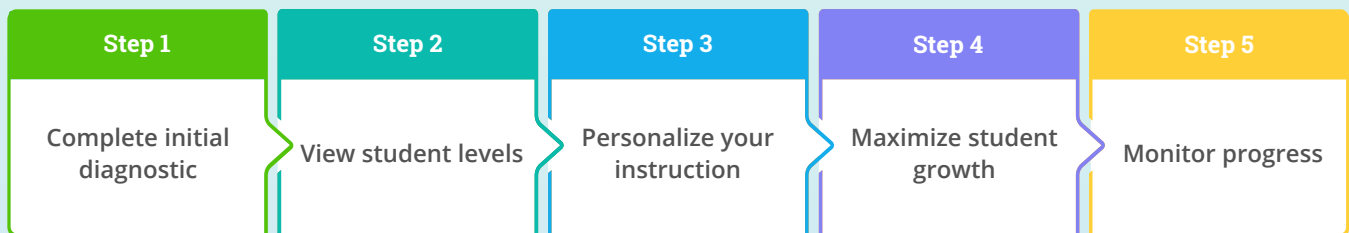




The IXL Flex Diagnostic in Real-Time mode helps you assess your students' grade-level proficiency in both math and English language arts. At any time, you can use the Flex Diagnostic to get actionable insights for daily instruction.

## Steps to successful implementation

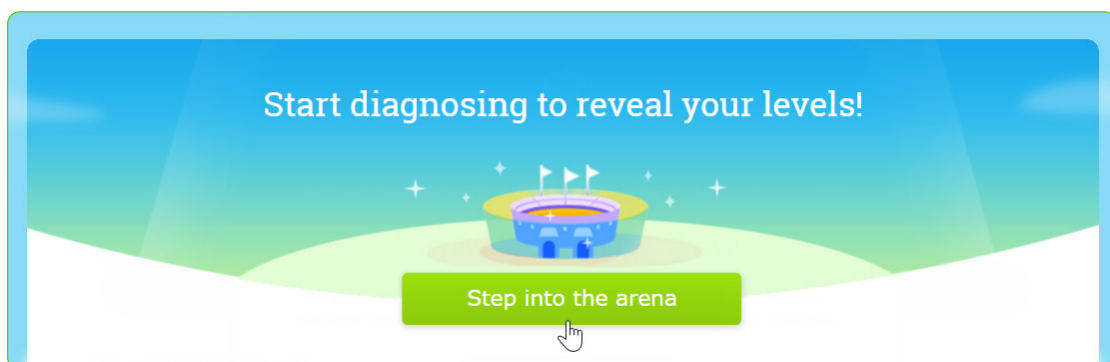


Let's take a closer look at how you can get started with the Flex Diagnostic in Real-Time mode.

## 1 Complete initial diagnostic

### Visit the arena

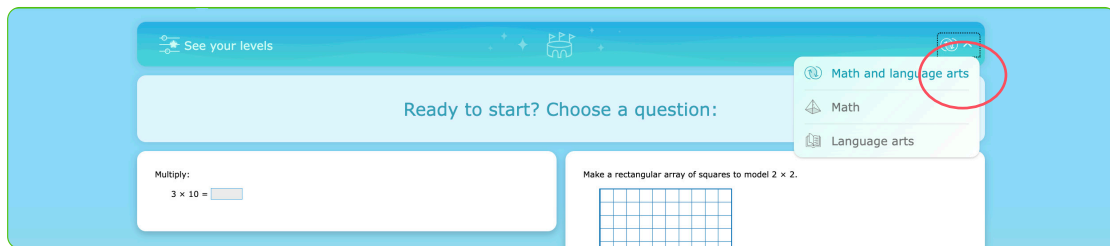
After students have signed in to IXL, have them click on the Assessment tab to head to the arena, and then click "Step into the arena" to start.



## Choose questions

Upon entering the arena, students will have the option to choose between two questions. Both are equally valuable, so let students select whichever one they're interested in!

