

Beanstack Student Guide- How To Set Up your Account and Log Reading

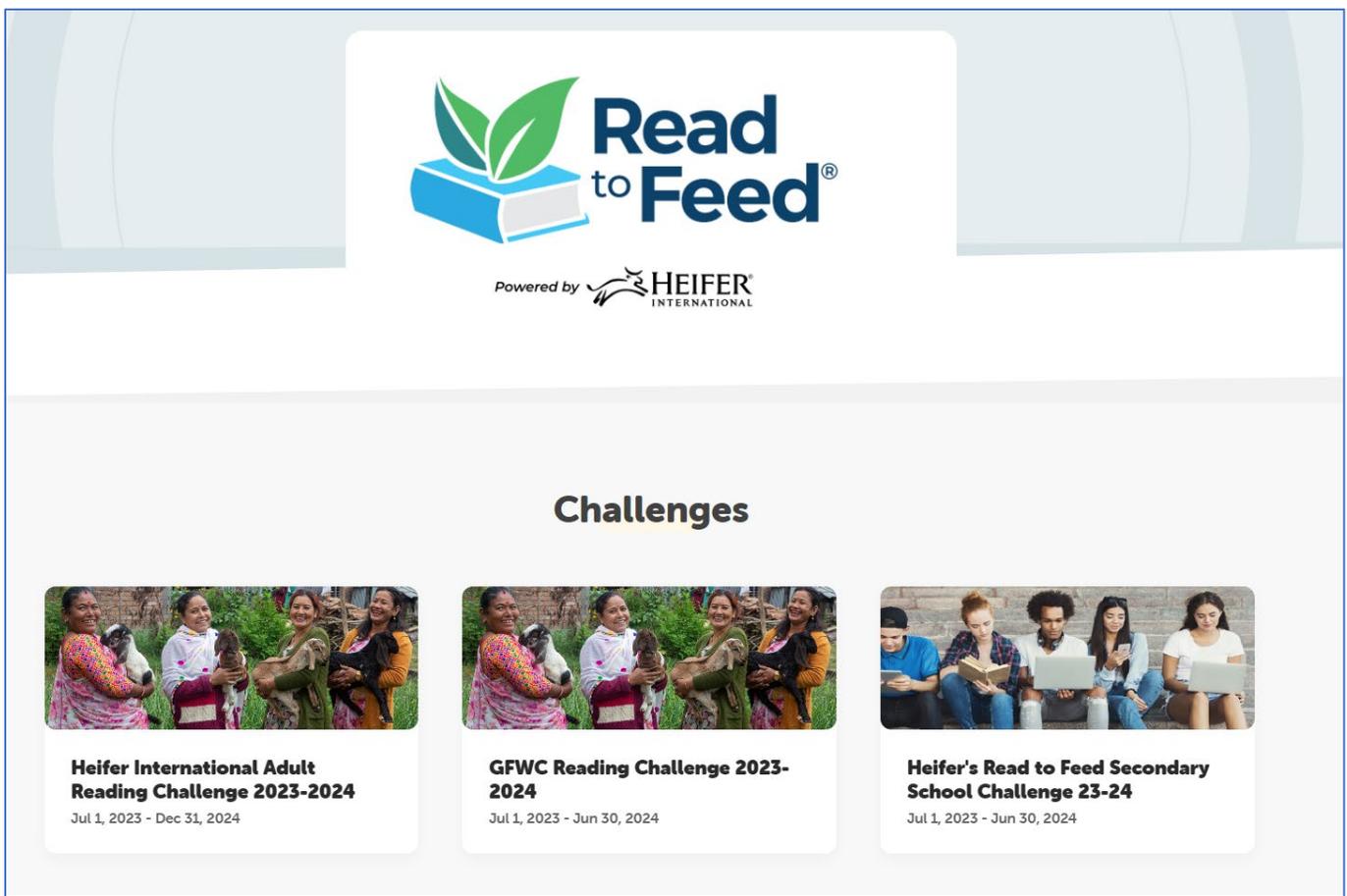
Student Guide

Welcome to Heifer's Read to Feed Beanstack website. Beanstack is a web-based reading challenge software and we've partnered with them to make it a little more fun to read for school or for yourself!

With this site, you can track your reading minutes, write book reviews, and participate in fun activities to earn digital streaks and badges!

How do I sign up?

Go to our Beanstack website: heifer.beanstack.org



The screenshot shows the main page of the Heifer Read to Feed Beanstack website. At the top center is the "Read to Feed" logo, which features a blue book with two green leaves growing from it. Below the logo is the text "Powered by HEIFER INTERNATIONAL" with a small cow icon. The main heading is "Challenges". Below this heading are three challenge cards. Each card has a photograph at the top, a title, and a date range. The first card shows women holding calves and is titled "Heifer International Adult Reading Challenge 2023-2024" with a date range of "Jul 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2024". The second card shows the same women and calves, titled "GFWC Reading Challenge 2023-2024" with a date range of "Jul 1, 2023 - Jun 30, 2024". The third card shows a group of students sitting on a bench, some reading and some on laptops, titled "Heifer's Read to Feed Secondary School Challenge 23-24" with a date range of "Jul 1, 2023 - Jun 30, 2024".

