



QuickReads® and QR Technology Network Edition Student Settings

Program Description

QuickReads® and QR Technology Network Edition delivers *QuickReads®* and *QReads®* content from a school-based or central server. The Network Manager allows teachers to manage their classes, change student settings and assignments, and track student progress via a web browser.

Version 3 vs. Version 4

QuickReads® Technology Network Edition Version 3 provides *QuickReads* content. *QR Technology Version 4* provides either *QuickReads®* or *QReads®* content or both sets of content.

Although there are differences in the technology versions, both Version 3 and Version 4 have similar functionality. The information provided applies to both Version 3 and Version 4 users.

Student Settings Tab

There are five different settings which appear as text links across the dark blue menu bar:

- Sound
- Speech Recognition
- Mode
- Spanish Support
- Accessibility

Sound Settings

Speaker Volume

Speaker volume adjusts how loud students hear the program audio in their microphone headset. Program audio includes verbal directions and the modeled read of a passage.

Playback Volume

Playback Volume controls how loud students hear the playback of their recorded readings.

Sound Effects

Sound Effects are the sounds played when students select answers in the review questions. Uncheck the sound effects box to deselect this option.

Speech Recognition Settings

Pronunciation Correctness

The Pronunciation Correctness setting affects speech-recognition quality. To make the speech recognizer more lenient, move the speech pronunciation slider to the left. To make the speech recognizer catch more errors (increase strictness), move the speech pronunciation slider to the right.

Intervention Delay

Intervention Delay is the amount of time before an audio intervention occurs during Read and Record. The default setting is 4 seconds, which is appropriate for most students. The lowest possible setting is 3 seconds.

Reset Voice Customization

This button clears the student's voice customization data. Once data is cleared, the student will need to complete the voice customization process the next time they select to read and record a passage. Consider clearing the voice customization data if the speech recognizer does not clearly understand a student as they record their reading, and at the beginning of each new school year.

Mode

Reading Mode determines the amount of freedom students have when selecting passages to read.

Choose-A-Topic

The default mode is Choose-A-Topic. This mode allows students to choose any topic in a level and then read the passages in that topic in any order. Once students click Read It Now!, they are considered to have chosen the topic and must complete the instructional routine on all five passages before choosing a new topic.

Controlled Mode

Students read all passages in the assigned level sequentially in Controlled Mode.

Choose-A-Passage

Choose-A-Passage Mode allows students to choose passages in any order. Students must complete the instructional routine on the selected passage before choosing a new passage. You may want to use this mode if you are using QuickReads print and technology together in your classroom.

Spanish Support

Spanish Language Support provides the Spanish pronunciation, definition, and context sentence for underlined word in Word Help. Spanish support is displayed after clicking the Español button which appears below the English definition.

Accessibility

Override application settings for text color and size

This option changes the text color and size in the QuickReads or QReads program if these settings are enabled on the computer.

Provide visual dialog boxes for all audio messages

This option provides text for all audio messages.