



# Scholastic Reading Inventory™

## Software Manual

For use with SRI v1.9, SAM v1.9 or later,  
and Expert 21

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## What’s New in Version 1.9?

Scholastic customers who have used *Scholastic Reading Inventory* and Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM) in the past will notice new features in version 1.9.

### Lexile Improvements

- **Program(s) Affected:** SRI
- **Details:** SRI now accommodates higher Lexiles by adding new high-level test items with the ability to assess Lexile® levels above 1500.

## **Overview**

**Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)** is a reading comprehension test that assesses students' reading ability. The score from this test helps teachers place students in the correct educational path, adjust their teaching style to students' needs, track students' reading growth over time, and match readers to books that are appropriate for their reading skills.

SRI is an adaptive test that adjusts to students' responses. Once students start the test, the difficulty levels of questions change according to students' performance. When the computer has enough information to generate a Lexile® measure, the test stops. Adaptive testing shortens test-taking time, increases testing accuracy, and helps ensure that no two students receive the same test.

SRI has a test bank of 5,119 questions, and is based exclusively on passages from authentic children's literature, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as excerpts from young adult and classic literature, newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

As they take the SRI, students answer fill-in-the-blank or cloze questions, similar to those found in many standardized tests, which measure students' comprehension of the passages they read.

Scholastic recommends that teachers use the SRI to determine the starting level for students in *READ 180*® as well as to measure students' improvements in reading comprehension over time.

## Logging In to SRI

Once students are enrolled in *Scholastic Reading Inventory* through Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM), they are ready to log in to SRI.



To log in to SRI:

1. Double-click the *Scholastic Reading Inventory* icon on their desktop to open the SRI Log In screen.
2. Type in their Username and Password.
3. Click **Go On** to begin taking an SRI test.



### Teacher Tip

Use Estimate the Reading Level in SAM/SRI settings before students log in to ensure they receive targeted items for a more accurate Lexile® measure.

## The Book Interest Screen

If students' SRI program settings in SAM have been set to enable the **Book Interest Screen**, students may view the screen and select which types of books they like to read prior to taking the SRI test (see the [SAM Settings and Reports for Scholastic Reading Inventory](#) for information on how to adjust student program settings). Students may select up to three genres. There are three groups of genres, sorted by grade level: K–2, 3–5, and 6–12.

The application uses students' selections to create a customized Recommended Reading Report at the completion of the test. The books on the Recommended Reading Report match students' reading interests, grade level, and Lexile® reading range. This allows students to read engaging books at their targeted reading level.



To select book interest categories:

1. Click the icons for up to three genres that they like to read. Students may click any selected icon again to deselect their choice.
2. Click the **Next** button in the lower right corner of the screen.



### Teacher Tip

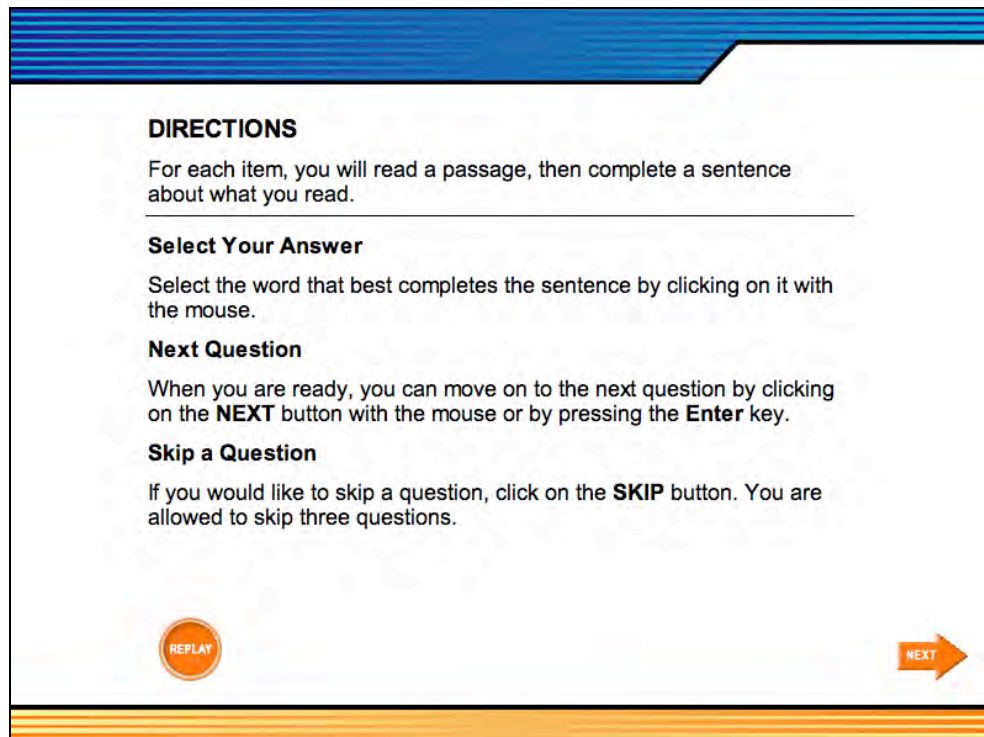
Choosing only one genre instead of three increases the percentage of books from that genre in the student's Recommended Reading Report.