Choose Heifer Read to Feed Secondary School Year 23-24



Heifer's Read to Feed Secondary School Challenge

23-24

Jul 1, 2023 - Jun 30, 2024

Minutes

Activities

Ages: 10 - 19

Description

Teachers, please contact us at Beanstack@heifer.org so we can set up your school and class prior to starting the challenge. Calling all Teens! Challenge yourself to see how many books you can read this year. And while you do, learn how Heifer and Read to Feed lifts families out of poverty around the world.

[Sign In](#)

[Register an Individual or Family](#)



Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23
Oct 1, 2022 - May 19, 2023

Minutes Activities Ages: 12 - 18

Description
Calling all Teens! Challenge your read this year. And while you do, lifts families out of poverty around school listed, email Beanstack@

Register an Individual or Family
Register a Class or Group

Sign In Create an Account ▾

“Register as an Individual or Family

Start Over

Have you previously used Beanstack to participate in a reading challenge?

Yes No

Not sure? Contact a library administrator and they'll help locate your account.

Choose “No” to previously using Beanstack



Start Over



Who would you like to register?

I am registering myself.

I am an adult registering a child.

Choose "I am registering myself"

What do I put in the sign up?


Start Over

Register for Beanstack
Reader's Information

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Confirm Email *

Phone number (10 Digits - No Dashes)

ZIP Code *

Password (at least 6 characters) *

Use a minimum of 6 characters

Password Confirmation *

Use a minimum of 6 characters

In what year were you born? *

What grade level are you in?

Please choose a grade level

What school do you attend? (if applicable)

Please choose a school

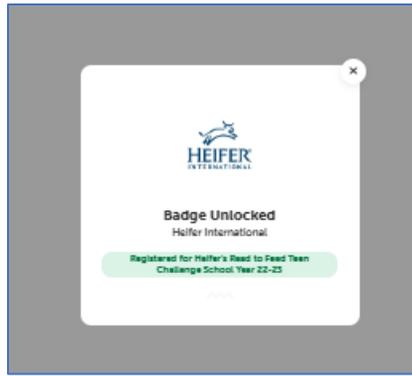
Enter the information as follows:

- Reader's First Name
- Reader's Last Name
- Email
- Zip code
- Password – make sure this is easy to remember so you can log your reading information daily
- Year of Birth (drop down and choose your year of birth)
- School You Attend (your school should be listed)
- Teacher (drop down, choose your teacher)

Hit "Next"

Yay! You did it.

You should have unlocked a badge.



Hit Next.

Under “would you like to add another adult”- choose “No”

Would you like to add another adult?

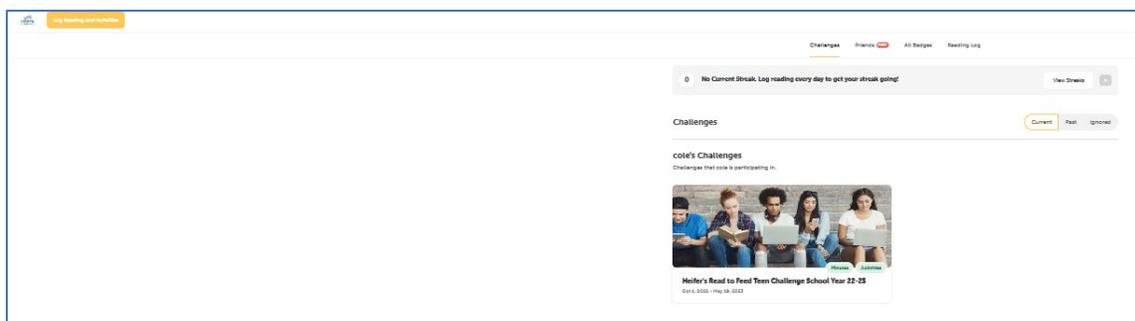
Under “would you like to add another child”- choose “No”

Would you like to add a child?

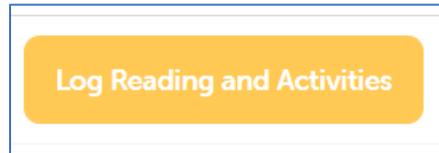
Share Your Code with Your Teacher

How to I log my reading?

