

Homework Information Event 18th November 2025







Pembroke Vision

- At Priory Pembroke Academy, we are committed to achieving together through consistently high standards and expectations demonstrated through the values of wisdom, courage, generosity, curiosity and passion.
- As part of this commitment, we have developed a clear and purposeful approach to homework that supports each child's learning journey.







Why Homework Matters

Homework that is directly linked to in-class learning, when completed consistently, can have a significantly positive impact on the progress of young people.

The Education Endowment Foundation found that students who regularly completed homework made an average of **5 months additional progress** compared to those who did not complete homework.

Homework provides students with valuable opportunities to

- practise and apply what they have learned in class,
- enhance learning by studying additional information or examples linked to the topic
- · develop time management, discipline, and responsibility, and
- prepare for the demands of Key Stage 4 courses.

Homework will support the curriculum that is being delivered in the classroom.







Why Homework Matters

We understand that family life varies, so homework will only be set when it serves a clear educational purpose:

- Enhancing the curriculum;
- ✓ Driving learning forward; or
- Supporting long-term memory







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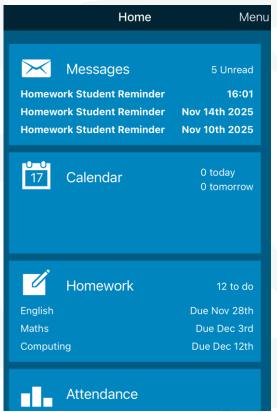
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and due dates.

SIMs Parent App view





SIMs Student App view



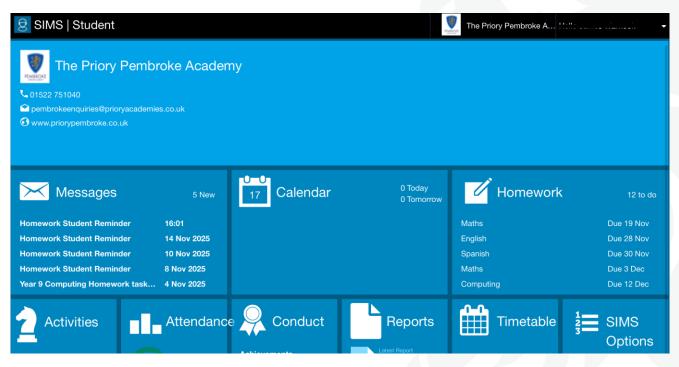




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SIMs Student Website view

Sims-student.co.uk







Homework Structure

Weekly Homework Platforms:

- **. English** \rightarrow Bedrock
- Maths \rightarrow Sparx
- Science → Educake

The homework added to the SIMs App will contain links to each platform.

Other subjects:

- Homework will be set at least
 - Approximately 30
 minutes, once per
 module (Y7-9) and
 - Approximately 30-60 minutes, twice per module (10 and 11)
- A reasonable deadline will be given (at least a week)



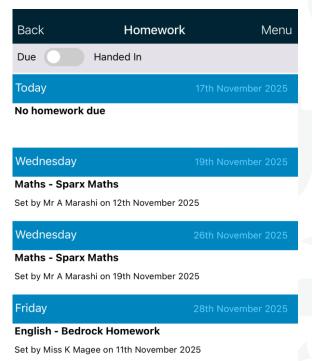


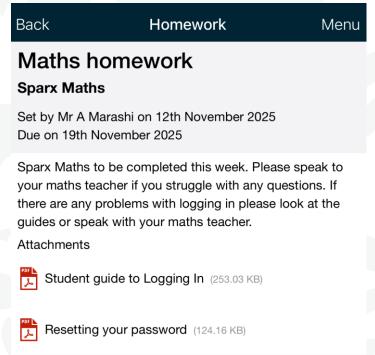


Accessing Homework on the SIMs App

All homework, even those set for future dates, can be viewed in the same format on both the Parent and Student Apps.

Links to Sparx./Bedrock/Educake etc within the app will take you out of the SIMs app to the log in page.











- The SIMs App does not 'talk' directly to the online platforms.
- This means submitting a task on Educake etc does not automatically mark work as submitted on the SIMs App.
- Where staff have requested 'In Person' submission, they will update each student's profile when homework has been received.
- Most homework is set to allow online submission.