## Taking the SRI Practice Test

Students take the Practice Test to make sure that they understand how to use their computer and how to follow the directions. The questions in the Practice Test do not count toward a student's final Lexile® score.

The Practice Test consists of three questions in the same format as the actual test questions. These questions are designed to be easier than the student's targeted reading level, and the student should be able to answer them correctly. The purpose is simply to assess whether the student understands the directions and the software interface.

**NOTE:** Students only take the Practice Test if a teacher or administrator has configured their program settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students in SAM](#) for information on how to change a student's program settings.



**DIRECTIONS**

For each item, you will read a passage, then complete a sentence about what you read.

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**Select Your Answer**

Select the word that best completes the sentence by clicking on it with the mouse.

**Next Question**

When you are ready, you can move on to the next question by clicking on the **NEXT** button with the mouse or by pressing the **Enter** key.

**Skip a Question**

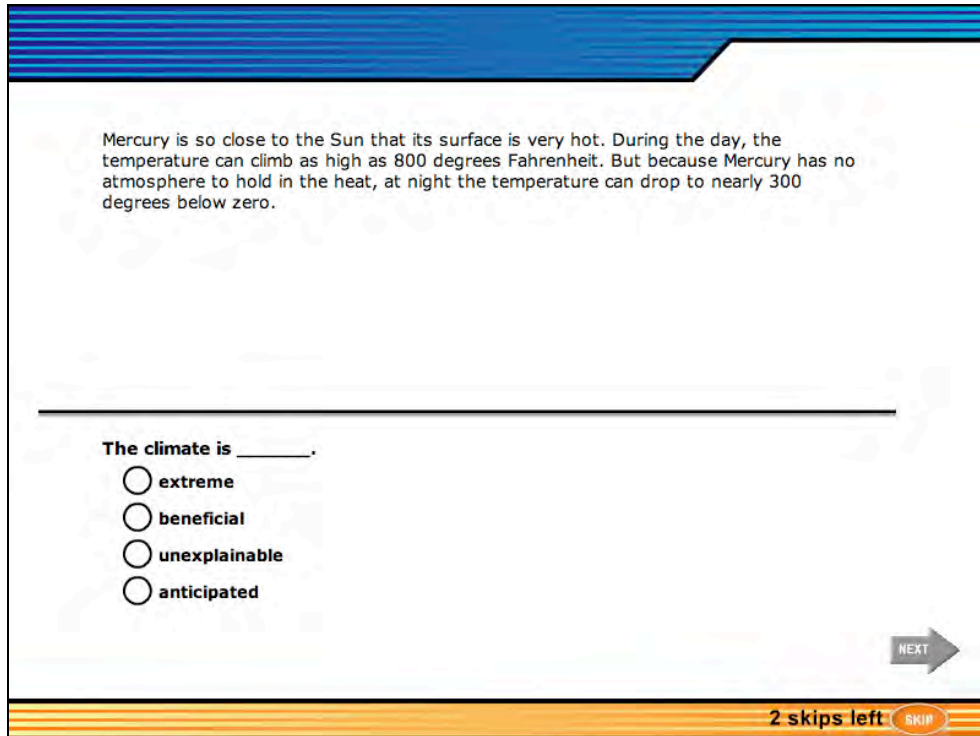
If you would like to skip a question, click on the **SKIP** button. You are allowed to skip three questions.

**REPLAY** **NEXT**

After logging in, the application presents students with the test directions. When students finish reading or listening to the directions, they should click **Next** to begin the Practice Test.

For each Practice Test question, students follow the same four-step process:

1. Read a paragraph of fiction or nonfiction;
2. Read a fill-in-the-blank or cloze question;
3. Read the four multiple-choice answers;
4. Select the best answer choice and click **Next**.



