Get your child started

- Engaging problems, detailed explanations, and unlimited practice help children master thousands of math and language arts skills.
- With cool virtual prizes for meeting math challenges, your child will be begging to spend time on IXL.
- Walk through these steps with your children once, and they’ll be ready and excited to practice on their own!


2. Locate the correct name and icon, and click it to enter.

Parents: If you haven’t set up user profiles yet, you can enter names and choose icons by signing in to your parent account, and then selecting Profile & settings from the welcome drop-down menu.
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Locate the appropriate grade level, and click the button to view relevant practice skills.

There are tons of skills for each grade level, offering comprehensive coverage of the typical math curriculum—and then some!

For example, click **See all first-grade skills** to view all skills for first-grade students.
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Choose a skill, and click the skill name to start practicing it.

Skills are grouped into categories by topic.

The B.1 skill offers practice problems like this one.

If you want to see a sample problem, hold your mouse over any skill name to view it.
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5. Read the problem, and indicate your answer.

Type your answer here.

After answering, click **Submit**.

Children who are not yet independent readers can click the green speaker icon or the text to hear it read aloud. This feature is always available for pre-K, kindergarten, and first-grade skills. Teachers can also enable it for second-grade through fifth-grade skills.

You’ll get immediate feedback for each problem:

- **Correct!** You’ll see a green message, then the next problem. Continue practicing.

Submitting a correct answer increases the SmartScore for this skill.

Watch for the ribbons that appear here to reward high scores!
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- *Sorry, incorrect...* The correct answer is shown, along with a complete explanation.

Click **Got it** to continue practicing.
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Continue practicing until you master the skill by reaching a SmartScore of 100.

Earn a medal every time you master a skill. See all of your medals on the practice page for your grade, next to the names of the mastered skills.

Congratulations!

Mastering a skill meets the first challenge on your IXL game board. Follow the steps below to reveal your prize and learn more about the game board.

Click the Awards tab to go to your game board.
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Reveal your prize by clicking on the glowing star.

Each grade in IXL has its own math game board with a unique theme. Make sure you are viewing the game board for the grade you just practiced. Can you guess the theme?

Squares with glowing stars represent challenges you have completed! Click to reveal the prize hidden underneath the star.

The more you practice, the cooler your prizes will be!

First grade

This panel summarizes your IXL math accomplishments for this grade. As you practice, these numbers will go up and up!

Love your prize? Make it your profile icon! Click and drag it to the top-right of the page, then hold it over your current icon and release your mouse button.
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Continue practicing math to win more prizes!

First grade

Plain squares will turn into question marks when you’ve practiced enough to unlock more challenges.

Squares with question marks represent challenges you have unlocked. Hold your mouse over any of these squares to learn more about the challenge.

To uncover this square

Master 5 skills in the category

Addition

You’ve already mastered 1 skill in this category. Only 4 skills left!

Practice more

Links in a challenge will take you directly to the category so you can pick a skill to practice.

To go back to the full list of math skills, click Practice more.

Most challenges are based on practice time, number of questions attempted, and skills mastered. Try winning your next prize by practicing for 5 minutes or answering 100 questions.

Keep up the great work!

The more you practice, the more prizes you’ll collect—and the better you’ll be at math and language arts! How many skills can YOU master?