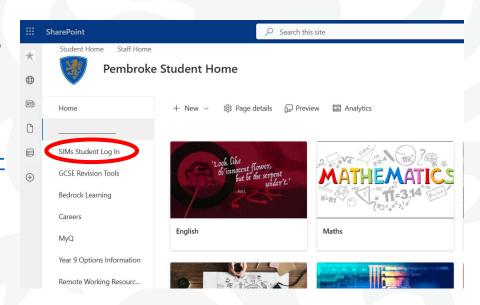


The Sims Apps do not currently offer the function to hand in work completed online.

Students will need to log into www.sims-student.co.uk (laptop, tablet, desktop).

A link to this can be found on the Pembroke Student SharePoint page, and also the Homework section of the school website.

Students will need to upload a document or photo and then click the 'submit for marking' button.









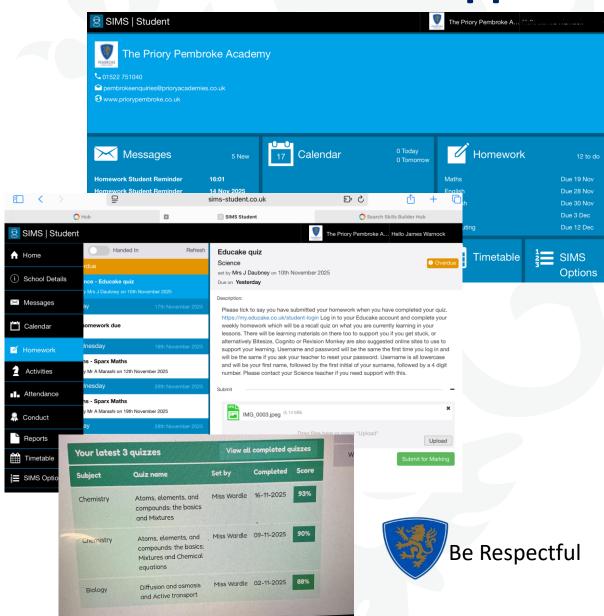
Select the Homework section,

open the homework task,

click 'upload' to add a file or photo (the photo can be a screenshot of the completed Sparx section)

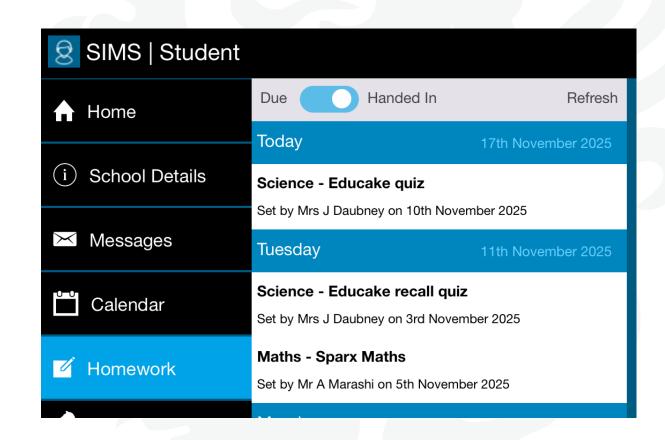
Students will then click the 'submit for marking' button.





When the 'Submit for marking' button is clicked, the task moves to the 'Handed In' tab.

This can be viewed in the SIMs Apps as well as the web version.









Feedback & Rewards

We celebrate all homework efforts!

Staff will issue a minimum 1 reward point per homework attempted. This may take a few days post submission to appear on your child's app.

Staff may award extra points for homework, this could be for many reasons, including exceptional effort, excellent quality, high scores or progress on previous work.

Instant feedback is provided via platforms (Bedrock, Sparx, Seneca etc) with students able to see their score and review answers. Staff will monitor these scores to add rewards points. Homework completion and scores will feed into Attitude to Learning grades in student reports.

Open-ended tasks may receive whole-class feedback (if appropriate for the task) and will be awarded reward points.

