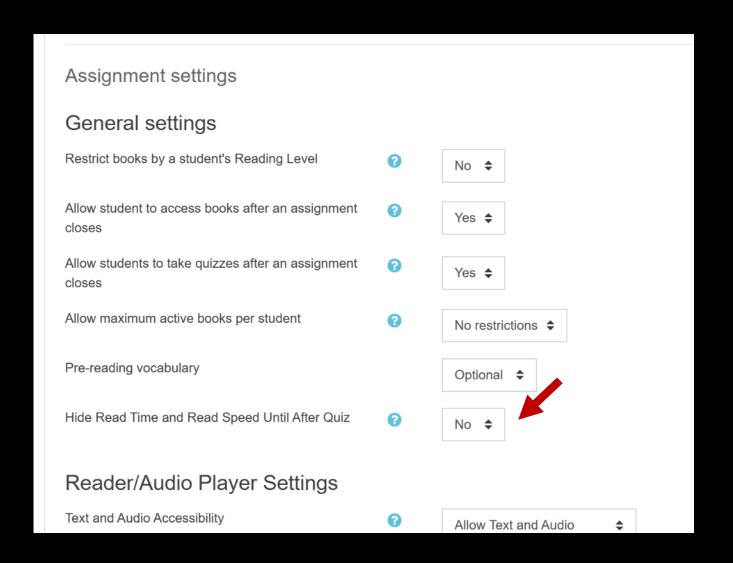
However, the effectiveness of this measure will be diminished if teachers allow students to regularly retake quizzes. This is because it won't take long for a few dishonest students to realize if they can take a quiz two or three times, they will be able to see most of the questions. Using social media,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

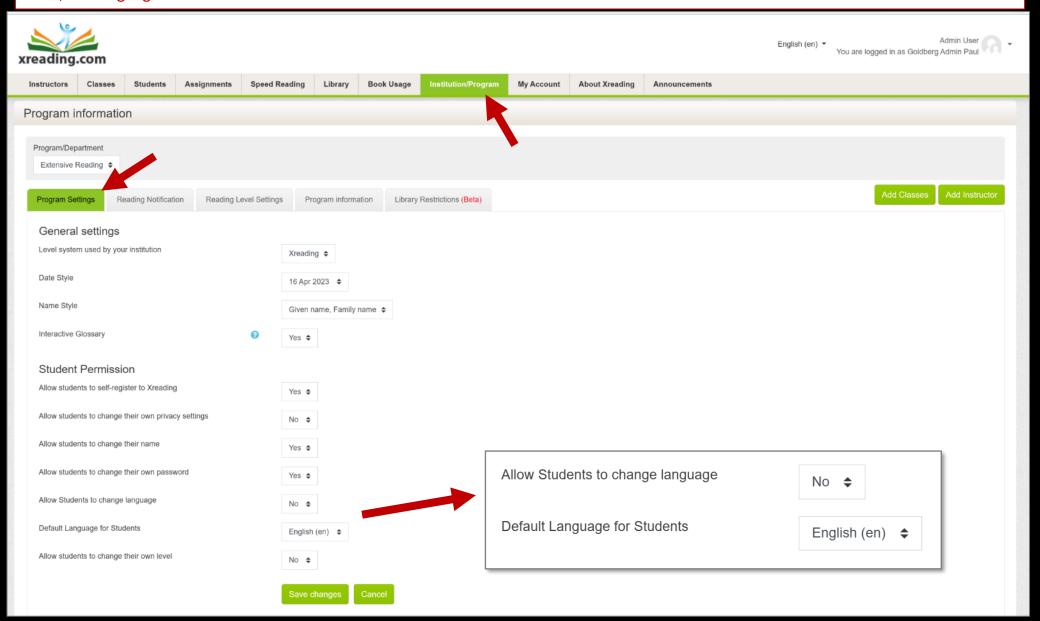
New Assignment Setting: Hide Read Time and Read Speed until after a quiz is taken

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 w/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.



