

## Quizzes—Using Vocabulary Practice Quizzes

### Promote and Monitor Vocabulary Learning

Vocabulary Practice Quizzes, which are available for many Renaissance Accelerated Reader® books, offer an innovative, research-based approach for accelerating vocabulary growth and heightening students' interest in words.

The quizzes ask students to choose the correct definition of words that appeared in the book they just read, as well as books read previously.

We select vocabulary words according to a set of criteria. The words must be:

- At the reading level of the book or higher
- Used three or more times in the book
- Significant to the meaning of the book
- Interesting and useful in everyday conversation

### Student Quizzing Routine

To get the most benefit from Vocabulary Practice Quizzes, have students follow this routine:

1. Select a book within your ZPD and review the vocabulary list for the book. (The vocabulary lists are generated by Accelerated Reader software.)
2. Read the book and review the list again. Try to figure out the meaning of unknown words by reading them in context, or look them up in a dictionary.
3. Take and pass the Reading Practice Quiz.
4. Take the Vocabulary Practice Quiz and check the TOPS Report for words answered correctly and incorrectly.

### Monitor and Motivate

Monitor vocabulary development with the Summary Diagnostic Report—Vocabulary Practice and the vocabulary section of the Student Performance Record Report. The Words Learned Report for each student lists all the words the student has learned over a specified time period.

For more information about using Vocabulary Practice Quizzes, see the Resource titled *Vocabulary Practice: Incorporating It in Your Classroom*.