Maths, English and Science run an additional reward program with regular prize draws for students who engage with homework







Missed Homework

- The first time homework is missed, staff will give students a reminder and extended the deadline if appropriate
- If the homework is still not complete, students will be given a
 failure to complete homework conduct point. This will carry 0
 behaviour points, but will inform parents, carers, the student
 and form tutor
- If a student repeatedly misses homework, the class teacher may contact home to establish any concerns or barriers to completion and to offer support







How do we ensure every child is able to access homework?

We want every student to succeed, and have put a number of strategies in place to ensure every child is able to access homework.

- Bedrock and Sparx homework are set according to your child's current academic levels based on introductory
 assessments completed in school. As your child completes tasks, the app is 'learning' and adjusting tasks to provide the
 correct level of challenge that will enable your child to continue to make progress while feeling successful.
- Online based homework platforms also offer accessibility tools, such as videos to explain key learning or accessibility features such as magnifying, video captions, choice of dyslexia friendly fonts and coloured overlays.
- Staff will also include help sheets and clear instructions when issuing homework through the SIMs app. Copies of these help sheets can be found in the <u>Accessing Homework: Guidance and Support Documents</u> page of the Academy website.
- If your child needs access to resources, such as to use a school computer to upload and submit a completed homework task, or a quiet space to work, we offer:
- Homework Club (Computer Lab 4) Monday and Tuesday 3:05 4pm.
- Independent Study (Library) Daily from 8:10–8:30am (with breakfast) and 3:05–4:00pm
- Staff are available during these times to provide guidance and support to students as they complete homework or other school projects.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium and you would like to discuss additional support, please contact Miss L Empson via the contact details below.







Who do I contact if we have any questions or concerns?

For general homework or accessibility queries, please email pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk
If support is needed, you should contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. If you feel you need further support, please contact your child's Head of House or the relevant Subject contact

Head of House	Subject Contact		
De Clare – Miss Whelan	Mathematics and Sparx Maths – Mr Marashi		
De Ferrers – Mr Greene	English and Bedrock Learning – Miss Farrell		
De La Haye – Mr Stansfield	Science: Educake - Mrs Daubney		
De Valance – Miss Harty	Humanities – Miss Hale		
	Spanish and Languagenut – Mrs Williams		
	Performing Arts – Mr R Lawson-Smyth		
	Art and Technology – Mrs Brewer		

PE, Computing and Business – Mr Selby

Who do I contact if we have any questions or concerns?

The Academy website <u>www.priorypembroke.co.uk</u> also contains a number of help sheets

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ACCESSING HOMEWORK: GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Accessing homework: Guidance and support documents

Technical support for accessing homework provision can be found in the links below.

Frequently Asked Questions

If you are having trouble accessing any of the online resources, please check the links below. If you still cannot find the answer to your question regarding homework, please contact your child's Form Tutor or email pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

How do I Log into Microsoft Teams?

How do I access my school desktop (Citrix)?

How do I access SharePoint through Citrix?

How do I send an email using my school email (microsoft outlook)?

How do I print at home if I am working in Citrix?

How do I edit a PDF document?









English Homework: Bedrock



Bedrock



Is an online platform designed to improve your child's reading ability and comprehension via fiction and non-fiction texts.

It does this through practice of:

- Comprehension passages inference and understanding.
- Learning new vocabulary.
- Improving knowledge of grammar: word class and sentence construction.

