

# Welcome to: HOMEWORK, READING, and TESTING TIPS

### Homework Tips







#### Homework is...

- an opportunity for children to learn and for families to be involved in their children's education
- Homework helps your child do better in school!







#### Homework can help children

- improve learning skills
- enhance knowledge
- develop good study habits









#### How to Help with Homework?



- Set a Regular Time for Homework
  - first after school
  - o after an hour of play
  - after dinner



It has to be done before the bedtime!





#### How to Help with Homework?

Pick a Place – a quiet corner, comfortable, with plenty of light....

For example:

- o a desk
- kitchen table





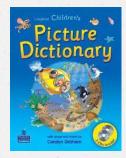


#### How to Help with Homework?

- Remove Distractions (TV, videogames, computer)
- Provide Supplies and Identify Resources (pens, pencils, notebooks, dictionaries)











### How to Help...

- Set a good example (read books, newspapers, write reports, letters, teach your child how to balance the checkbook)
- Be organized at home
- Model good habits at home (children repeat everything they see and hear)
- Be available to answer their questions or help them find an answer







## How to Help...

Ask about the School's Homework Policy (Always ask your child's teacher about any specific rules or guidelines that your child needs to follow in order to complete the homework.)

Help your child with time management to complete assignments at home.



- Read aloud using expression
  - intonation
  - gestures
  - Enthusiasm



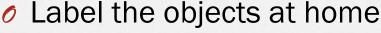
Encourage conversation by asking questions about the reading





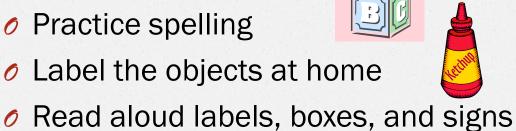
#### Parents can help their children to...

- Learn the alphabet!
- Practice spelling
- Label the objects at home











Use a dictionary. Ask your child to find a word in the dictionary and use it in a sentence.

(This is a good way to practice spelling, building new vocabulary words, improving reading skills, and spending time together)

Visit the library with your child!





## Reading and Writing Tips

- Reading is directly related to writing
- Some children memorize easily while they write
- Write notes to each other and put them on the refrigerator or on the board in the kitchen

#### **READING TIPS**



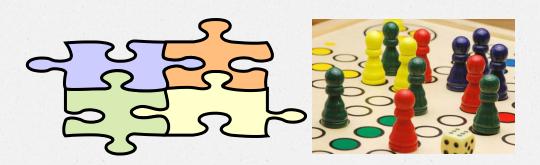


Choose short story books with big writing and colorful pictures that show happiness and excitement with topics that children like.





- Use puzzles to stimulate your child's brain
- Play educational games
- Read together with your children!







- Monitor assignments
- Look over the completed assignments
   (Always check for mistakes)





- Listen to your children while they are reading or speaking.
- Show your children how proud you are of their progress. (You have done a wonderful job!...I am so proud of you!!!!)





- Talk to the teachers and ESOL staff
- Ask for a meeting to discuss any homework issues
- Schedule a parent teacher conference Your child's teacher is always willing to help you and your child!



Always talk to your children while you are eating or while you are sharing family moments with them. (In English and in your native language.)









# Reading in your native language

#### Parents you can help:

- by supporting your child in his/her first language as he/she learns English. Talk with your child and read with him/her
- encourage him/her to draw and write.
- do the reading activities with your child in your native language







# Reading activity

- Word Play
- What popular game was invented in Dec. 1929? The answer is: bingo! To celebrate bingo's invention and give your kids a fun way to practice new vocabulary, parents please try this innovative spin-off the classic game.

## TESTING TIPS







# Parents keep track of how your child does.

- Carefully review report cards and test scores.
- If you notice your child struggling or a drop in grades, discuss it with your child.







# Parents, if your child was struggling with school work...

would you talk to your child's teacher about it?

- Yes
- O No





# Talking to your child's teachers is a good idea.

They may be able to help or to direct you to services, such as:

- Tutoring, or
- Testing for learning disabilities.
- If your child has any special needs, teachers and the school can develop a plan to help your child reach his/her potential.







