

SUMMER Scholar

Every summer, students lose on average 20% of the reading gains they made in school that year.

That's why the Summer Scholars program is committed to preventing the "summer slide" and empowering learners to start the next grade confidently and well-prepared.



Beware the Summer Slide

84% of students experience summer learning loss¹, and on average students lose:

20%

of their reading gains from the prior school year²

Up to 34%

of all gains from the prior school year³

1 month

of progress from the prior school year⁴

And the effect can compound over the years⁵ as learning gaps widen when students enter new school years underprepared. But if they spend at least some regular time-on-task with the skills that are required for the next grade, they can reverse learning loss and make learning gains.

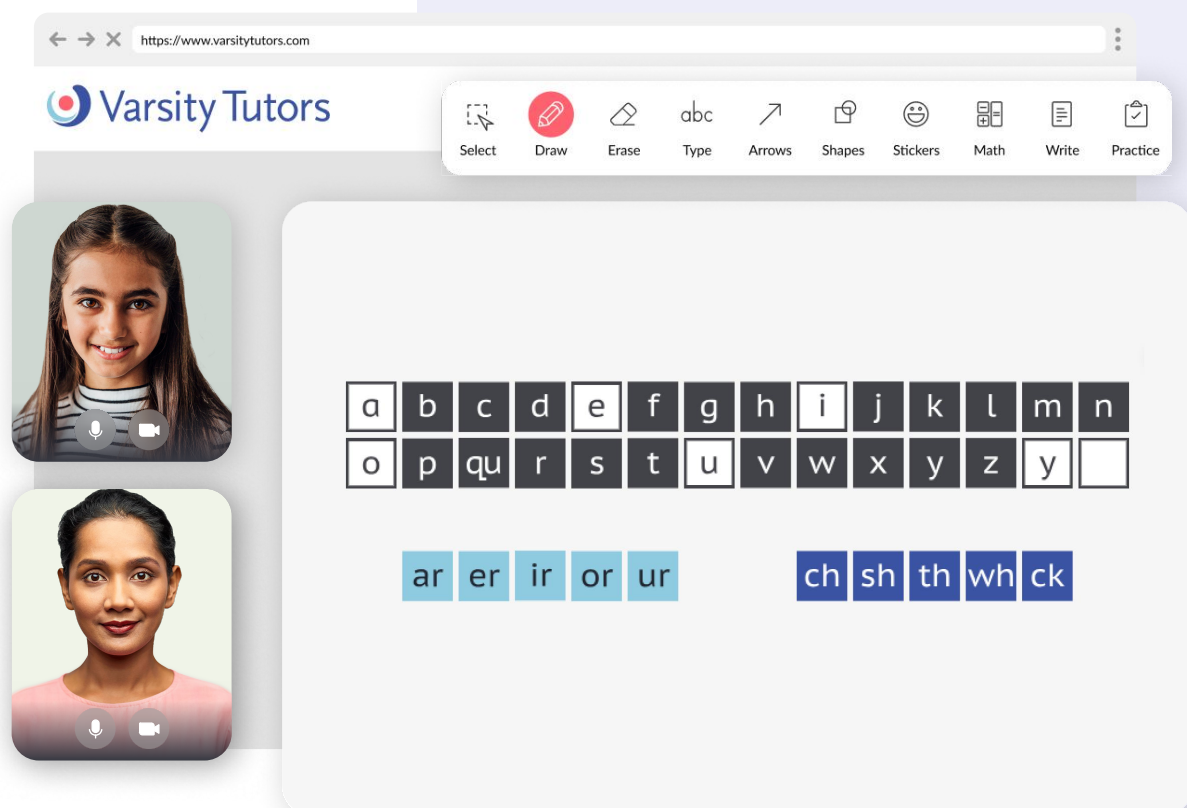
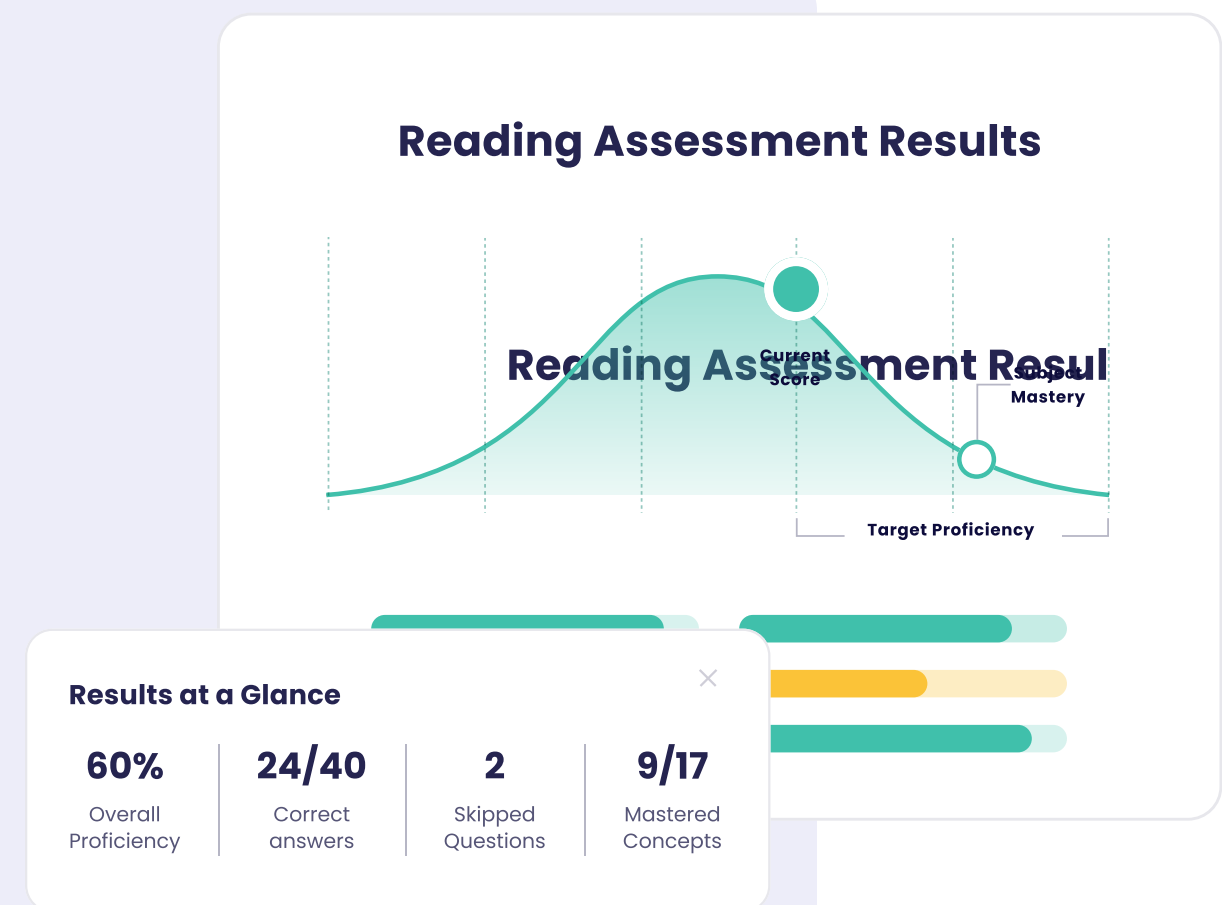
¹Source: Kappan ²Source: Scholastic ³Source: The Annenberg Institute at Brown University