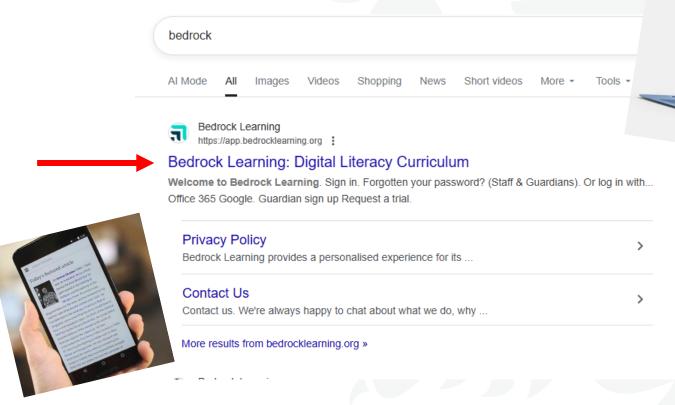








Search Bedrock Learning





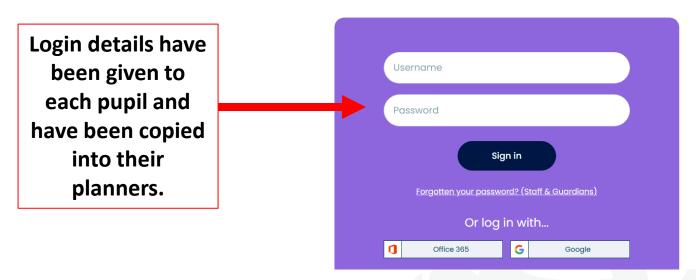






Bedrock Login

Welcome to Bedrock Learning



If you have any issues with your child's login details, please email their English Teacher.









Bedrock Tasks

Students must complete tasks in either category each week and aim to complete 20 minutes a week.



Vocabulary

Learn the academic language you need to succeed.

Let's go



Grammar

Learn about the way we arrange language to show meaning.

Let's go







Bedrock Engagement



2 week's homework = 20/40 points

(This is roughly about 20 mins a week)

Engagement points are assigned through:

- How much time is spend reading a particular section of text.
- Levels of engagement.
- How many questions are completed correctly.

What will not get you engagement points:

- Reading something too quickly / scanning a text
- 'Clicking through' arrows and drop downs randomly









Bedrock Rewards

The aim is to reward people who are engaging regularly in Bedrock as this will have a direct impact in improving their reading ability!

- 6 x weeks of consistent engagement (120 points) = certificate and raffle
- 2 x full modules of engagement (240 points) = a week's queue jump
- 3 x modules in a row (360 points) = vouchers for Amazon and Waterstones
- 4+ modules = first priority for author visits, library sessions and English trips







Bedrock FAOs



How do I know if my child's teacher has seen it?

Your child's teacher will receive a weekly report tracking the engagement of those in their class. They can see easily who is engaging with Bedrock.

What if my child gets the answers wrong?

Bedrock will automatically adjust the difficulty of questions to your child's abilities, so mistakes are welcome to ensure they are being challenged adequately. It is designed to mirror their ability and help them improve over time.

Will I be able to monitor their engagement?
 Bedrock has a parent / carer log in function so that you can see what your child is engaging with. There will be more about this in due course.









Science Homework: Educake







We have listened! We have invested!









Personalised online learning for ages 11-16

Personalised quizzes that they can complete on a mobile

Instant feedback if they get answers wrong

Extra revision help from Educake study guides for AQA, Edexcel and OCR Science







"Educake is a really good platform that I use to complete science work on. It helps me with my strengths and weaknesses on smart assistance as that gives me tailored questions that I need to work on."

"I think Educake is a really good learning system for science in all areas with clear questions that show the answers and so you can work on how you got it wrong."

"I think Educake is a good place for revising and setting hw because it saves writing and its quick and easy. It re-jogs your memory over what you learnt in your lessons, and also helps you to remember things in your tests."

"I think Educake is a great tool to get ahead of classes and making revision notes. I hope it can help me get into A level biology "

> "I think it is really helpful as we get set work but we can set ourselves more work in order to help us with revision across the science curriculum as well as that we can test our ability and see what we have to improve on to ace our exams!!! Thanks alot"







The diagram shows the part of a cell which carries out aerobic respiration. What is it called?

Enter your answer









Plant cells have a cell wall instead of a cell membrane. True or false?

True

False



That's right!

Plant cells have a cell wall and a cell membrane.







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Analysis allows your teachers to set you personalised tasks.









- 40% of every science paper you do is recall of knowledge
- 40% of every science paper is applying your knowledge
- 20% of every science paper is analysing data/information/ evaluating etc.