# Getting a Library Card

To receive a library card and check out or download materials, you must visit the Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Dunedin, Safety Harbor, or Palm Harbor branch and present picture identification and documentation of a current Florida mailing address. Documentation may include:

- Driver's license
- Postmarked mail addressed to you
- Car registration in your name
- Copy of a current lease





## Getting a Library Card

- Your library card is valuable; treat it as you would your credit card. As a library cardholder you are responsible for the following:
- Returning all materials borrowed on your library card by the due date or paying late fees.
- Paying the replacement fees for library items that are lost or damaged while checked out to your account.
- Immediately reporting a lost or stolen card.
- Reporting any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address.





## Give practice tests

- Help your child prepare for a spelling test by saying the words as she writes them.
- Have your child correct his/her own test as you spell each word.







# Talk to your child how to take a test

Be sure your child understands how important it is to read the instructions carefully, to keep track of the time and to avoid spending too much time on any one question.







# Tips to prepare your child for a test

Your child learns English language skills every day. Here are some tips for helping your child learn more, and for helping your child on the test day.





#### Everyday tips for Parents



- Make sure your child attends school regularly. The more your child is in school, the more likely he or she is to do well on tests.
- Encourage your child's efforts to learn English and every other subject he or she studies in school. A student who feels supported by his or her family will learn and do well on tests.
- Encourage your child to eat healthy foods. A child who is healthy and feels well is ready to work hard and learn in school.
- Make sure your child does his or her homework every night. Homework supports classroom learning and gives your child extra practice using the English language.
- Encourage your child to speak, read, and write in his or her heritage language. The skills needed to develop in one language will transfer to the other, resulting in increased comprehension and academic achievement in English.
- Meet with your child's teacher often to discuss his or her progress. Parents and teachers should work together to help the student.
- Make sure your child is well-rested every day. Tired children have trouble paying attention in school and they have trouble doing well on tests.





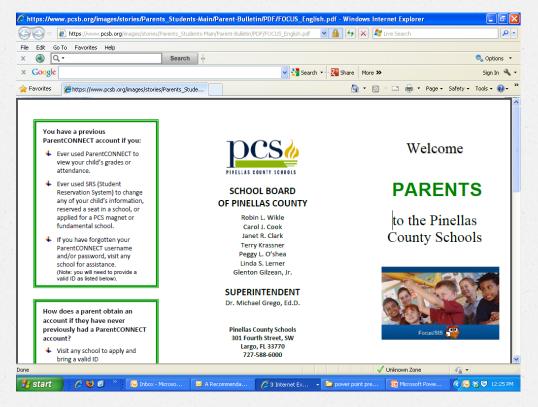


## On the test day:

- Make sure your child is rested and has a healthy breakfast.
- Make sure your child is dressed comfortably, and he or she arrives at school on time.
- If your child wears glasses or a hearing aid, make sure he or she remembers to use them during the test.
- If your child is supposed to receive any test-taking accommodations (for example, using a large-print version of the test), make sure he or she receives those accommodations.
- Finally, encourage your child to relax. Too much emphasis on test scores can make a child nervous, which makes it harder for him or her to do their best work on the test.



#### **FOCUS**





- Parents please work with your children.
- Education is our best investment!
- Education is priceless!
- Your children deserve a great education!







# If you can, volunteer to help in school

- Tutor and mentor children
- 2. Go on field trips
- 3. Supervise the playground or lunchroom
- 4. Share hobbies and talents with the class
- 5. Help with the Parents Bulletin Board or a Family Resource Library at the school
- 6. Plan and conduct a Family Reading Night
- 7. Collect and donate materials for projects
- 8. Make welcome signs
- Ask the teacher for any projects that you could do at home
- 10. Offer to translate





#### TELLMEMORE"

#### English Language Learning Software for ELL Families

Tell Me More is English language learning software that helps its participants to improve Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing English skills. The program includes the opportunity to hear, self-record and practice the pronunciation of words from lessons and activities. It is free for Pinellas ELL families.