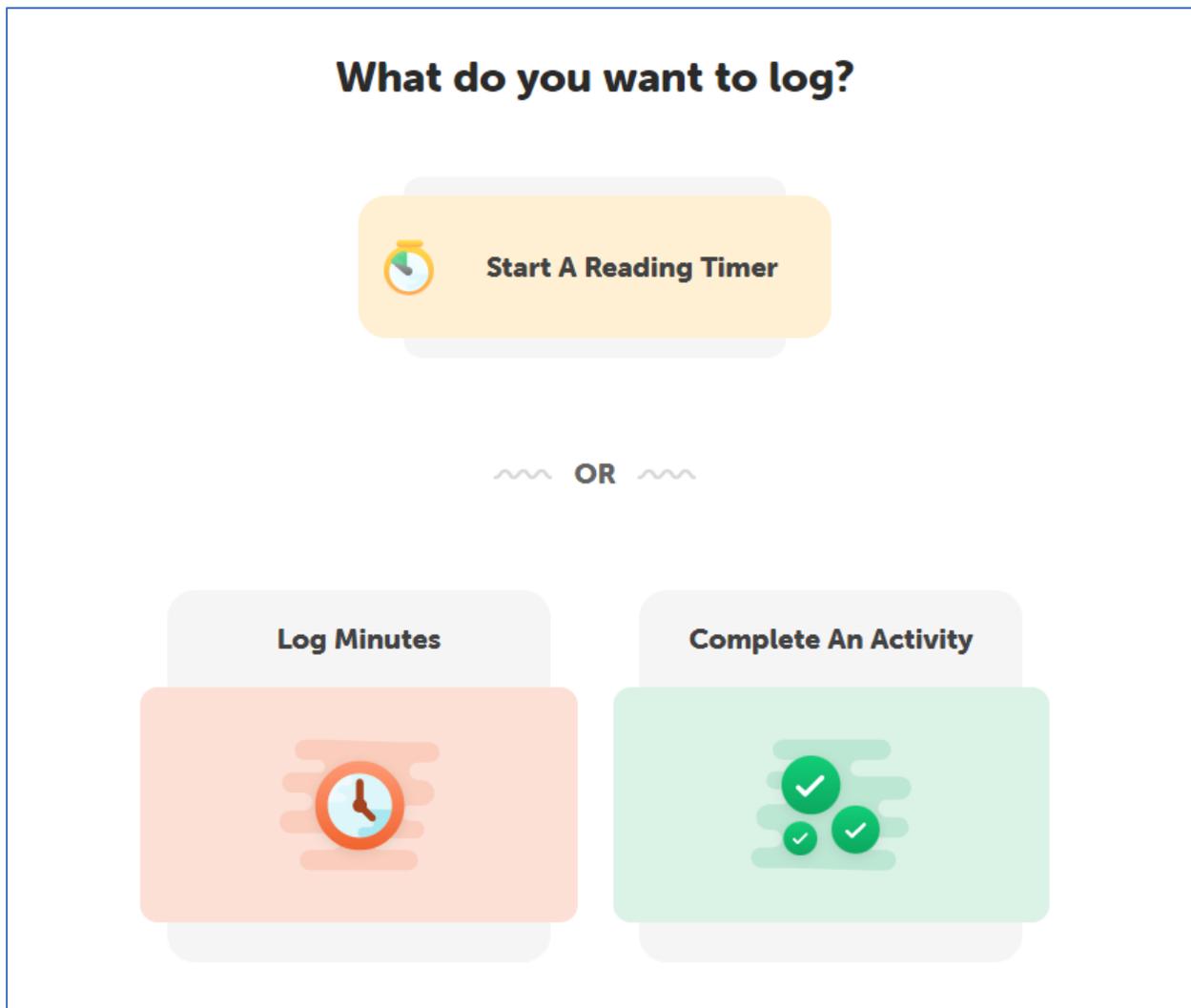
When you log in, you will come to your homepage. Remember that you'll always return to your homepage where the yellow box is. That is how you log in time, books, and activities.



Now you're reading to log in your reading. In the top left hand corner, there is a yellow box that says "Log reading activities."



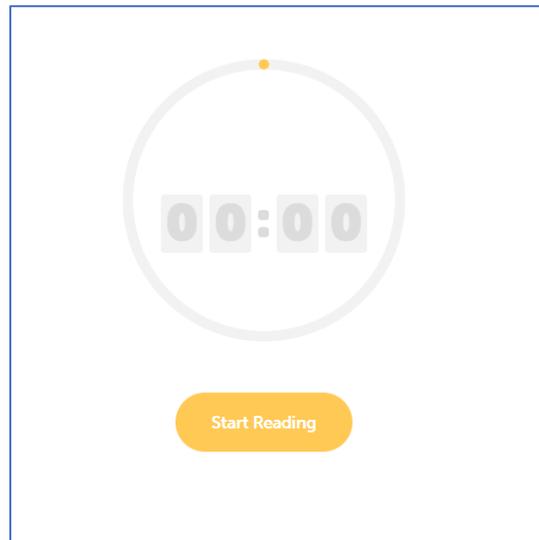
You'll want to click on that so you can log in your reading and begin a streak. You'll see this screen next:



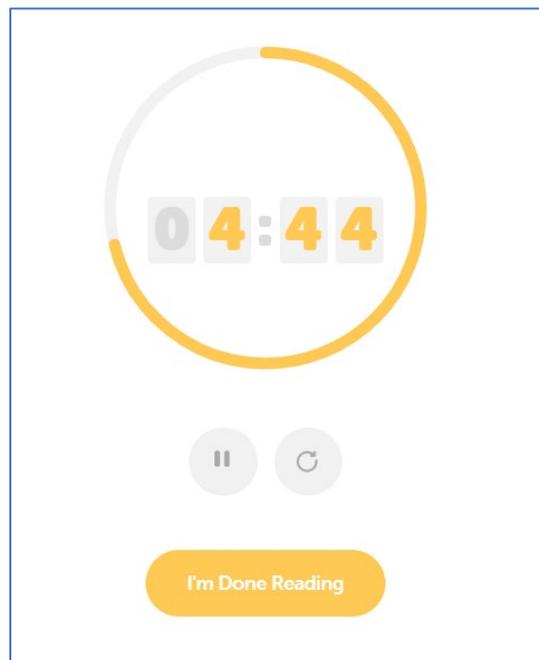
There are a couple of ways to log your reading. You can set a reading timer or you can log minutes. We'll talk about Completing an Activity in a moment.

Start a Reading Timer

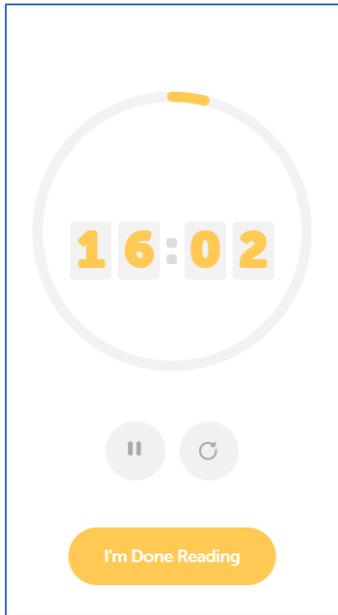
If you choose “Start a Reading Timer”, it will take you to a screen that looks like this, which is a stopwatch.



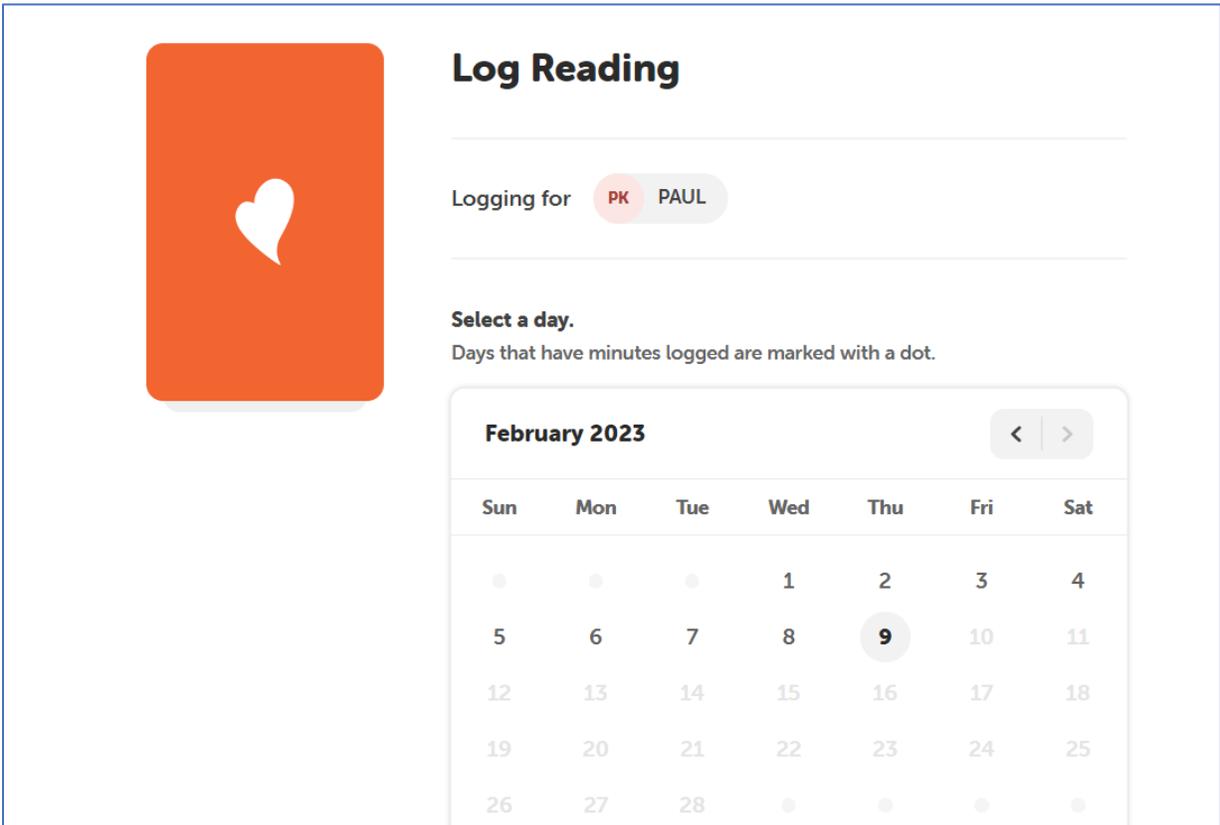
Simply Click “Start Reading” and the timer will start. It’s important NOT TO LEAVE this screen, otherwise your timer will stop. If you need to open something else, open another tab in your browser. Otherwise, the timer will stop and you’ll have to start all over or enter your time manually. (covered below)