80% of the paper requires
 you to have the subject
 knowledge locked in







Educake Leaderboard

School engagement this year

Year engagement

Top 3 students this week

Students of the week





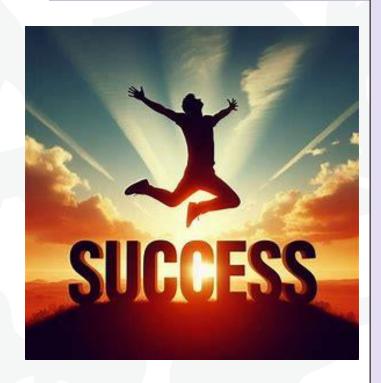




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Compete against your self

Compete against your class mates











Maths Homework: Sparx





Spanish Homework: Languagenut



Spanish homework platform: Languagenut



All students have received login details.

- Students were asked to glue their login details on the last page of their planner
- Students can get new login details from their Spanish teacher







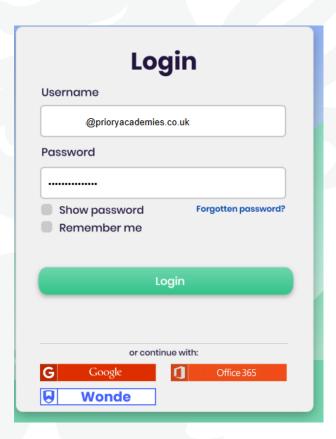
How to log in

- 1. Visit www.languagenut.com
- 2. Click on LOG IN
- 3. Enter username and password