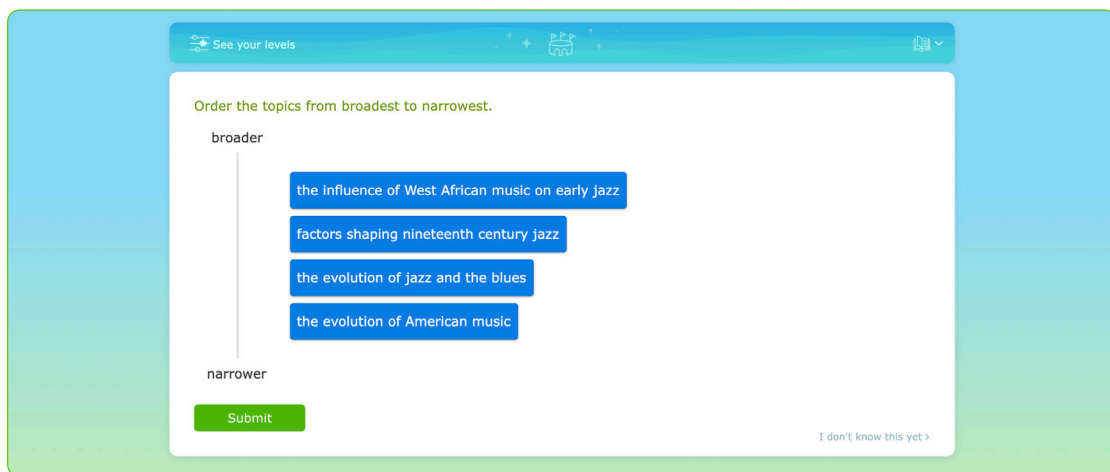
While we recommend using the diagnostic with math and language arts together, students also have the option to focus on just one subject at a time. Have students click the icon at the top right corner to select math, language arts, or both subjects.



## Answer questions

When students submit an answer, they'll learn whether they answered a question correctly or not. But they won't be able to see the correct answer to wrong questions in the arena. After completing the diagnostic, they'll get the opportunity to learn how to answer questions correctly in the curriculum.

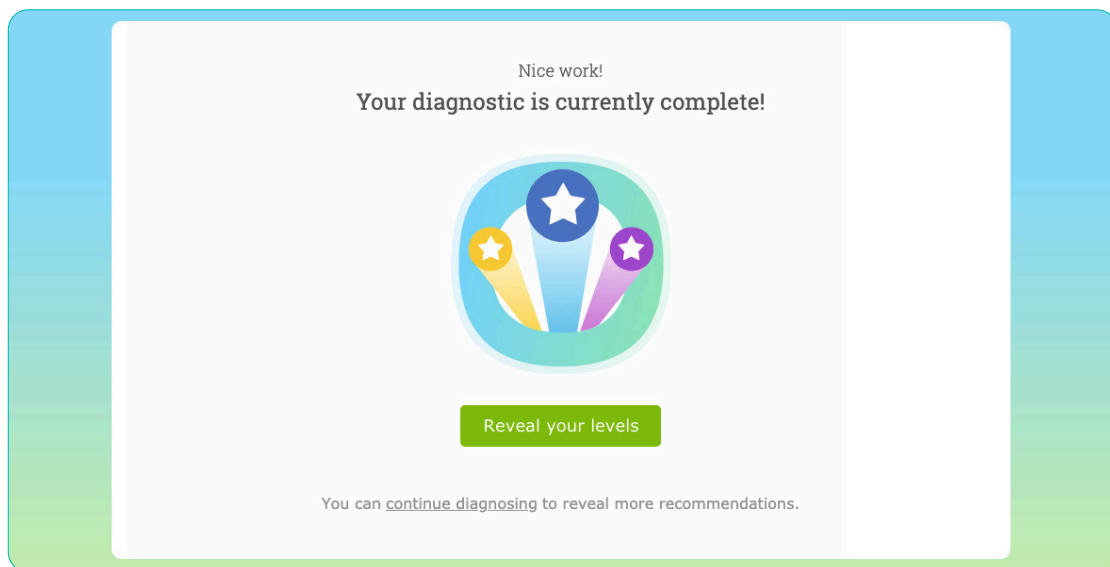
If they encounter a question on a topic they haven't learned, they can click "I don't know this yet" at the bottom right corner to move on to the next question.



## Finish diagnosing

Have students answer diagnostic questions until all their levels are up to date. It only takes about 45 minutes to get full diagnostic results in one subject. If needed, the diagnostic can be broken up into multiple sessions to fit student schedules and needs.

Students will see this image once they've completed the initial diagnostic. Let students know if you'd like them to work elsewhere on IXL next or if they should exit the program.



