

DreamBox Maths teacher-student messaging: For students

Help guide

DreamBox Maths has a function for students to send emojis or pre-created messages from the student learning environment to their teacher. They can also see and respond to messages their teacher sends them.

This helps students:

- Celebrate when they understand a new concept.
- Tell their teacher they need support on a lesson or concept.
- Celebrate when they understand a new concept.

Students can see these messages and reply with one of several emojis or select a pre-created message to send back.

How students see, read, or listen to messages

When a student receives a message from one of their teachers, the Envelope icon on their lesson chooser will have a star on it.

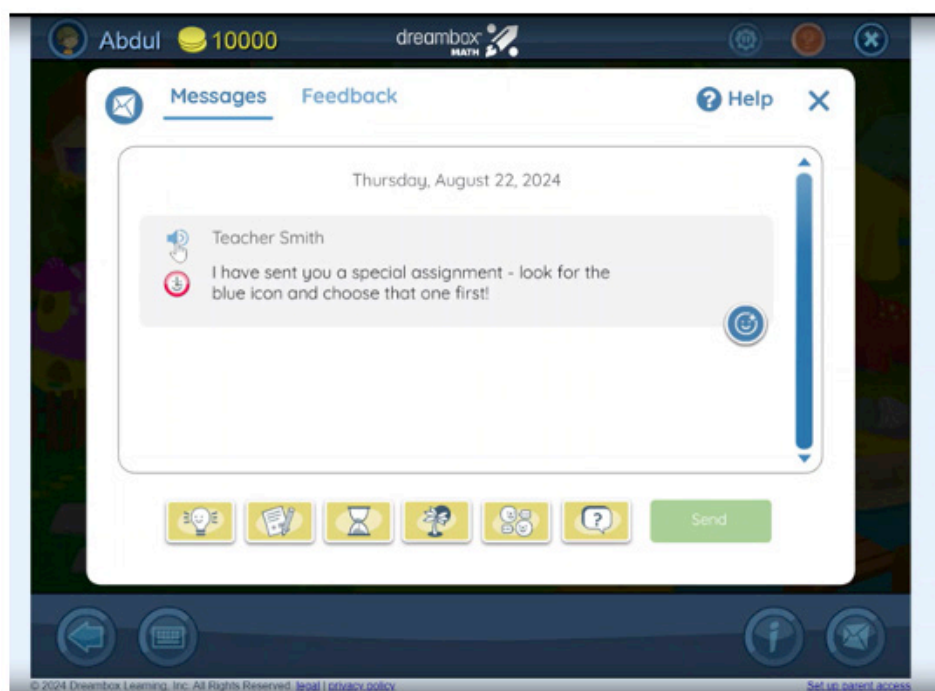
Opening messages

To open the message window, click the Envelope icon.



Reading or listening to messages

When the messaging window opens, students will see the message from their teacher. Students can click the Sound icon above the message to hear the message read aloud.



Watch a messaging tutorial

Students can click the Help button at any time to open a guided walkthrough of how to listen to a message and respond.






How students send and respond to messages

Students can respond to messages in one of two ways:

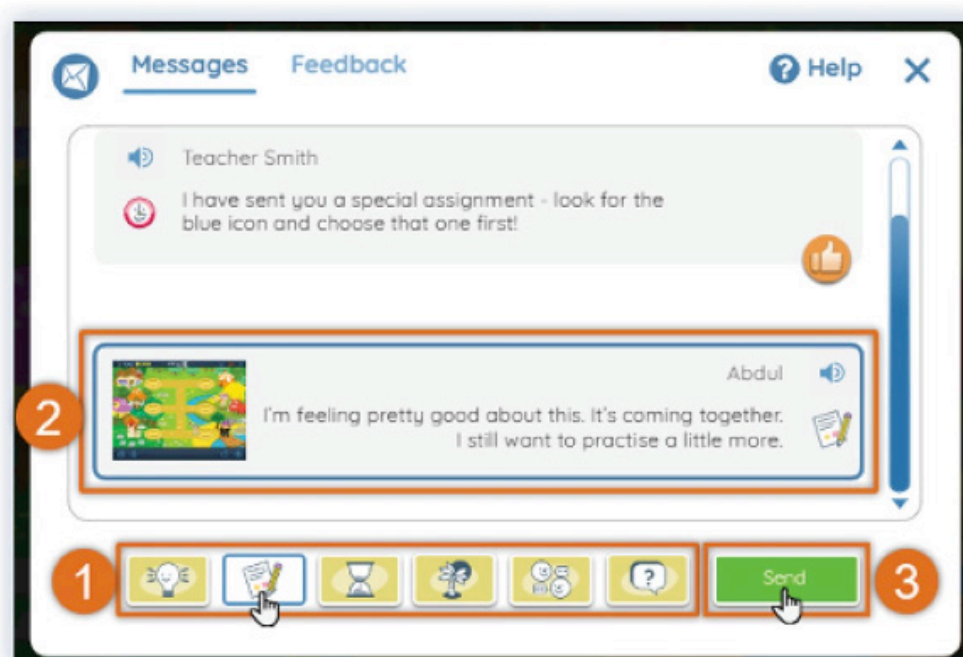
1. React to a message by choosing an emoji that reflects their feelings about the teacher's message. To do this, students need to:
 - Click the blue smiley face icon.
 - Select the emoji that best represents their response.
 - Click send.
 - Students can change the emoji they sent by clicking it and then selecting a different emoji. The new emoji will replace the previous one next to the message.



2. Respond to a message by selecting one of six icons and pre-written messages to send back to their teacher.

Icon	Student Message
	I've got this and am ready for something new!
	I'm feeling pretty good about this. It's coming together. I still want to practise a little more.
	I need more time to be successful at this
	I need a break to be successful at this. I'll put it aside, do something else, and come back to it.
	I need to work with a friend to be successful at this.
	I need help from the teacher to be successful at this.

- To send the message, the student needs to click the icon of the message they want to send.
- The icon will change colour and the message will appear in the window.
- Click Send.



FAQs

Can students write to each other?

No. Students can only receive and respond to messages from their teachers. They cannot write to each other.

What supports are in place to help emerging readers and respond to teachers messages?

We support emerging readers and writers in several ways:

- Pre-created messages are short and designed to be accessible by readers of different levels.
- Students can also click on the Speaker icon to have the teacher's message or a possible response read to them.
- Students can react to a message using an emoji rather than selecting a response.

Can students send their teacher a message without receiving one first?

Yes. Students do not need to wait to receive a message from their teacher before they send a message. They can select and send a message at any time.