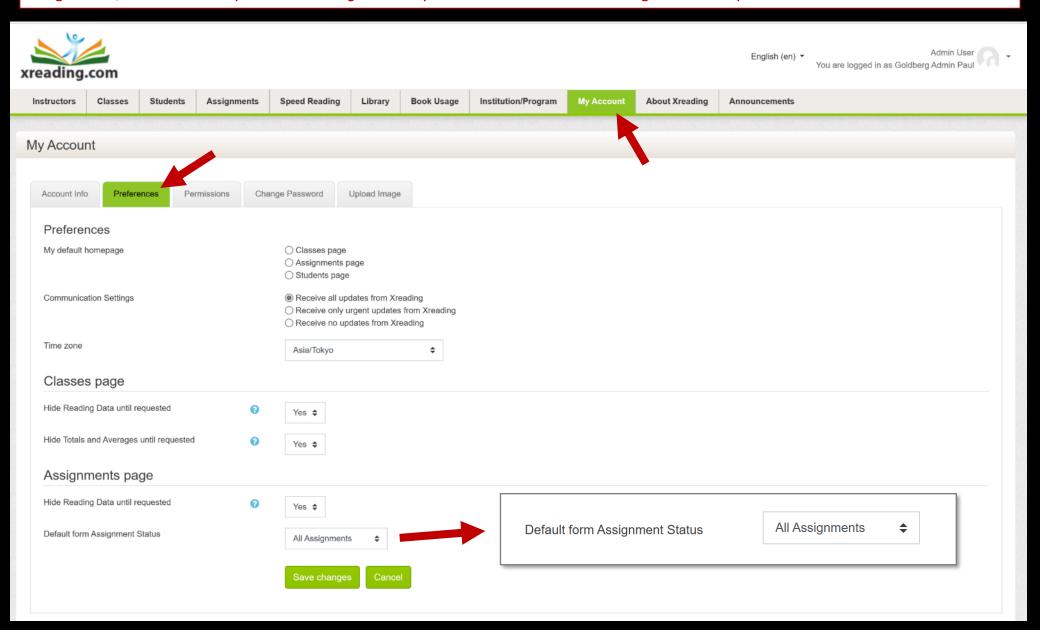
New Program Setting: Decide the default language of the website for students and whether they can change it

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!



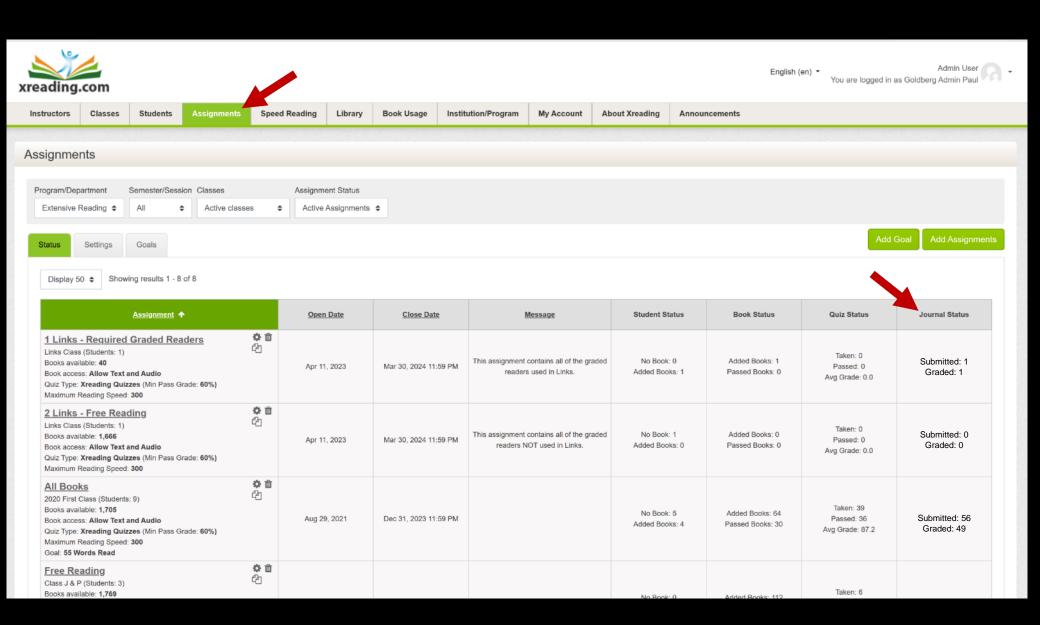
New Preference Setting: Default Assignment Status

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!