## 2 View student levels

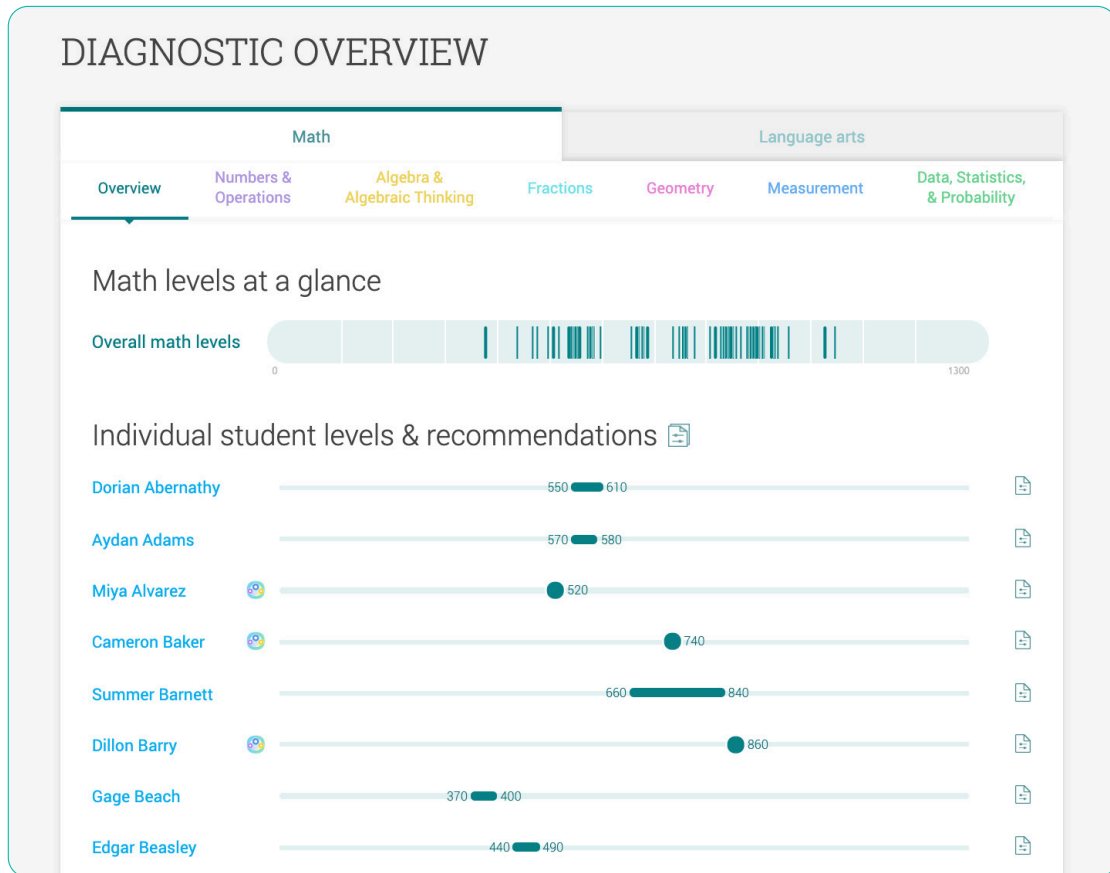
As soon as a student has finished diagnosing, you'll have immediate insights waiting for you in IXL Analytics. Sign in to your IXL teacher account and hover over the Analytics tab to view a report.

### Check for completion

Use the Diagnostic Overview report to quickly see which students have completed their diagnostic and which need to continue diagnosing.

If you see a student with a number range, it means they are still working on narrowing down their diagnostic levels. Reach out to them and encourage them to keep going.

If you see a starburst icon next to a student's name, it means their diagnostic score is up to date!



## Review diagnostic scores

Use students' diagnostic scores to determine if a student is meeting expectations.

Diagnostic levels on IXL correspond to overall grade levels. For example, a score of 350 indicates that a student understands about 50% of 3rd-grade material and a score of 400 indicates readiness to begin working on 4th-grade skills. These levels range from 0-1300, with 0-50 representing pre-K, 50-100 kindergarten, and 1300 representing the end of 12th grade.

When students have completed their diagnostic, they can also check their own levels by visiting the Assessment tab.



## 3 Personalize your instruction

Using insights from the IXL Diagnostic, IXL creates a personalized action plan for every student. The action plan shows you the student’s knowledge levels and outlines the specific skills they should work on to make the most progress right now. Even if two students have the same diagnostic level, their recommendations can be different!