#### To start:



- · Click on "Click Here"

  - · Enter First and Last Name, email address, and home language
  - Create User ID and Password
  - · Click on "Create My Account"
- 5. Enter your User ID and Password
- 6. Click on "Validate"
- 7. Select "Language" to learn and click OK
- 8. Choose a lesson level from the Training menu.

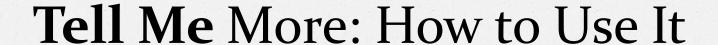
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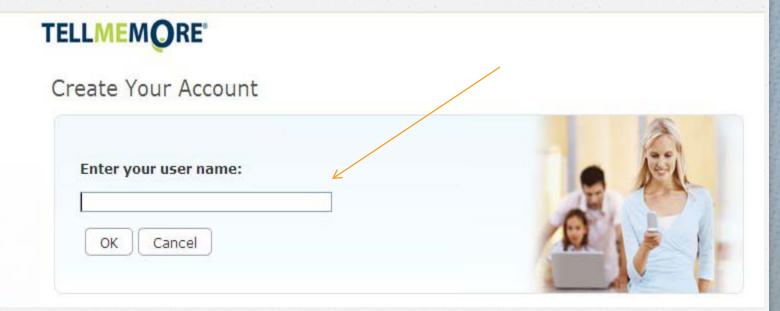




- English language learning software
- Several users can use this software (mom, dad, brother, sister, etc.)





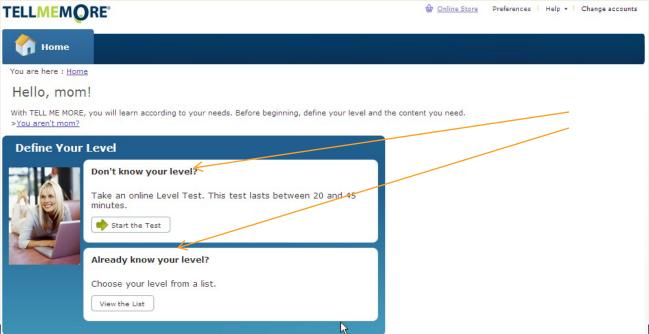






#### Tell Me More: How to Use It

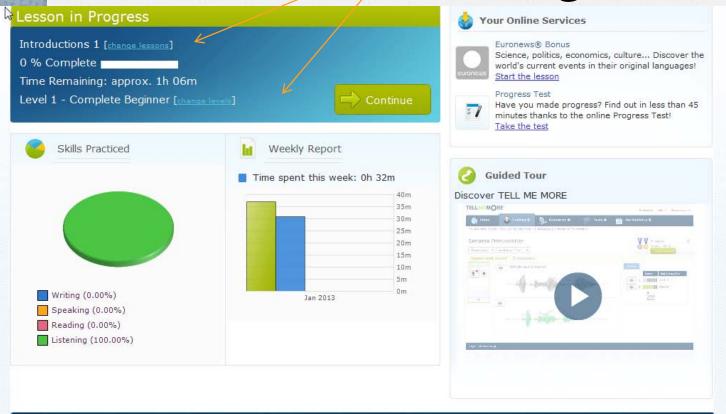
Select the initial level to start working on the course or take the assessment to determine the level you should work on.