Once you have your time logged in and your done reading, simply hit “I’m Done Reading”



You'll see this screen where you select the day you read:



And you can enter the Title or Author:

Title

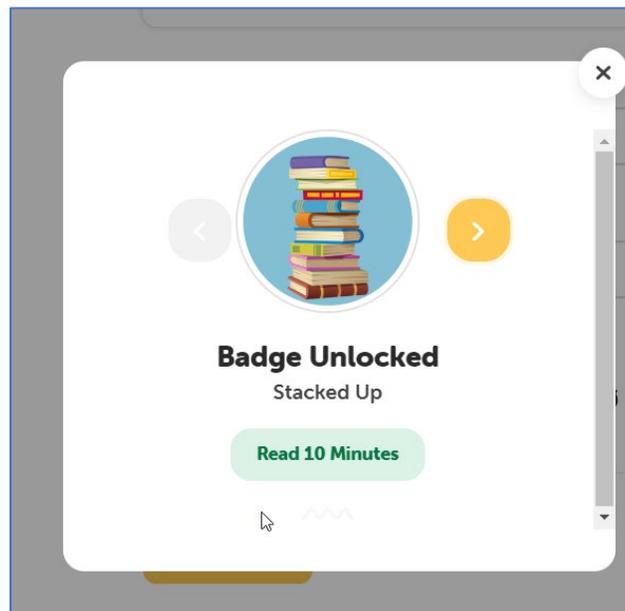
Author Optional

Time Spent Reading

  Start Timer

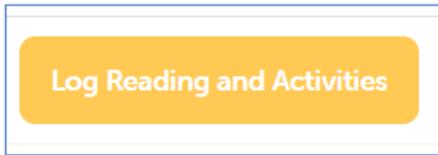
Log Reading

Once you hit “Log Reading”, you may earn a badge. The goal is to unlock as many badges as you can.

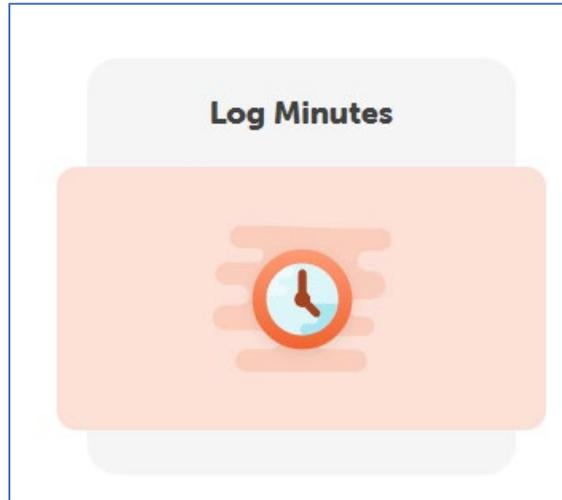


Log Minutes:

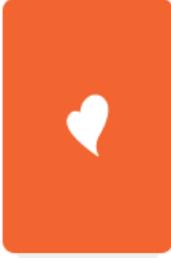
Starting at your dashboard, use the yellow button in the top left hand corner:



To log minutes, simply choose the orange box:



And this screen will appear:



Log Reading

Logging for **PK PAUL**

Select a day.
Days that have minutes logged are marked with a dot.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
•	•	•	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	•	•	•	•

Title

Author Optional

Time Spent Reading

Here- it is very important that you log:

- the title of the book that you are reading
- date you read
- When adding time, you need to use minutes. For example, if you read for an hour, type in 60. If you read for 15 minutes, simply type 15 in the “Time Spent Reading “.

Title

War of the Worlds

Author Optional

H G Wells

Time Spent Reading

0 hrs 30 min Start Timer

Log Reading

If the book has been read before and logged into the Beanstack app, you'll see a picture by your "Log Reading"