Each student’s action plan has their unique IXL skill recommendations linked directly in the report. Clicking on a recommendation will take students immediately to the IXL skill—making it easy to start closing gaps right away!

### IXL Flex Diagnostic Action Plan

Your most recent levels and recommendations as of October 23, 2025

Student: Ophelia Baker

The IXL Flex Diagnostic shows you what you know and what you’re ready to learn next. Work on your personalized skill recommendations until you reach excellence (90+). Visit the Flex Diagnostic often to see how your stats change and to get new recommendations!

Have questions about the IXL Flex Diagnostic? Visit [www.ixl.com/flex-diagnostic-help](http://www.ixl.com/flex-diagnostic-help).

### Overall language arts level

0

1300

470

★

### Overall Reading level

0

1300

470

★

Language arts strand levels and recommendations

#### Reading Strategies

0

1300

470

★

▶ 3 recommended skills

- Use key details to determine the main idea (Level F) >> DMM
- Read about science and nature (Level F) >> RTC
- Read graphic organizers (Level F) >> DH7

### Vocabulary

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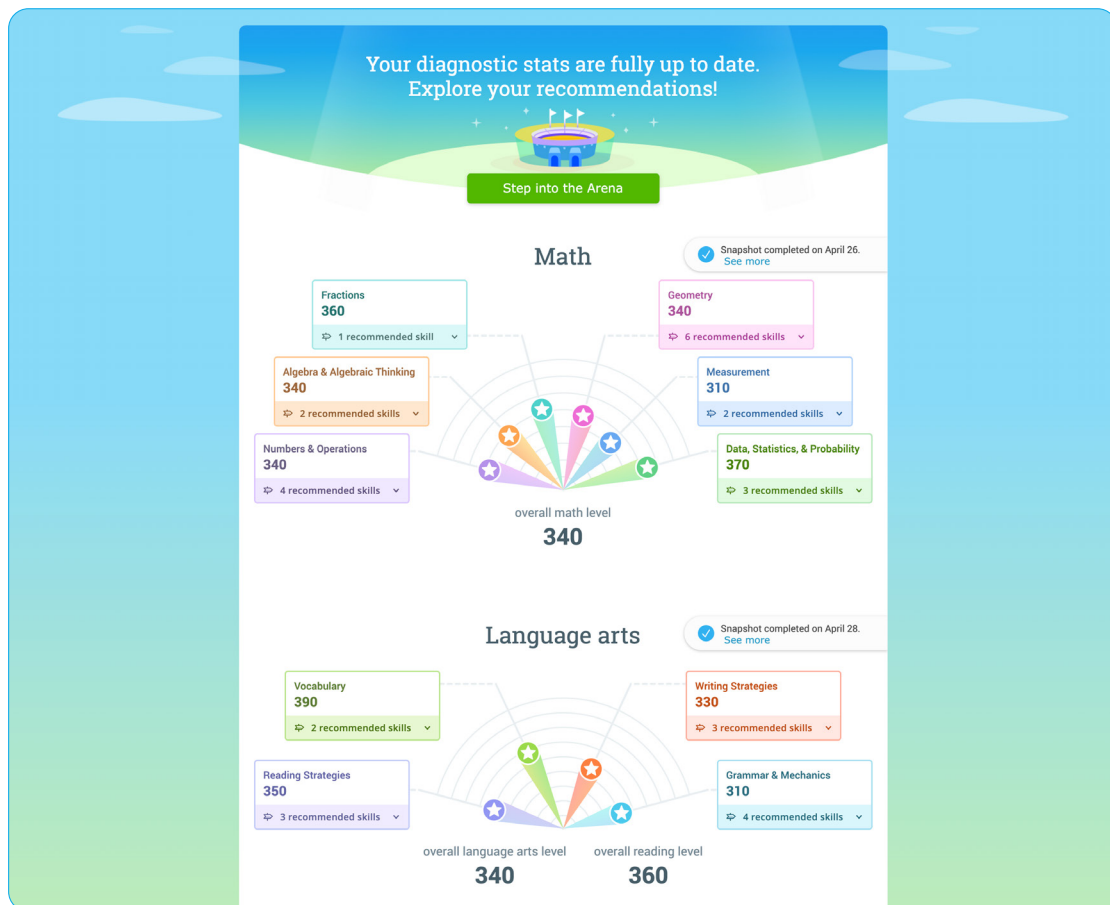
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## Follow each student's IXL action plan

To see a student's action plan in both subjects, head to the Assessment tab. Select a student's name from the drop-down menu to view their diagnostic levels and scroll down to get their action plan.

