

IDL – Parent’s Guide

What is IDL?

IDL provides specialist multi-sensory software to primary and secondary schools in the UK and around the world.

Our main goal is to provide learning support to those most in need and our software is used by thousands of learners across the globe. IDL was developed to support the growing number of young people who are falling through the gaps in Literacy and Numeracy.

Ways to access:

If you are using a computer or a laptop the quickest and easiest way to access IDL is by using the Google Chrome Browser. Simply open your browser and go to: <https://idlsgroup.com>

Troubleshoot –

If you’re experiencing technical difficulties whilst accessing IDL, customers can now press the ‘Troubleshooting’ button from the log in page. This will take them to a page that will test their connection to our servers, retrieve our assets and test if they can play and record audio on their device.

If you are using an iPad or tablet, please see the links to our official IDL apps [HERE](https://idlsgroup.com/ways-to-access-idl):
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iPad Troubleshoot -

If you experience any technical difficulties whilst accessing IDL via the app, please check the following:

- The app is the latest version.
- The Microphone is enabled in the iPad app settings.
- The volume is turned up on the iPad.
- If the iPad has a volume toggle switch, it has not been turned off.
- The iPad is connected to the internet.

Pupil log in area:

To log in the pupil will enter their unique username and password. Please make sure the pupil is entering their username correctly including the ‘@’ symbol.

On the login page, you will see ‘Scan Code’ here the pupil can log in using a QR code – they will need to be on a device with a camera. However, this feature is not available on the apps.

If the pupil does not know their username or password, please contact the school directly.

On the pupil’s homepage they can access any programme they have been enrolled in. They also have a message tab where they can see notifications from their teachers. The pupils have a home page *Achievements* tab, where their achievements are held, and *Colours* tab, where pupils can select the text and background colour used in the program. In the Achievements tab the pupil can see their trophies earned.



Literacy:

To start the IDL literacy lessons press the *Learn* button. The pupil must ensure they are using the correct capital letters, punctuation and pressing the spacebar between answers rather than pressing 'enter'. If they spell a word incorrectly more than 3 consecutive times, the lesson will prompt the pupil to ask for assistance.

In the top right-hand corner, there is an 'Assistant' button. The assistant button will help the pupil complete the lesson by highlighting which letter they should select. If assistant is left on, the lesson will repeat until the pupil has completed it without assistance; they can only progress once the lesson has been completed with no assistance.



The pupil may need a headset or earphones when completing some Literacy lessons.

Literacy book and Progress-

The book icon next to 'Learn' is the literacy book. A pupil can access any module and any lesson here. This is a useful revision tool. They can choose what level and content they would like to practice.

The graph icon is Literacy progress. The teacher may choose to disable this button from their admin account. When enabled, it allows the pupil to see all previously completed content and their score.



Literacy Extras:

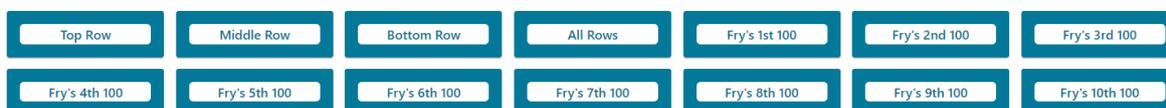
On the Literacy tab you will see ' : ' this will open 'Literacy Extras'. In Literacy Extras there is The Typing Book, Spelling Book, and ABC Book. These features can be disabled from the admin page.



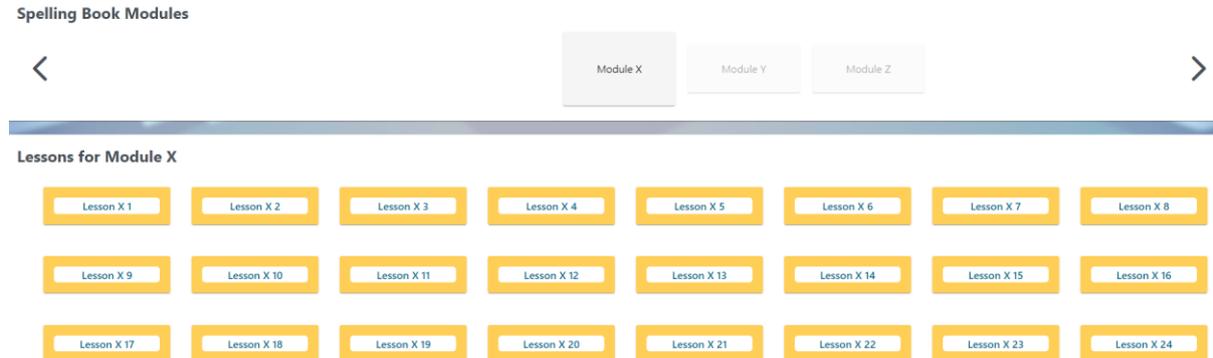
These activities can be used for practice and revision. When the pupil completes these activities/lessons their results and progress will not be logged.

Typing Book- These lessons consist of typing a random selection of words from the list provided to them when they open the lesson. The typing book has 14 lessons which the pupil can choose from. All of the lessons contain different words and support the pupil to enhance their typing skills.

Choose your typing lesson:



Spelling Book- Within this programme the pupil can select a Module etc., Module X, Y or Z. In each module there are lessons which progress in difficulty. Once the pupil has selected a lesson a word will appear on the screen which they then have to type ensuring they use the correct capital letters and punctuation. This programme will enhance the pupils' spelling skills.