Mercury is so close to the Sun that its surface is very hot. During the day, the temperature can climb as high as 800 degrees Fahrenheit. But because Mercury has no atmosphere to hold in the heat, at night the temperature can drop to nearly 300 degrees below zero.

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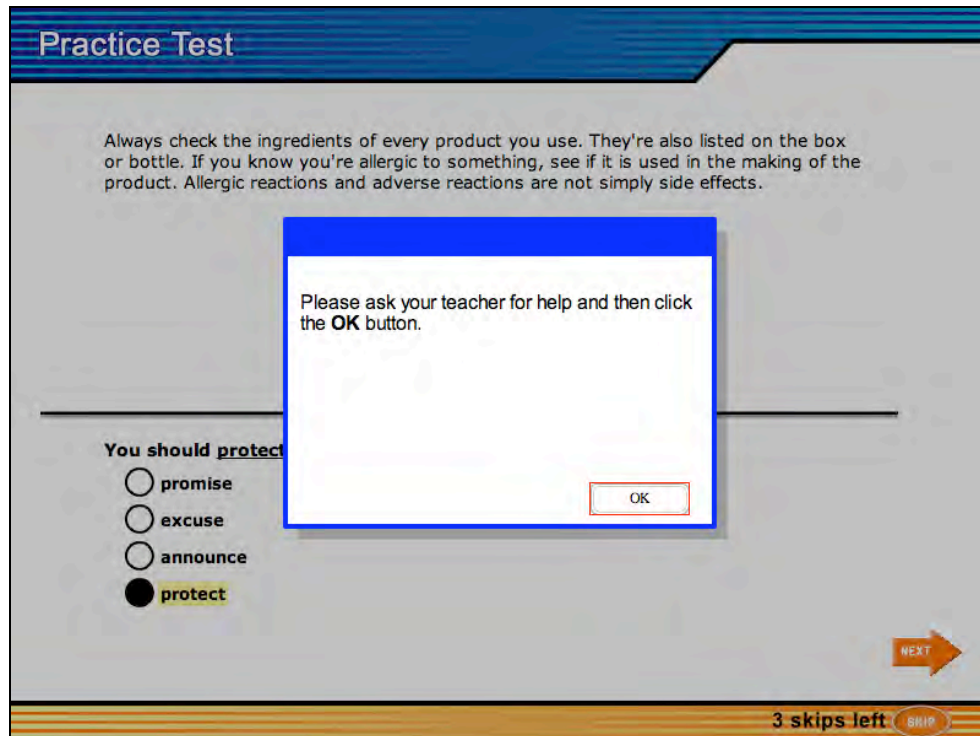
The climate is \_\_\_\_\_.

- extreme
- beneficial
- unexplainable
- anticipated

2 skips left **SKIP** **NEXT**

Throughout the Practice Test, students may choose to skip up to three questions.

If a student answers a question incorrectly during a Practice Test, a Help window appears. The window prompts the student to ask the teacher for assistance. The program then gives that student a few additional questions to answer before completing the Practice Test.