If you want a student's action plan for only one subject, head to the Diagnostic Overview report under the Analytics tab. Choose to view math or language arts levels by switching between the tabs at the top of the chart. Click on a student's name to view their action plan.

Students can also access their own action plan by heading to their Assessment tab. Have students click directly on a recommended IXL skill to start making progress.



## 4

## Maximize student growth


The Flex Diagnostic in Real-Time mode can give you up-to-date information about your students' knowledge every day. Follow these steps to help students maximize their progress.

### Keep diagnostic levels up to date


Have students head to the arena once a week and answer questions until their diagnostic is updated. This should only take about 10-15 questions, and will take a shorter amount of time the more frequently students answer diagnostic questions.


You can also assign the IXL Diagnostic from your Assessment tab to remind students to answer questions in the arena.


### IXL Diagnostic


 **Learn more**

Learn how to use the IXL Diagnostic with your students.  
[View the guide >](#)

 **Encourage Diagnostic use**

Click the star to encourage students to use the IXL Diagnostic regularly. 

★ Keep your Diagnostic levels up to date! 

 **Analytics & reporting**


See up-to-the-minute insights on student levels and growth.  
[View LevelUp Diagnostic results >](#)  
[View Flex Diagnostic results >](#)

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When students update their diagnostic levels, their personalized action plan and recommendations also reflect their new knowledge. This ensures you'll always have timely insights on how to best support your students.

Nice work!

**Your diagnostic is currently complete!**



Reveal your levels

You can [continue diagnosing](#) to reveal more recommendations.

When students see this message, they should stop answering questions, leave the arena, and work on their skills from their IXL action plan.

## Reach proficiency in two action plan skills per week

Each time students update their diagnostic, they'll receive an updated IXL action plan. Always encourage them to work on skills from their most recent action plan.

We recommend aiming for proficiency (SmartScore of 80) in two of these skills every week to maximize academic gains. Research shows that students who reach proficiency in two IXL skills per week make significantly larger gains on standardized tests.

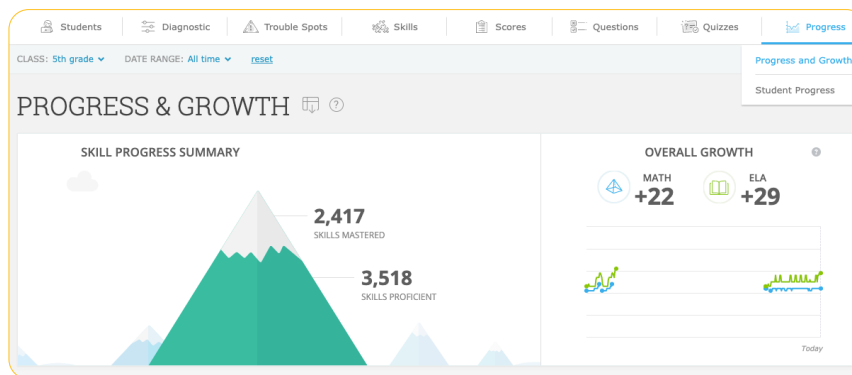
To track students' progress on their action plan skills, look for the blue Diagnostic recommendations icon on the Students Quickview and Student Usage reports, and in Live Classroom. It means the skill practiced came from a student's action plan!

## 5 Monitor progress

As students practice on IXL, you can use IXL Analytics to get a meaningful portrait of their knowledge. Sign in to your teacher account and hover over the Analytics tab to view a report.

### Progress and Growth

The Progress and Growth report is helpful for visualizing student growth at a glance. You can see each student's starting diagnostic level, current level, and overall growth.



**+ 10 points** = 1 month of learning gains

**+100 points** = 1 full year of learning gains

Look for an average monthly growth of +10 for each student. Identify students who are not achieving an average monthly growth of +10 and work with them to provide appropriate support and interventions.

The Progress and Growth report shows cumulative growth. If students completed their initial diagnostic in September, you'd want to see a growth of +30 in December.

To get always-accurate data, make sure students are updating their diagnostic levels weekly.