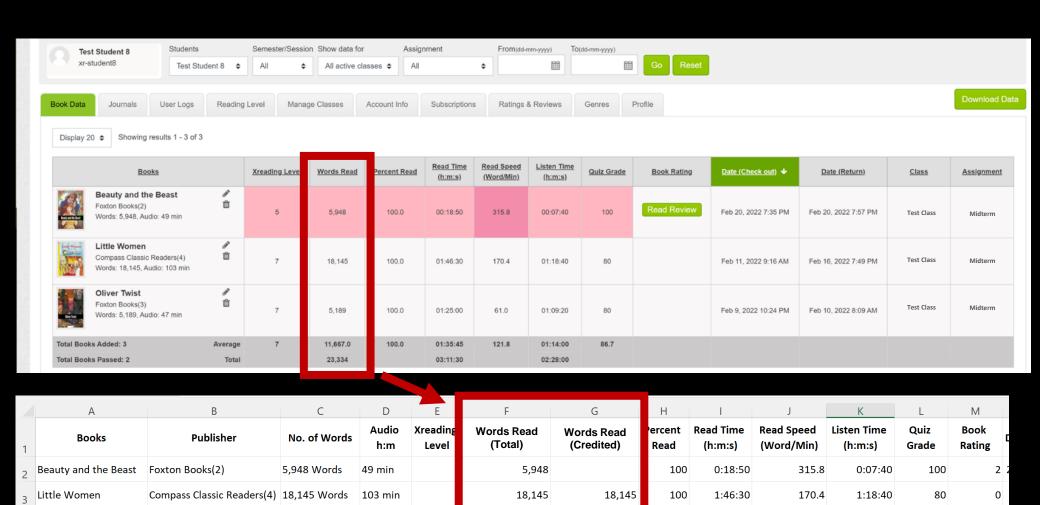
New Column: Journal Status

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



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)*.



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Oliver Twist

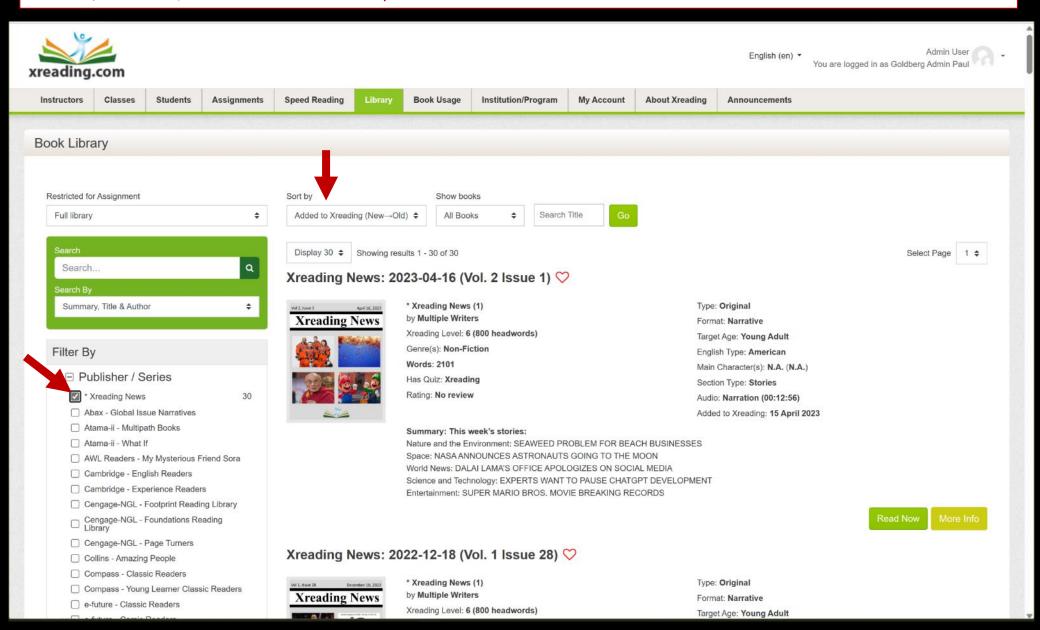
Foxton Books(3)

5.189 Words

47 min

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.

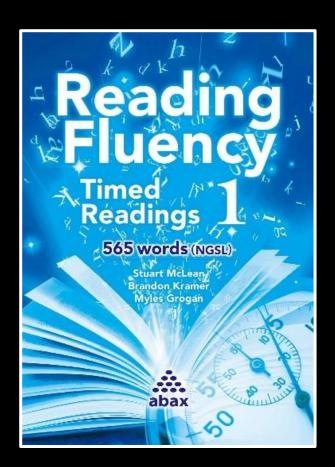


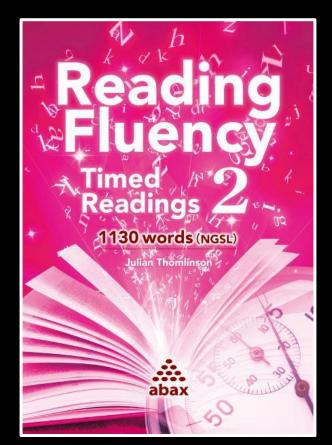
New Feature: New Books for the Speed-Reading Component