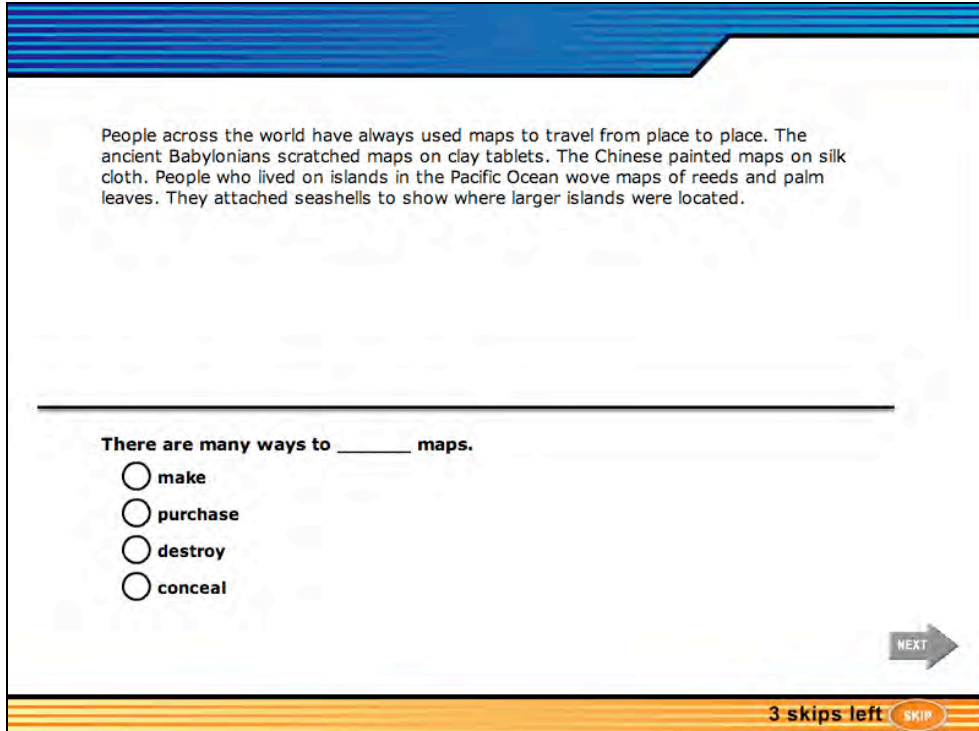


If a student's Estimated Reading Level is not set in the program settings for SAM, the Practice Test is followed by 2–5 additional questions the first time that the student logs in to SRI. These extra questions help determine the appropriate difficulty level for the beginning of the test.



## Taking an SRI Test

After the Practice Test is completed, the actual test begins. An SRI test consists of brief selections of authentic fiction and nonfiction literature. After reading each passage, students answer a cloze question using one of the multiple-choice answers provided. Students select an answer and click the **Next** button. To change an answer, students select another answer choice before clicking **Next**. Students may not return to a question after clicking the **Next** button.





People across the world have always used maps to travel from place to place. The ancient Babylonians scratched maps on clay tablets. The Chinese painted maps on silk cloth. People who lived on islands in the Pacific Ocean wove maps of reeds and palm leaves. They attached seashells to show where larger islands were located.

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There are many ways to \_\_\_\_\_ maps.

- make
- purchase
- destroy
- conceal

NEXT 

3 skips left 



### Teacher Tip

Students are not required to finish the SRI test in one session. To quit and save a testing session, students may press the Esc key, then click Yes when prompted.

Students may select answers by using either the mouse or the keyboard. To select an answer using the mouse:

1. Click the answer from the list of options. This makes the selected word or phrase appear in the blank of the sentence.
2. Click **Next** when they have made a final selection.

To select an answer using the keyboard:

1. Press the **Tab** key to activate the keyboard selection process.
2. Use the **Up** and **Down** arrows to move through the choices.
3. Press the **Space bar** to select an answer.
4. Press the **Enter** key when they have completed the question.

Throughout the SRI test, students may choose to skip up to three questions without affecting their results. To skip a question, students click the **Skip** button in the lower right corner of any question screen.



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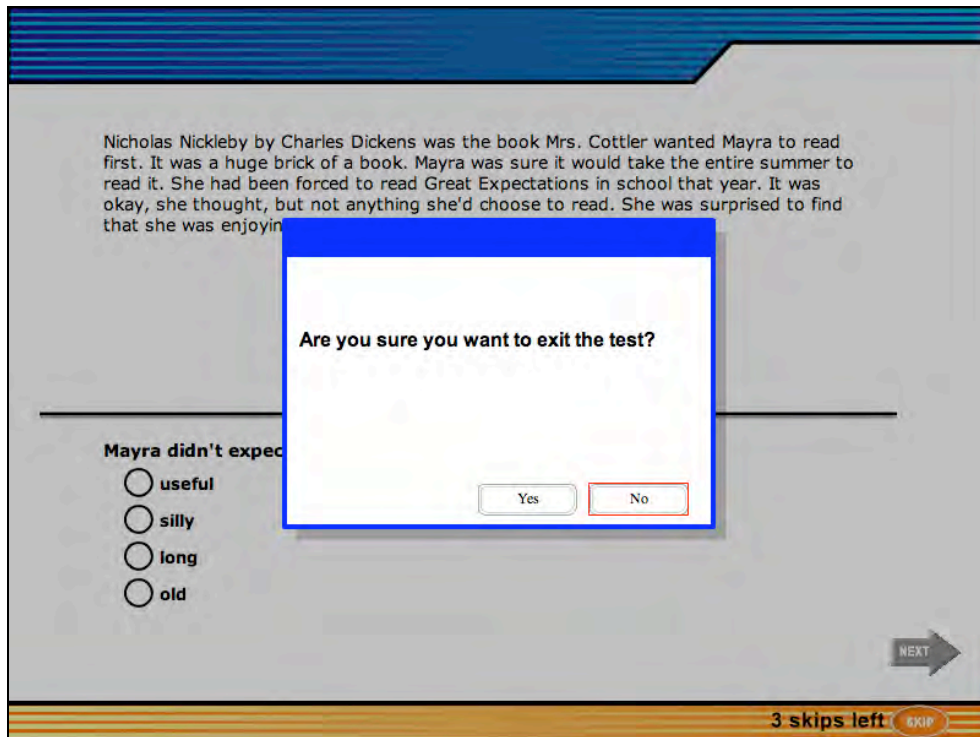
### Teacher Tip