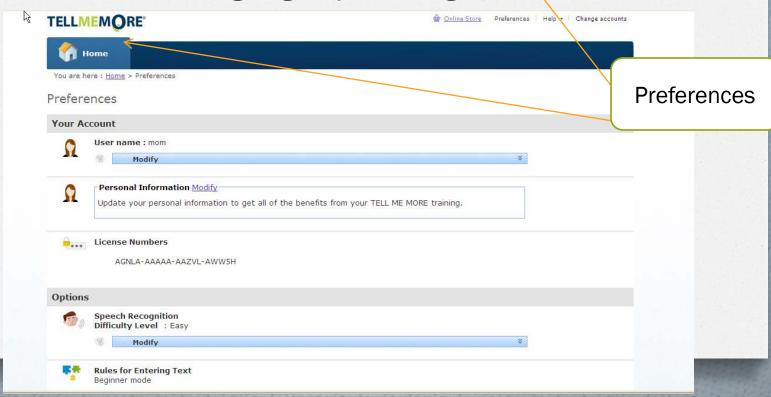
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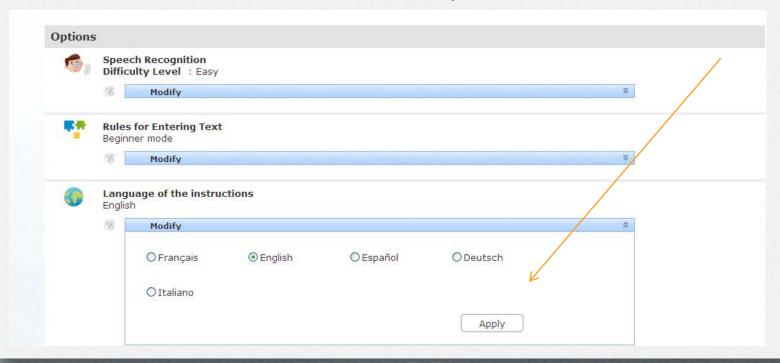






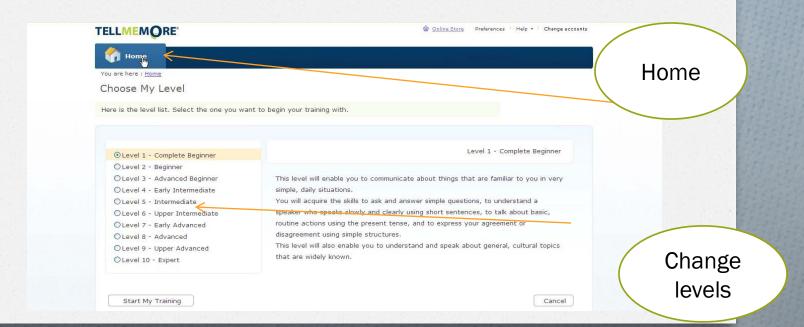
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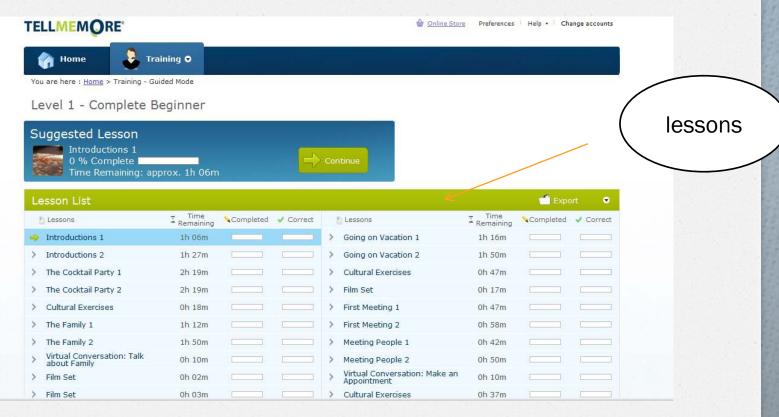




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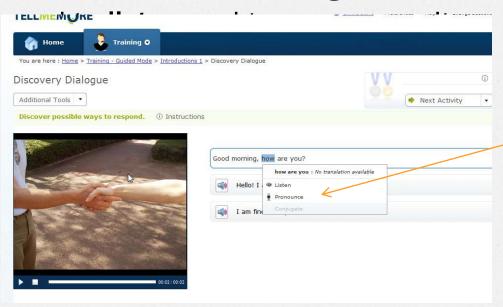