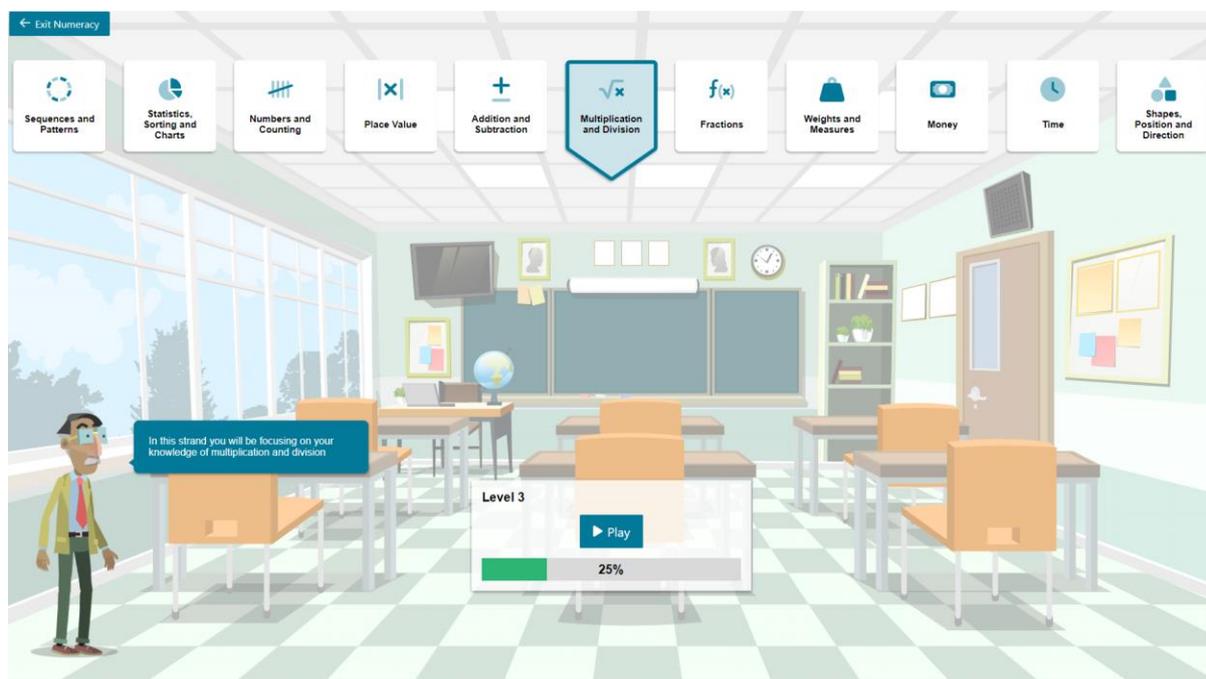
ABC Book- This programme contains Modules A, B and C. The pupil can select a module and then any lesson. Like the spelling book the lessons will increase in difficulty. Once the pupil has selected the lesson a word will appear on the screen which the pupil will then have to type out in the same format. These lessons encourage the pupil to practice sentence types. It teaches them how to use upper and lowercase, the short vowel sounds, rhyming words, punctuation etc.,



Numeracy:

In IDL Numeracy the pupil will press the 'Learn' button and start their lessons. The programme will read the question out loud to the pupil; a headset or earphones are needed for the best experience.

When the pupil selects 'Learn' it will open a screen where they can see what strand and lesson they are now working on.



Once they have started their lessons you will see 5 stars on the top right-hand corner. If the pupil completed the lesson without any incorrect answers or help, they would score 5. A star is lost for any mistakes made or if the question has been simplified.

On the left-hand side you will see:

X = Exit the lesson

I = Repeat the lesson instructions – both written and spoken

R = Reset lesson

S = Simplify the lesson – this will cost a star

Numeracy Book and Progress:

The book icon next to 'learn' is the Numeracy book. Here a pupil can access any module and any lesson. This is a useful revision tool. They can choose what level and content they would like to practice.



The graph icon is Literacy progress. The teacher may choose to disable this button from their admin account. When progress is enabled, it allows the pupil to see all previously completed content and their score.

Multiplication Times Table Check:

The IDL Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) has been designed in line with the National Curriculum and was built with the same approach as our award-winning IDL Literacy and Numeracy programs such as:

- Progress monitoring – Allows teachers to identify specific times tables the pupil is struggling with to provide support where required. In addition, incorrect answers are recorded to help identify problems such as digit recognition or wider SEN.
- User-friendly – Designed with pupils in mind, the user-friendly interface allows pupils to practice their times tables independently.
- Individually tailored learning – Encourages learners to be in control, working at their own pace and level of difficulty.
- The lessons quiz the pupil on multiplication facts, increasing in difficulty as they progress. The later lessons contain: a mixture of times tables, their order of appearance and require higher pass marks. At the end of each module, the learner undertakes a review to measure their knowledge.



MTC



The program allows the option for teachers to customise the questions. Teachers can set which multiplication tables the questions are drawn from as well as how long learners must answer each of them.

More Information:

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, data or log in information please contact the school directly. For any other enquiries regarding IDL please contact us at

customerservice@idlsgroup.com or call us on 01524 580 665. Please see more information here:

<https://idlsgroup.com/>