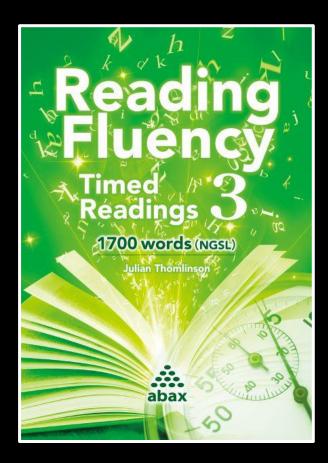
The popular Speed-Reading Component which we launched last year now has three books at different levels. Each book has 22 reading passages. Students' reading speed for each passage is automatically tracked and put on a graph.

For more information about this feature go to the link below:

https://xreading.com/theme/xreading/pix/pfd/Tutorial for Speed Reading.pdf





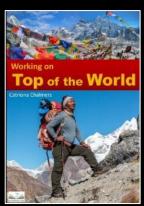


New Books

Xreading Publishing

From our recently launched publishing house



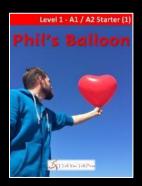


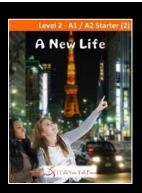


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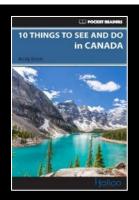




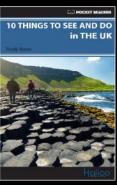
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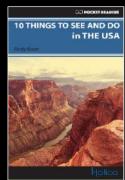
Interesting and exciting things to do in various countries around the world

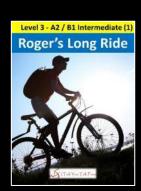




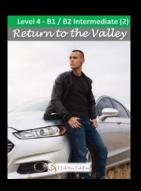








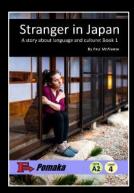




New Books

Pomaka: Stranger in Japan

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



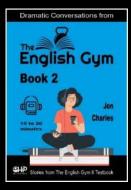


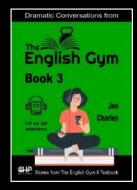


Oak Hills Press:

Dynamic Conversations from the English Gym



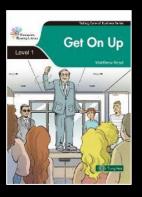


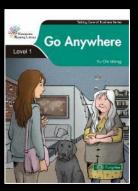


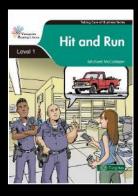
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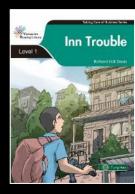
A brand new series from a publisher in Taiwan All of these interesting stories involving young adults

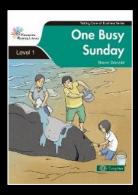


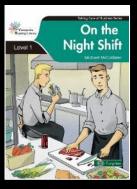


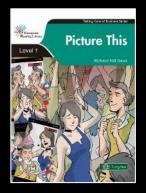












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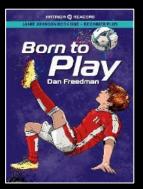


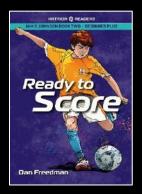




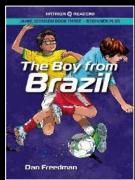
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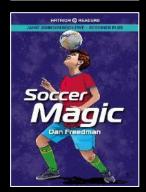
Based on Dan Freedman's hugely popular books about football!

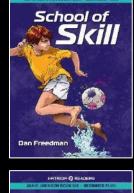


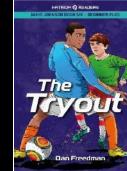


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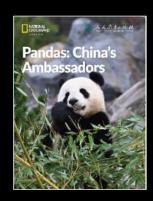






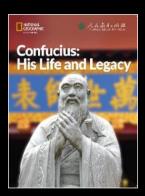
National Geographic Learning China Showcase Library

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.

























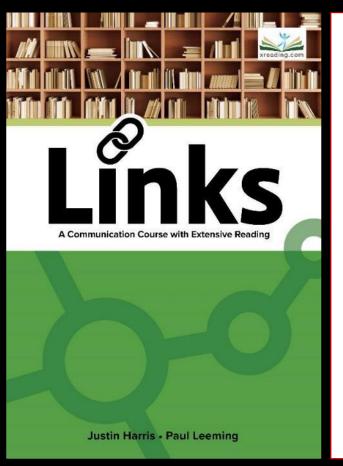
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