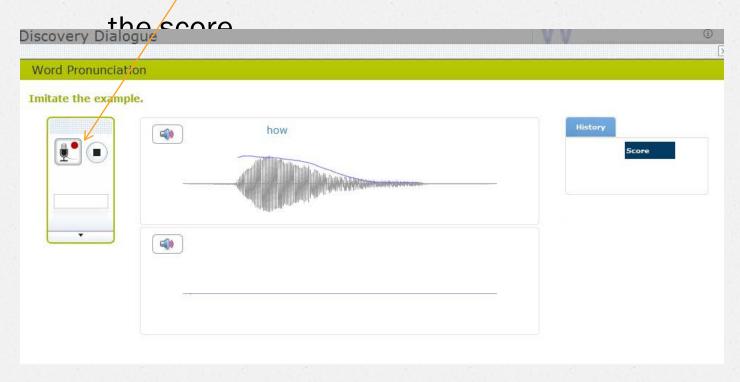


While working on a lesson, before clicking on the correct answer, right click on each





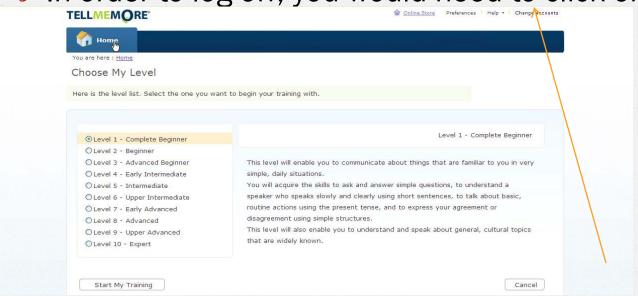
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# Tell Me More: Points to Remember

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Change accounts





Provides English language learning levelappropriate lessons with an animated movie, words to know that explains the new vocabulary and Facts to Know about the grammar introduced in the move.



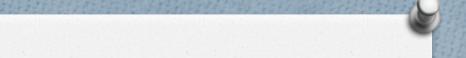


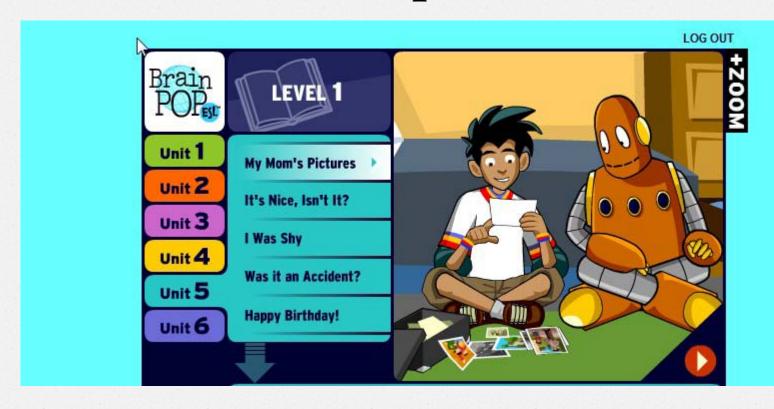




- Teaches grammar and vocabulary
- Available only through the Internet
- Username: pcsbesl
- Password: brainpop
- 3 levels
- 6 units
- 5 lessons per unit

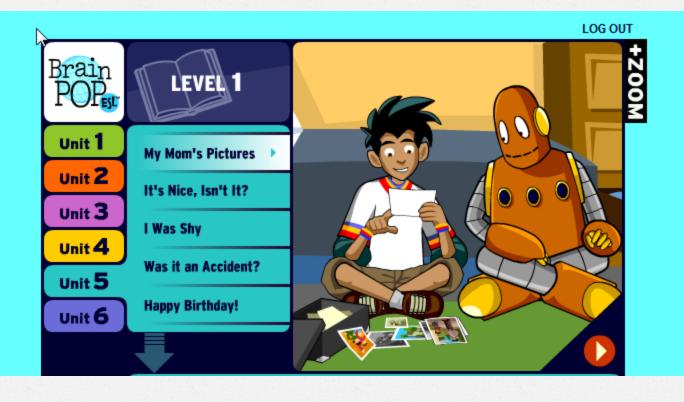
















#### Each lesson has:

- Know More-grammar
- Words, Words, Words!-new vocabulary
- Read it!-reading comprehension