Scholastic recommends that students quit and save SRI tests during a break, then return to the tests afterward, to avoid losing data due to a computer crash or power outage.

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## Exiting and Returning to an Incomplete SRI Test

Students may quit and save incomplete SRI tests if they need more time or need to share hardware and computer time. When students log in to SRI the next time, the system automatically prompts them to continue taking the test.



To exit the program, students press the **Esc** key. The application then asks students if they want to quit.

Direct students to click **Yes** to quit and save the test to continue later; they may click **No** if they want to keep taking the test.

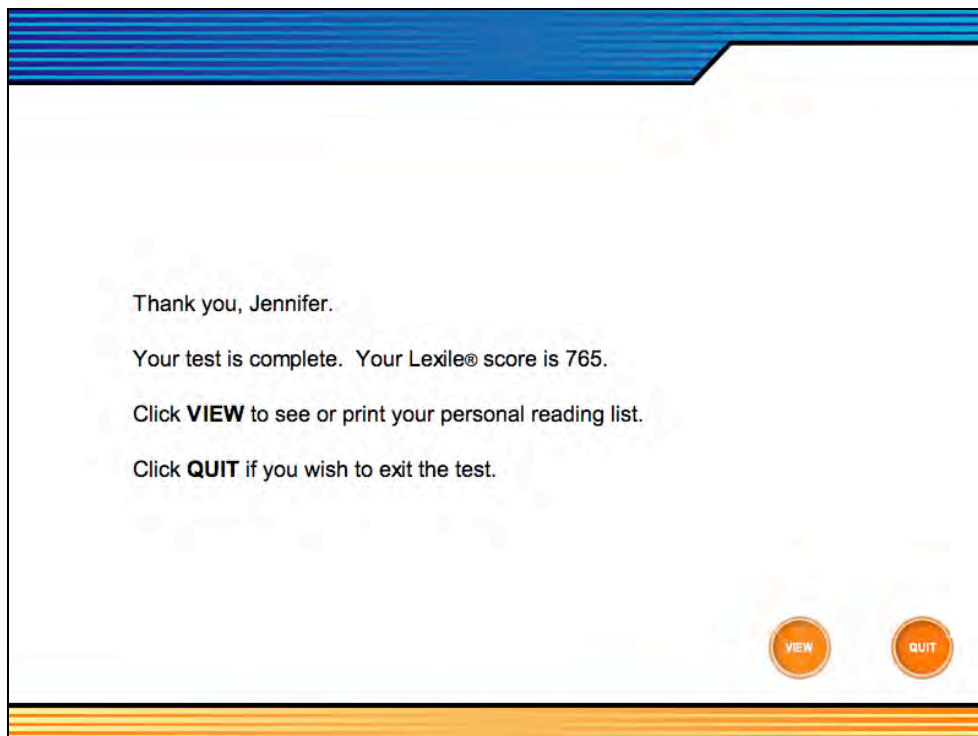
To return to a test, students need only to log in to SRI to immediately begin with their last unanswered question.

## Viewing and Printing the Recommended Reading Report

When students finish the test, the final screen displays their Lexile® score for the test. Students may click **View** to see an individualized Recommended Reading Report based on the results from the SRI test and their reading interests from the Book Interest screen.

The application selects books from a database of over 10,000 titles. The Recommended Reading Report also shows which of the books have *Scholastic Reading Counts!*® quizzes installed.

**NOTE:** Students only see their Lexile score on this screen if a teacher or administrator has configured their program settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students in SAM](#) for more information on how to change a student's program settings.



## Printing the Recommended Reading Report

### Recommended Reading Report

STUDENT: MARTINEZ, JENNIFER

Teacher: Andre Atkins, Charles Vickers  
Grade: 9  
Class: Test Class

Time Period: 06/17/08 – 06/17/08

Test Date: 6/17/2008  
 Student Lexile®: 765

Jennifer, here are some great books at your reading level.

