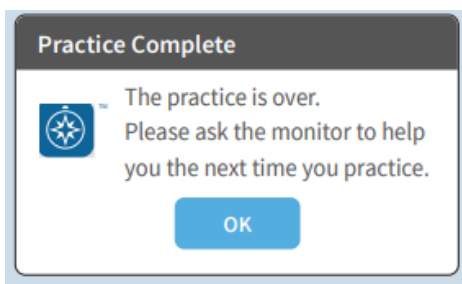


Star Practice Questions

Star Practice Questions and Failed Practice

If a student has not taken a Star test in the past 180 days, the student will see practice questions before the actual test starts. The practice session is primarily meant to gauge the student's ability to work with the program's interface, to see if the student understands how to select and enter an answer. If a student answers seven practice questions without getting three correct, the practice session ends, and the test will not start for that student. They will see this message:



When this happens, have the student try another practice, and carefully observe the student as they test.

- If the student does not understand how to answer questions, review the testing procedures with the student.
- If the student understands how to answer questions, but keeps running out of time before entering an answer, you may need to extend the time limits for that student. See "Help Links" on page 51 of the [Star Assessments Administration Manual](#) for information on setting the Extended Question Time Limit preference.
- If the student continues to answer incorrectly, this may indicate that the student is not ready to have his or her abilities assessed by Star Reading. **Contact your school's administrators for access to the Star Early Literacy Diagnostic assessment.*

Principals and Assistant Principals

When contacted by a teacher regarding a failed practice, confirm with the Star Record Book. Then:

- First time only: Add a new course and class to your Star account by following these step-by-step directions <https://help2.renaissance.com/setup/AddingClasses>. You will need to : 1) Create a course named "Star Early Literacy" and 2) Create a class named Star Early Literacy". It does not matter which grade level you select.
- Next, assign Star Early Literacy to your new class and add students who need access to the assessment. This can be a mixed level class for students in grades 3-5. <https://help2.renaissance.com/setup/22207> .

Other Resources:

- Star Reading Test Administration Manual: https://help2.renaissance.com/US/PDF/SR/SR_TAM.pdf
- Star Math Test Administration Manual: https://help2.renaissance.com/US/PDF/SM/SM_TAM.pdf
- Star Reading Help Files: <https://help2.renaissance.com/SR>
- Star Early Literacy Help Files: <https://help2.renaissance.com/SEL>
- Information and links to resources and recorded webinars: <http://www.renaissance.com/resources>
- Renaissance U: Your destination for recorded DCPS Star and Freckle PDs and all other Renaissance professional development: Access this through your Renaissance landing page.