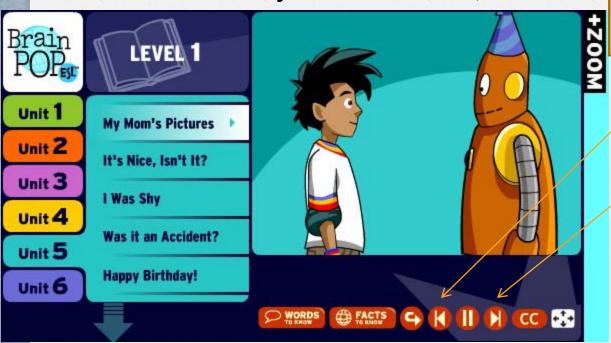


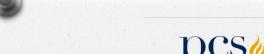


- Write it!-writing exercises
- Hear It, Say It!-word pronunciation
- Play It!-fun games
- Warm Up!- preparation for the quiz
- You Can Do It!-the quiz

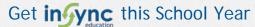


To record your own voice, click cc









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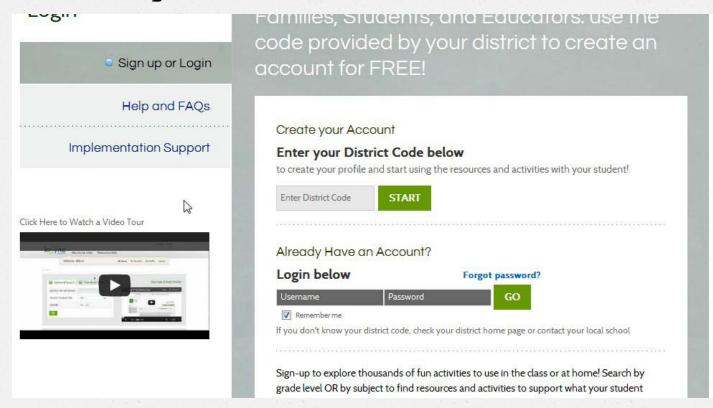
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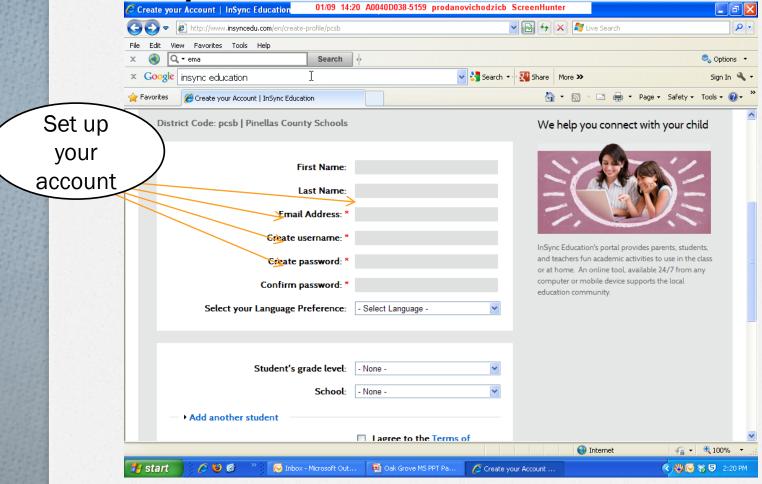


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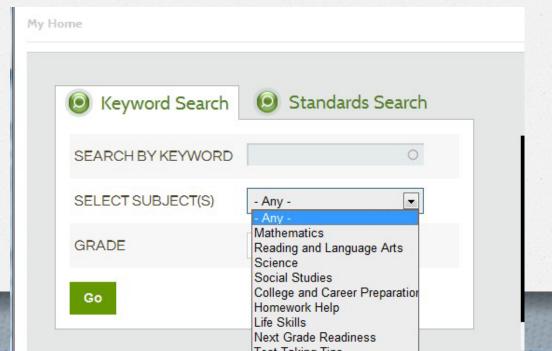