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How Summer Scholars Works

Phase 1: Shore up springtime skills.

During the last few weeks of school, attention spans shorten and new skills may not quite stick. A bit of summer reinforcement goes a long way toward cementing springtime gains and diagnosing knowledge gaps before they can widen.



Phase 2: Keep skills sharp.

Remember, the primary cause of summer slide is that kids just aren't using academic skills. Revisiting and practicing reading concepts keeps the brain primed for peak performance.

Phase 3: Preview the fall.

The beginning of a school year involves quite a bit of change: new teachers, classmates, and routines accompany new subjects and skills. If students have at least seen the first few new skills they'll learn, that familiarity inspires confidence that can last the entire school year.



Get Started

To fully personalize your Summer Scholars academic program:

1 Make a plan for the summer.

If we're asking kids to do "extra" work over the summer, it should be personalized and valuable and not feel like boring busy work. StarCourses and Live Group Classes can make lessons and activities targeted, efficient, and fun, too.

2 Take a diagnostic assessment.

Every student will have some strengths and some learning gaps that need to be addressed before the new year attempts to build upon them. Taking the diagnostic assessment of the grade your student just completed can help identify which skills fall in which category.

3 Enroll in group classes.

The Summer Scholars program has something for everyone: Bridging the Gap and Jump Start classes to intensively target the most important skills to build on; lighthearted enrichment classes like Young Readers' Book Clubs to reinforce reading skills with kid-favorite books; and a variety of schedules so that camps, vacations, and activities take their rightful place as the centerpieces of summer.



Diagnostic Assessment Results

Reading Assessment

Score: 24/40

Target Proficiency

60%
Correct Answers

9/17
Concepts Mastered