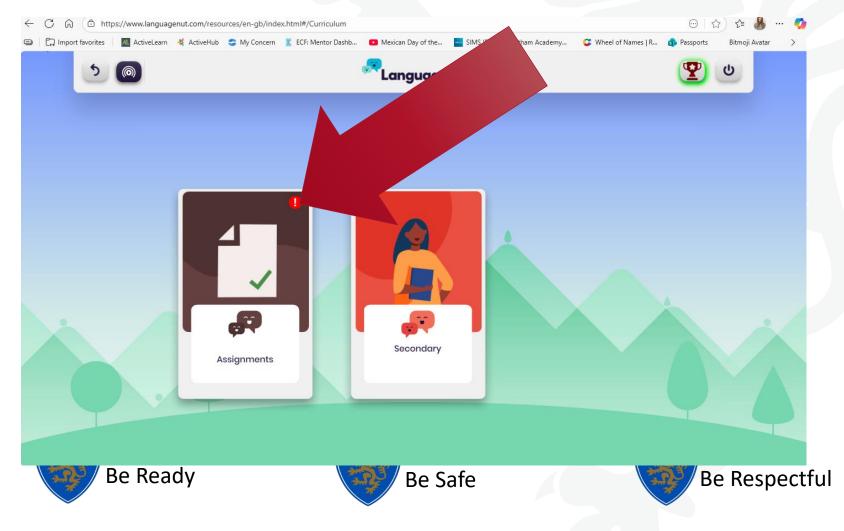




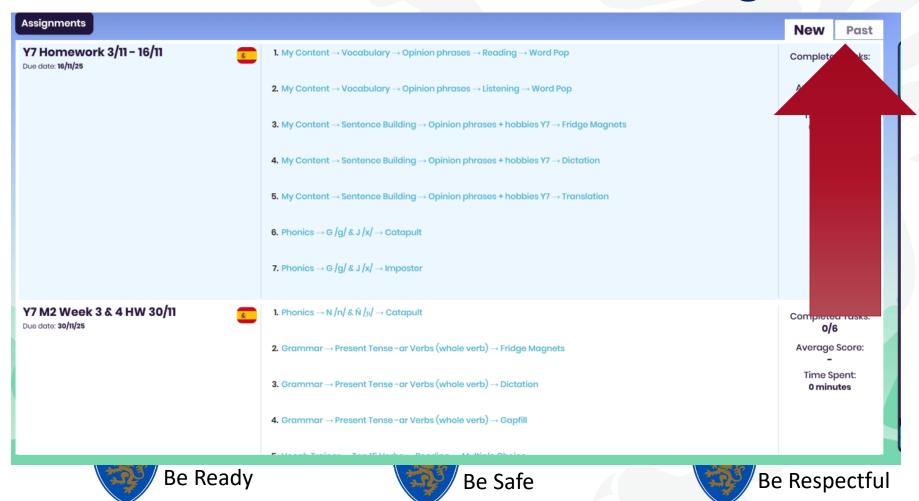




Click on Assignments



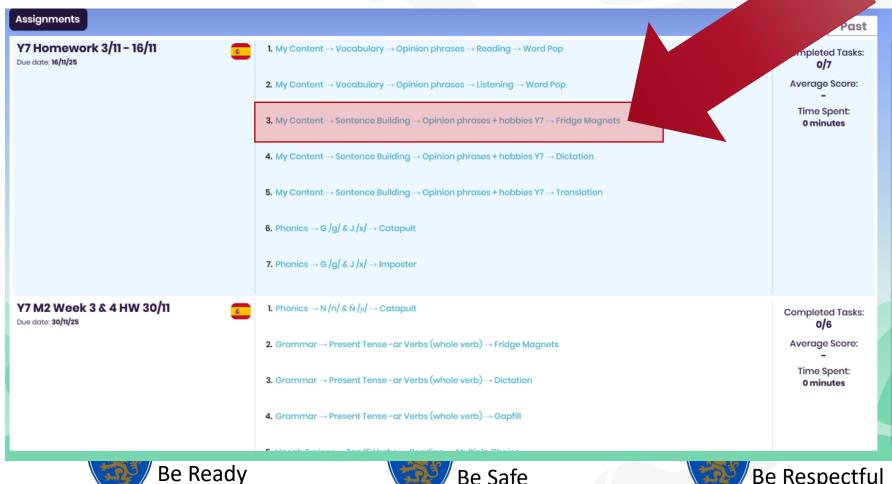
Students can see New and Past assignments



Students can see their completed tasks, time spent and average score



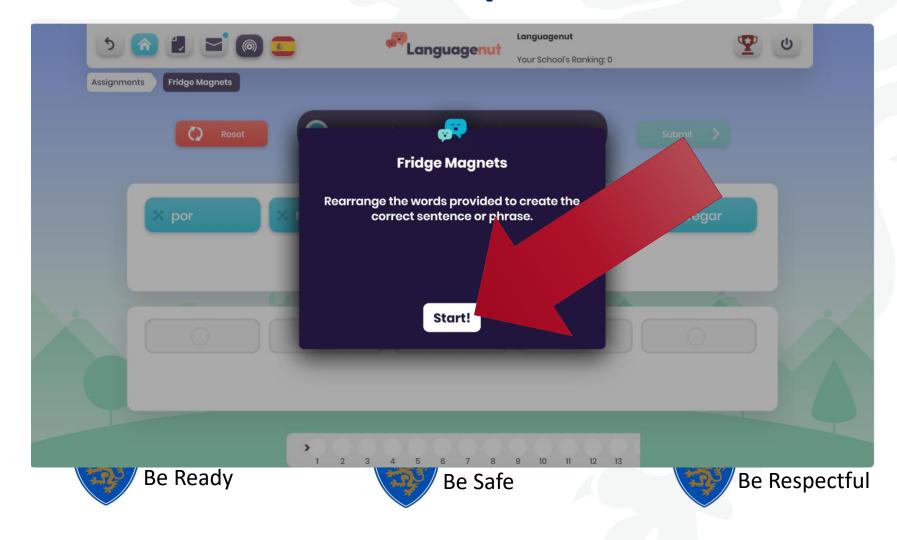
Click on a specific assignment (any)



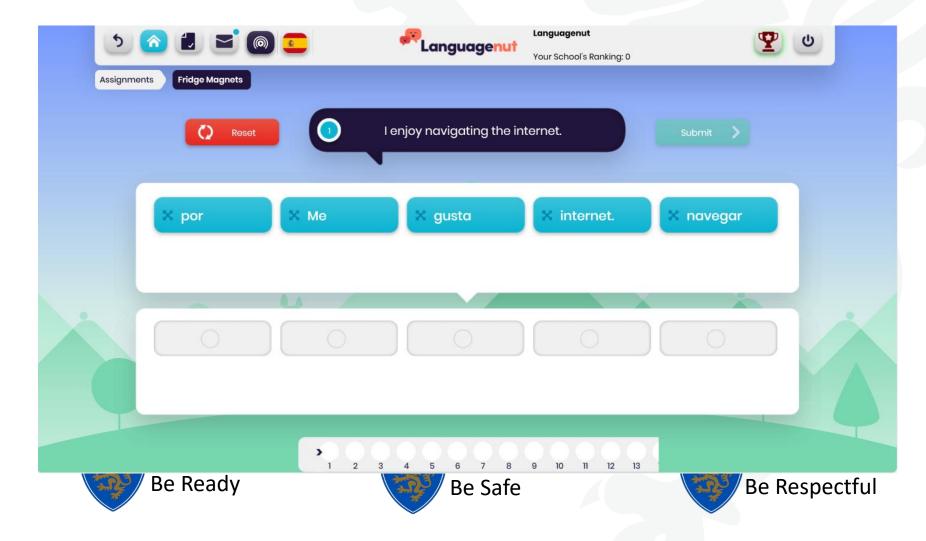
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Be Respectful