READING INTEREST	QUIZ	TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE®
Book Expert Choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Be Mine	McFenn, Jane	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze Bow, The	Speare, Elizabeth George	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Castle (Seventh Tower)	Nix, Garth	790
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean Duty	Powell, Randy	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Look And It Won't Hurt	Peck, Richard	760
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Weather	Peck, Richard	670
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm Team	Weaver, Will	700
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feather In The Wind	Johnston, Norma	780
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Final Adversary	Morris, Gilbert	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Harmonics, The	Marley, Louise	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	House Of Stairs	Sleator, William	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Body	Parker, Steve	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jahanara, Princess Of Princesses	Lasky, Kathryn	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journey To America	Levitt, Sonia	750
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lone Sentinel	Dereske, Jo	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missouri Homestead	Tedrow, T.L.	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Month of Seven Days, A	Climo, Shirley	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night Terrors	Duncan, Lois	720
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nightmare Mountain	Kehret, Peg	700
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orion John	Krumgold, Joseph	710
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Othello: A Novel	Lester, Julius	770
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pags	Pierce, Tamora	730
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Samir And Yonatan	Carmi, Daniela	810
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secrets Of Vesuvius, The	Lawrence, Caroline	680
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seven-Day Magic	Eager, Edward	750	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spying Game, The	Moon, Pat	690	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stone Water	Gilbert, Barbara Snow	800	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild Hunt, The	Yolen, Jane	720	

To print the Recommended Reading Report:

1. Click **View** to open a PDF copy of the report in a Web browser.
2. Click the **File** menu in the toolbar, then click **Print** to print the report.

**NOTE:** Students are able to view this report only if a teacher or administrator has configured their program settings in SAM to enable this option. See [Enrolling and Managing Students in SAM](#) for more information on how to change a student's program settings. Teachers may also view the report through SAM.

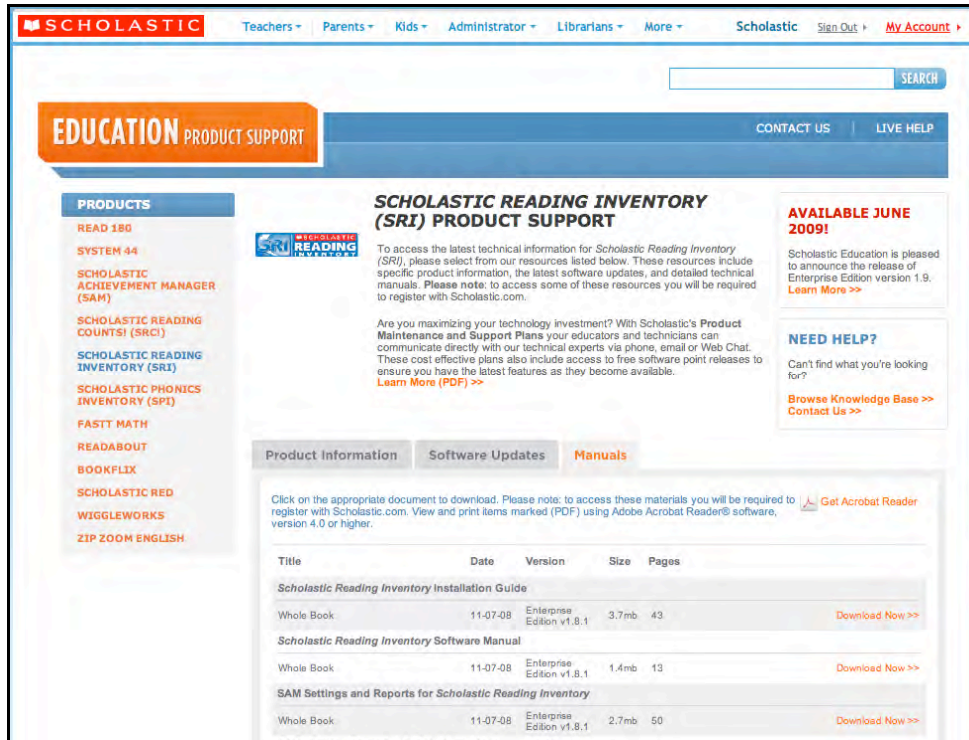


### Teacher Tip

Remember that the workstation needs to be hooked up to a printer to print out reports.

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- **1-800-283-5974 (current version through 1.7)**
- **1-800-927-0189 (version 1.6 or earlier)**

For specific questions about using SAM with your Scholastic programs, click **Help** in the Quick Links along the top of any screen in SAM.