Log Reading

Logging for PK PAUL

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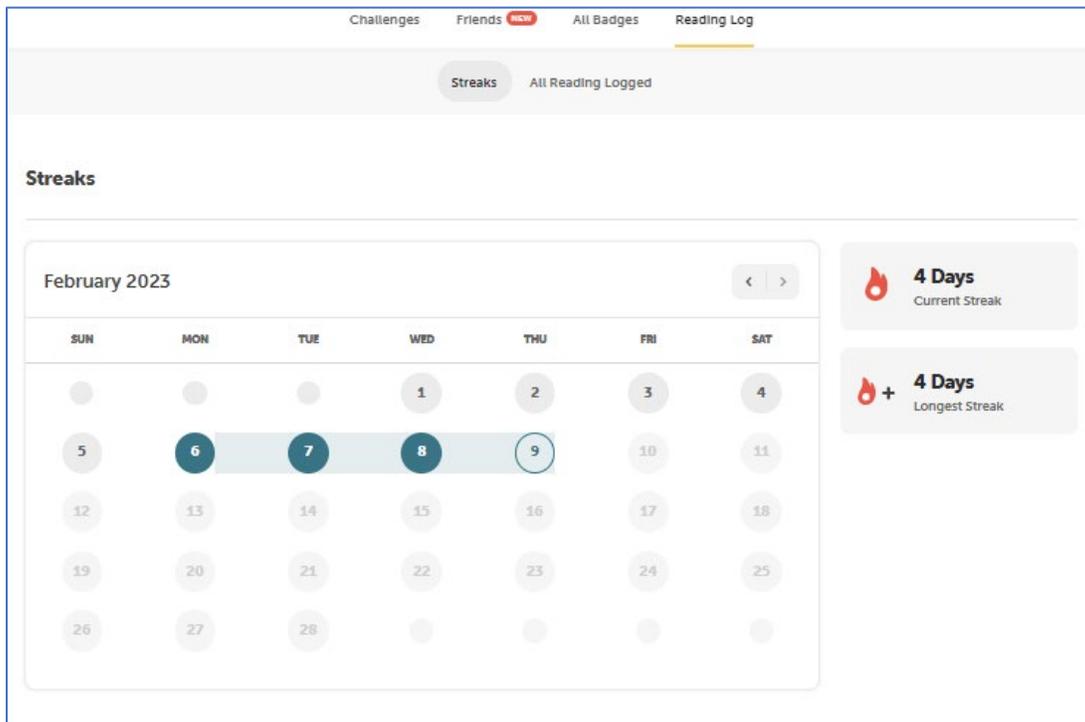
Once you've logged your reading, hit the small "X" in the upper right hand of your screen to return to your reading homepage.

Digital Rewards

The best part about Heifer Beanstack site is the awards you can achieve simply by logging your reading. You can create streaks, earn badges and achievements by simply reading or doing simple activities.

Streaks

A streak is when you log more than one day in a row. It works just like another popular phone app that records 'streaks' with your friends by sending them short messages/pics daily.



In the example above, "Paul" has read 4 days in a row so now he has a 'streak'. The goal is to read every day to keep your streak intact.

All Reading Logged

Click on the tab that says "All Reading Logged" and you'll see a list of books that you've read along with the time you've read them.

All Reading Logged

 Reading Time **1h, 51m**

February 2023



War of the Worlds

If you click on the current book you're reading, you'll see cool stats like these:



War of the Worlds

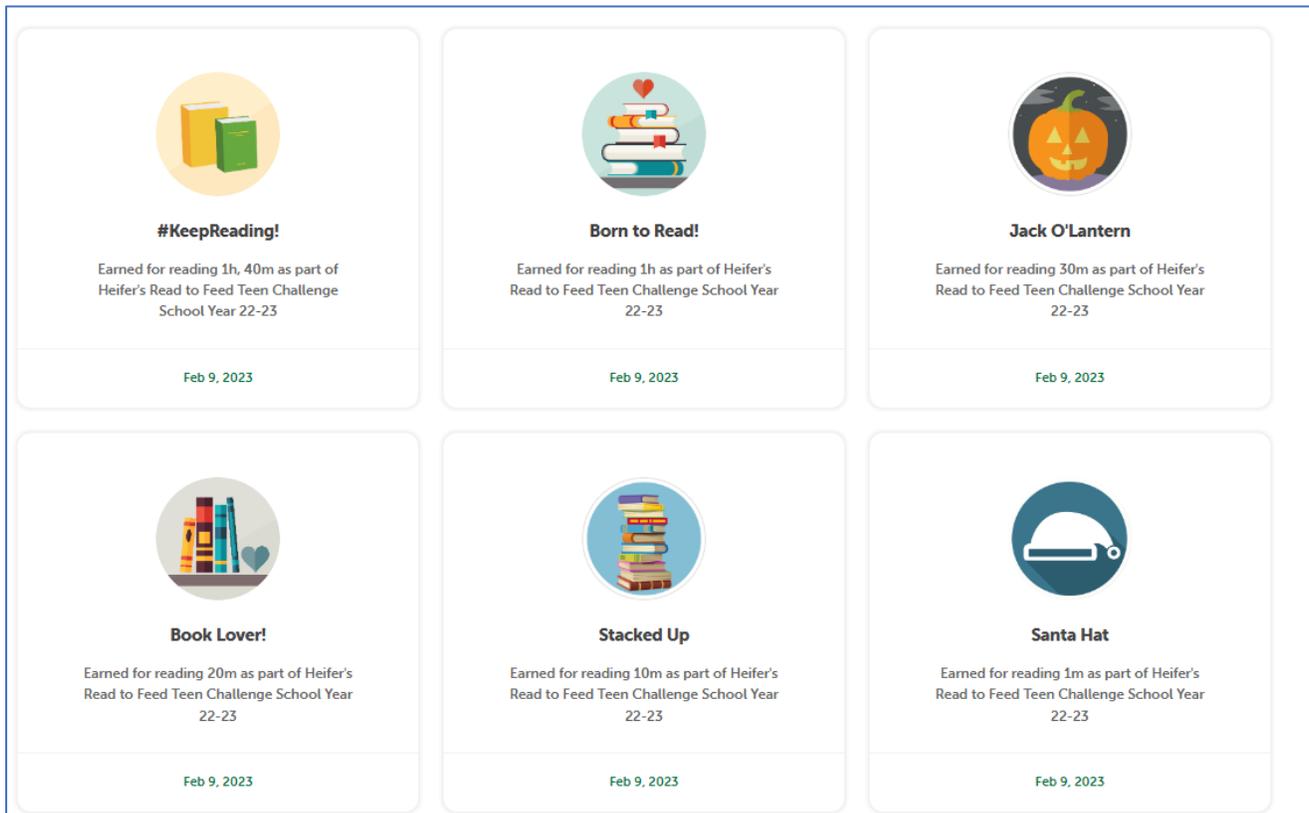
H G Wells

Logged Sessions • 6 Sessions

February 9, 2023 16 Minutes Read	 
February 9, 2023 30 Minutes Read	 
February 8, 2023 15 Minutes Read	 
February 7, 2023 15 Minutes Read	 
February 7, 2023 20 Minutes Read	 

Badges

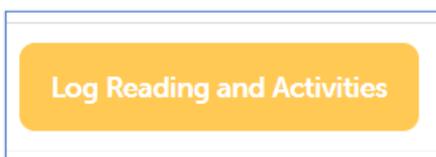
In addition to Streaks, you can earn Badges for your reading. Badges are little reading achievements you unlock while you read. Sometimes they're based on time spent reading or number of books. There's also surprise badges based on the day- like Valentine's Day would have a special badge.



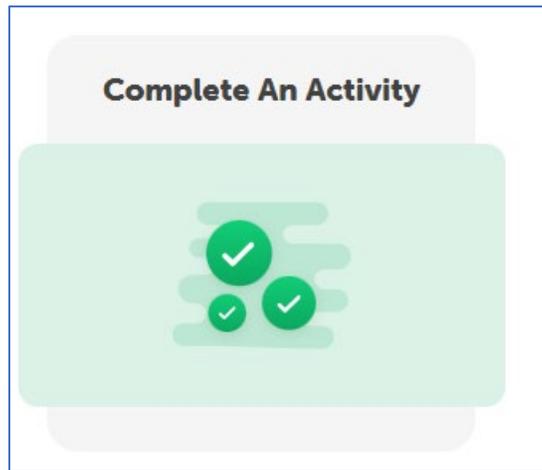
Complete an Activity

Activities are things you can do to earn extra badges by watching short, fun videos about Heifer International. Once you've completed them, they'll show up in your badge list just like your reading does. When you choose to complete an activity, you'll come to a list of them.

Starting at your dashboard, use the yellow button in the top left hand corner:



Choose the green box "Complete an Activity"



Next, you'll get a list of Activity Badges you can earn. You'll notice that they're all greyed out- that's because you haven't done them yet. Choose an Activity

Choose Activity Badge



Facts About Farming
Share A Sheep

0/1 Activities Completed



Heifer In The USA
Heifer USA

1/1 Activities Completed

Read the description and click the [blue link](#)



Share a Sheep

Facts About Farming

0 / 1 Activities Completed

Farming is an age-old tradition that allowed ancient civilizations to thrive, but what exactly is farming? In many countries, small family farms are the main source of food, employment, and income — making their success critical for rural communities and the cities they feed. You can learn more about how farmers are creating a world free from hunger and poverty at Heifer.org.

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[Facts about Farming](#)



Watch a short video



Facts About Farming

When the video ends, close that box and you'll go back to your activity form.

Click the radio button to complete it.