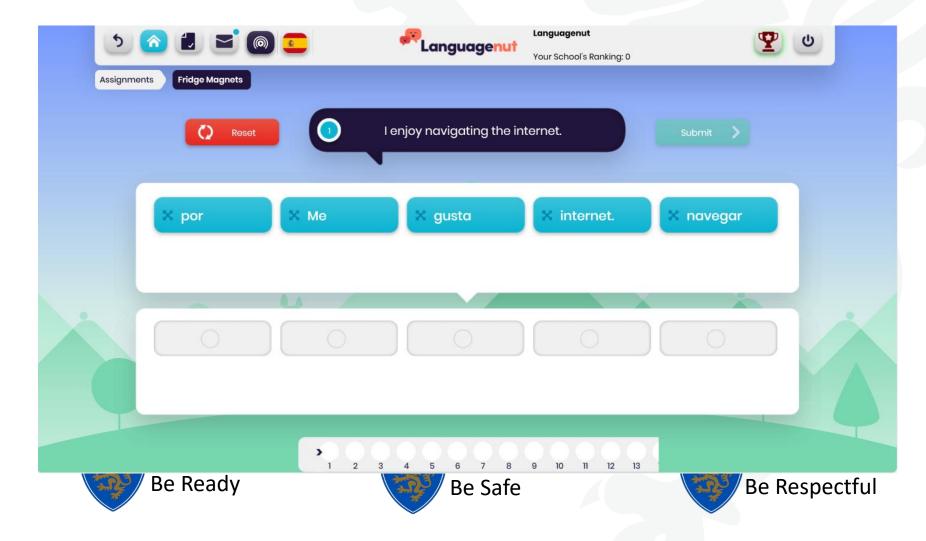
Instructions are shown, press start



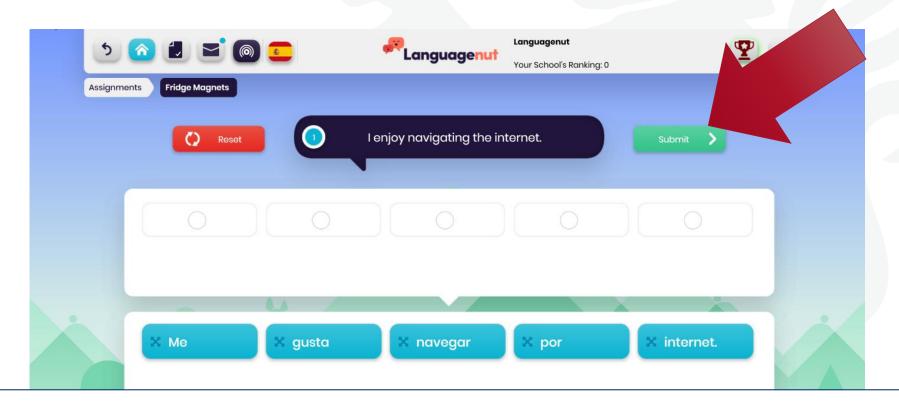
Start the task:



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Submit the task:



