

## How to complete homework for English

### English: Years 7 - 9

#### What is Sparx reader?

We are fortunate this year to be able to offer an exclusive new approach to our incoming Y7 students, which will allow us to provide consistency and accountability in one of the most crucial aspects of their education - literacy. Each week, **they simply read a book online for one hour, and answer questions about what they have read.**

For more information on the use of spark, you can view their [official instructional video](#) for an overview. Alternatively, as a department, we've produced [this instructional video](#), going into more detail about how to use the platform in the context of our homework policy. See below for written guidance and step by step instructions.

#### Why do we use this as homework?

There is an extensive body of research indicating that one of the most significant indicators in how successful a student will be, both academically and in later life, is their level of literacy, and that a regular habit of reading is one of the most important ways in which this crucial aspect of their education can be strengthened. Sparx reader provides that regular programme, at a level tailored to each student, in a way that is measurable, consistent, and effective.

#### To log in

Students will visit <https://sparxreader.com/>

To log in:

- Type in their school name and selecting 'Henley Bank':

#### Select your school

Start typing the name of your school below.

- And logging in using their school google account

**Log in to Sparx using Google G**

**Use your Sparx login**

Username:

Password:

[Forgot login details?](#)

Your child will have received a full explanation of how to operate Sparx reader in lessons but, in essence, they are given a digital book:

Home  
Library  
League  
Vocab

< **My Library** / Choose a new book

**Secrets of an Undercover Activist**  
 by Nat Amooore  
 Activism · Adventure · Friendship

Casey Wu tries to stay out of the spotlight, which is why no one would suspect her of being the mastermind behind a string of attention-grabbing stunt... [Show more](#) ▾

They read the book online, through the Sparx website, and answer questions about what they've read.

 Start reading here

**Green Peas Rule 1**  
**THE FIRST RULE OF GREEN PEAS IS SHHHHHH!**



I try to hide my nerves as our sports teacher, Ms Mezher, explains how cross country day is going to work.

“And next Friday, Years Five and Six will meet in their assigned groups on the bottom field at...”

### Q1. What did Casey Wu do at home in preparation for the assembly prank?

Not in story

Cleaned the house to get on Grandpa's good side

Worked out the average time of Ms Mezher's sports speeches

Test runs, adjusting the clocks for the right effect

For each correct answer, they score **Sparx reader points (SRPs)**. They get more points for answering questions correctly the first time, so careful reading is encouraged before they attempt the questions.

The homework each week is simple: **Get 300 SRPs**

(On average, it takes students 1 minute of careful reading, not including questions, to acquire 10 SRPs, so 300 SRPs ≈ 30 minutes, but will likely take up to 1 hour if reading carefully)

This is logged from Tuesday morning (8am) to Sunday evening (9pm) - the week's SRPs must be acquired between these times to be considered valid.

### If your student is struggling with their homework

1) On your students reading page, go to **'settings'** in the top right

2) Here, you can introduce a variety of measures designed to make the student's reading more accessible/easier:

## Settings

If you're having trouble reading the text, try changing some of the font settings to something that you find easier to read.

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," thought Alice "without pictures or conversations?"

Font Scale **Normal** Large Larger Largest

Line Height **Normal** Large Larger Largest

Letter Spacing **0** 1 2 3

Font **Merriweather** Verdana Comic Sans Readable

Background **White** Blue Cream Yellow Green Purple Pink Orange

Reading Guide **None** Line Guide

Close

3) For more information, see [this help article](#)

4) If they are **struggling with vocabulary**, they need simply click the difficult word while reading be given a context specific definition:

**Start reading here**

Zeke grins at me from the row in front, but I glare back at him. It's one of the Green Peas rules. "No **acknowledgement** of other members during an event." We moved it down on the list Number 32. I'm in memory. But that doesn't make it any less important. But

**acknowledgement** ✕

Acknowledgement is when you show that you know someone or something exists. In this sentence, it means that during an event, you should not show that you know other members are there.

Helpful?   [Having trouble?](#)

**For further assistance, including login issues, accessibility, or use of the site, contact:**

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