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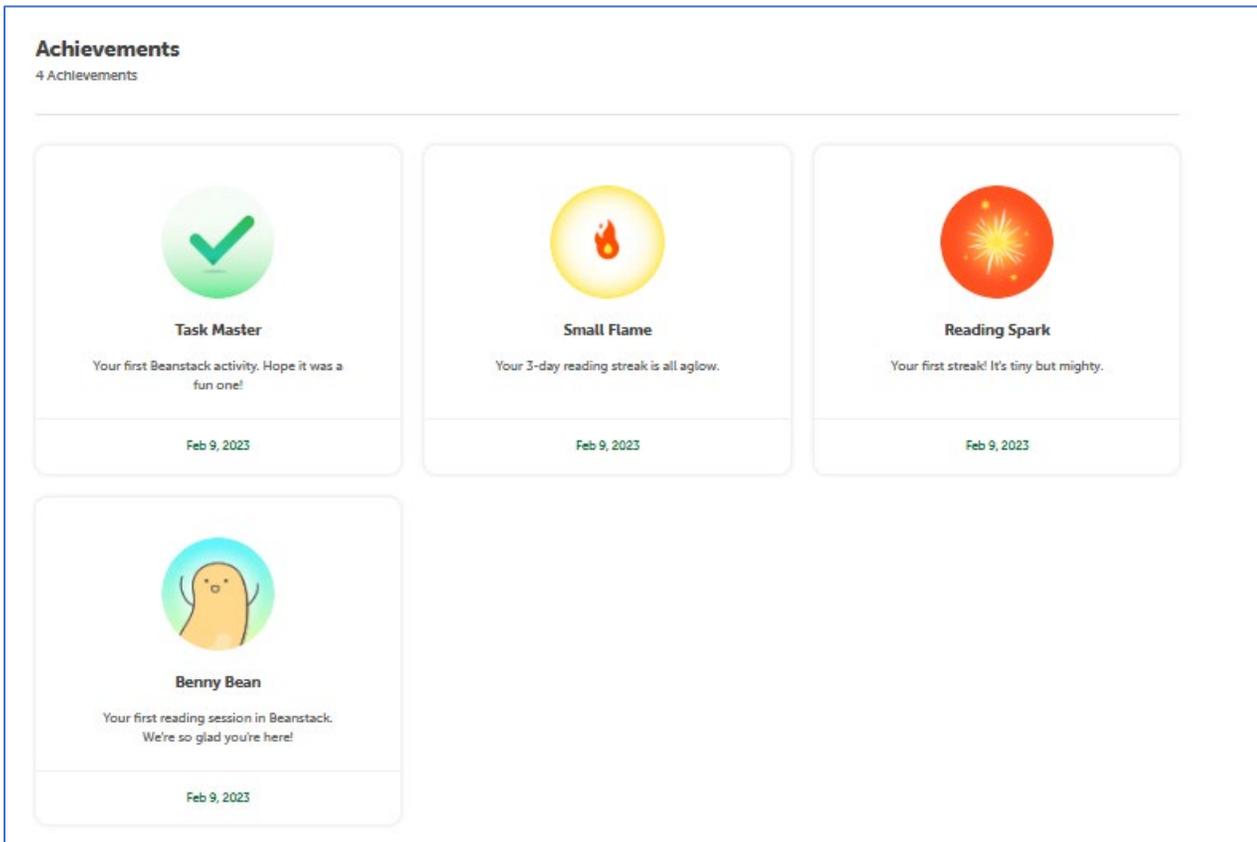
Now you'll see that the activity has been added to your "Earned Badges List"

Earned Badges
10 Badges

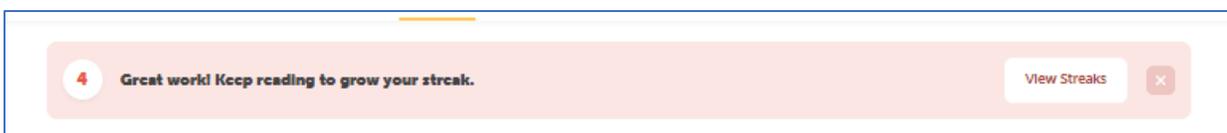
 Bee Sweet Earned for completing Busy Bee Feb 9, 2023	 Share a Sheep Earned for completing Facts About Farming Feb 9, 2023	 Get Your goat Earned for completing Goats are GREAT Feb 9, 2023
 #KeepReading! Earned for reading 1h, 40m as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23 Feb 9, 2023	 Born to Read! Earned for reading 1h as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23 Feb 9, 2023	 Jack O'Lantern Earned for reading 30m as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23 Feb 9, 2023
 Book Lover! Earned for reading 20m as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23	 Stacked Up Earned for reading 10m as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23	 Santa Hat Earned for reading 1m as part of Heifer's Read to Feed Teen Challenge School Year 22-23

Achievements

You can earn Achievements, which are like badges and awarded by the Beanstack website. As you can see here, its another set of digital awards based on your reading activities, your completion of books, your streak activity and other things.



When you first log into your site after a few days, you'll see messages that show your streaks or activities. Keep on reading- these will stack up over the time you spend reading.



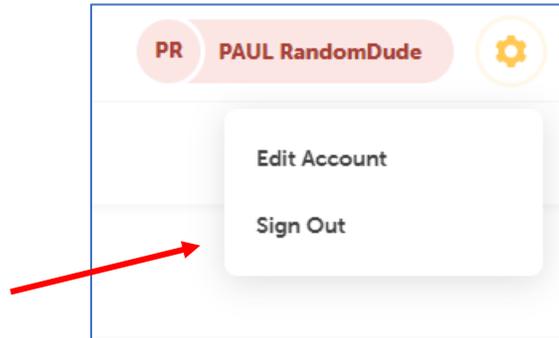
Your teacher will also be able to see your progress.

Signing Out

Just as signing in is very important, its also important to sign out of your account daily when you're through tracking your reading. This keeps your account secure. It only takes a moment. In the top right-hand side of your screen, you'll see your name along with a tiny Grey gear:



Click on the gear and choose “sign out”



That is it! Congratulations on becoming a Heifer Beanstack Reader and joining our challenge.

Now it is time to start reading, earning badges, creating streaks and gaining achievements. Good luck!