Students will be told if their answer was correct or wrong



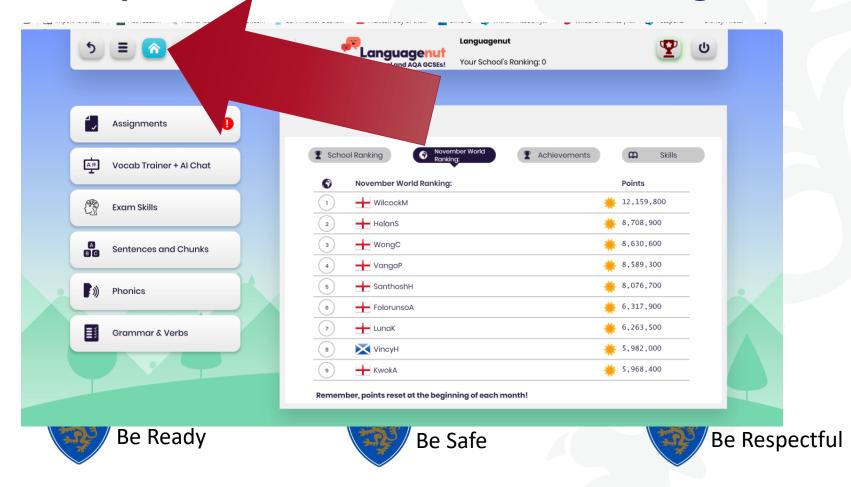




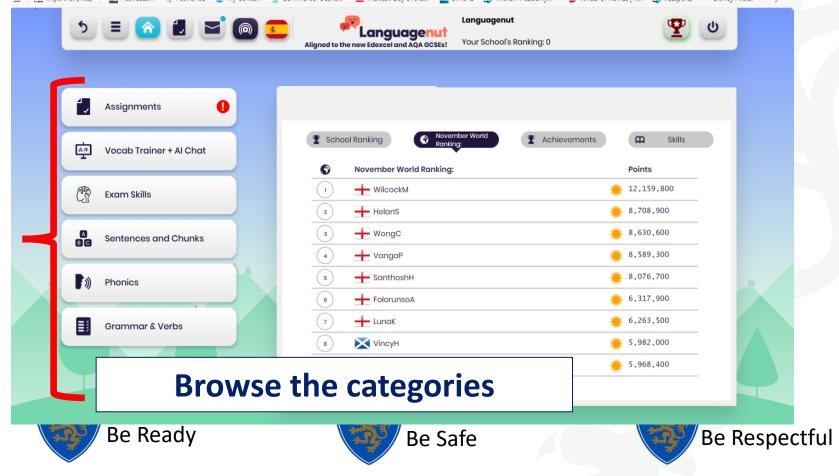
For other tasks, they will have to Learn, then Practice and do a Quiz at the end



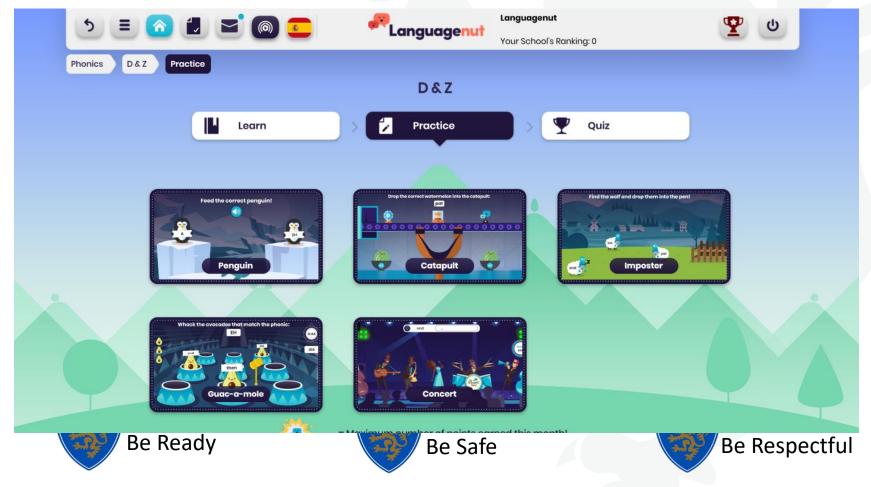
Students can practice on their own. Click Home at the top to view all the activities and games



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Inside phonics and others, there are several games



Spanish homework is set every two weeks.

Students must complete as much as possible.

If you have any questions about Languagenut,

email Mrs E. Williams