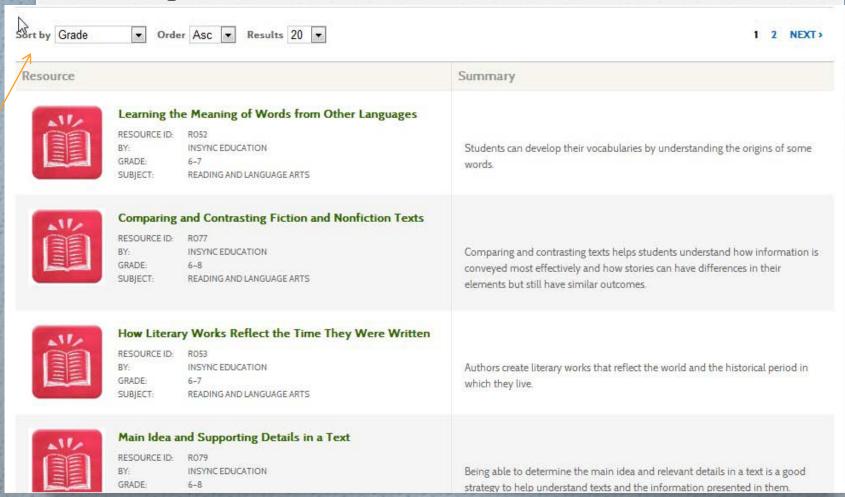


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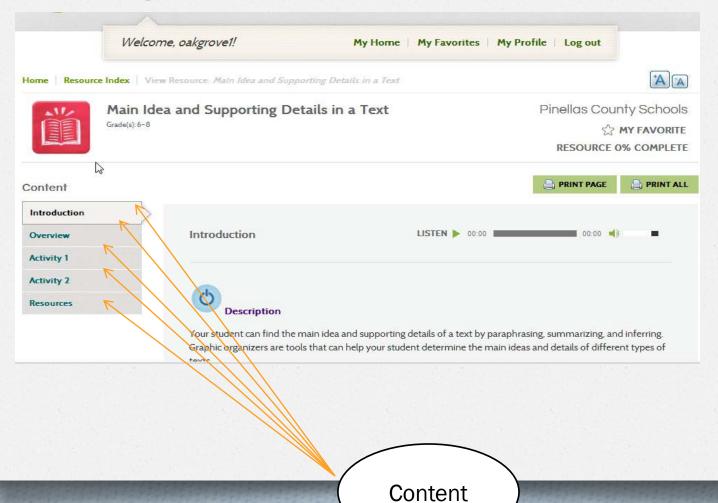




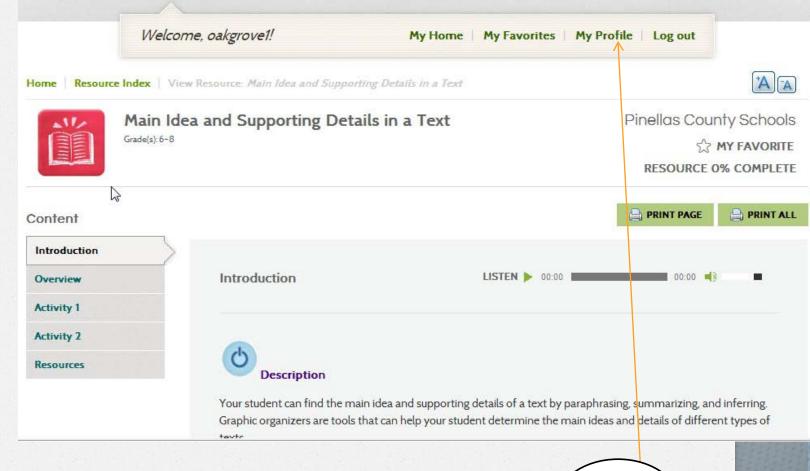












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