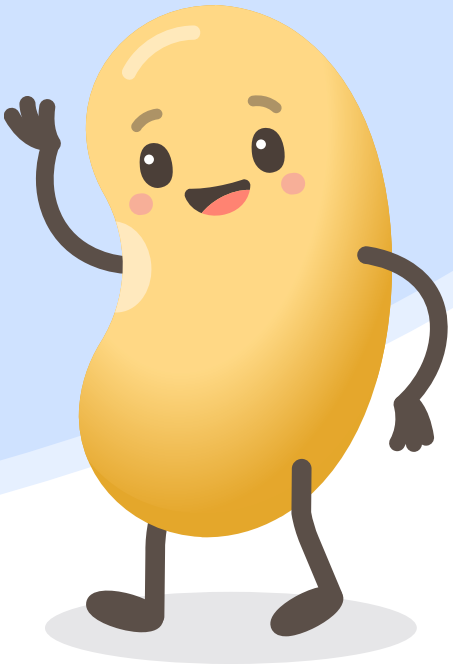
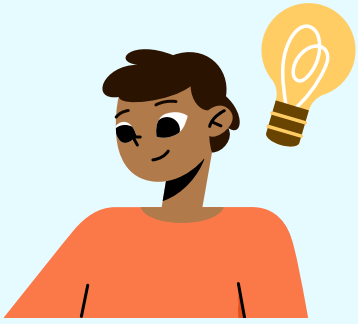
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Meet Benny: A Quick Guide to Book Talks

Benny the Bean is Beanstack's AI-powered reading assistant, created to make book reflection engaging, safe, and supportive. Benny chats with students about their books, providing educators with meaningful insights into comprehension and engagement without turning reading into a test.

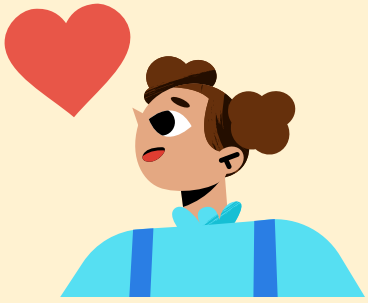


How Benny Works in the Classroom



Comprehension

Adapts questions to each student's reading level and ability, prompting reflection on plot, characters, and themes.



Engagement

Analyzes response length, depth, and positive sentiment to show educators which books spark genuine excitement.

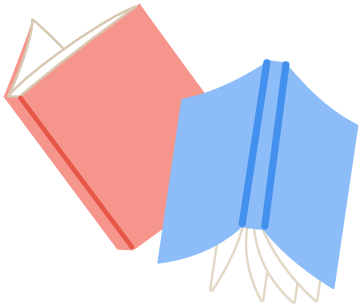


Integrity

Validates reading logs by gently nudging students for details, and alerts teachers when logging habits need a closer look.

Why Our School Uses Beanstack And Book Talks

Our goal is to cultivate a love for reading through challenges, badges, and rewards because when students read more, their academic trajectory follows. Book Talks help us ensure accountability and scale support so every student can enjoy reading what they love.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does Benny do?

Benny starts a friendly conversation with a student about what they're reading. Depending on the Book Talk, students may discuss:

- What happened in the story
- Characters, ideas, or themes
- How they felt about the book
- Connections they made

Beanstack summarizes the conversation and gives educators additional context about the student's reading.

Is Benny safe?

Yes. Benny's conversations are age-appropriate and focused on books and literacy. Inappropriate language is flagged for review, while safety concerns indicating potential harm trigger an email to the administrator and a prominent reporting alert. Benny redirects conversations back to the story.

Do students understand they're interacting with AI?

Yes. Students know they are chatting with Benny, an AI teacher's assistant, and understand that their conversations may be reviewed by educators.

Does Benny grade or rate students?

No. Benny does not assign grades or determine a student's reading performance. It provides conversation summaries and other reading-related information to support educator judgment, not replace it.

Parents or guardians who would like to understand what information Benny is providing about their student should contact the student's teacher or librarian.

How is students' personal information protected?

Student data is fully anonymized using random numerical IDs, ensuring personally identifiable information is never exposed. Additionally, student data is never sold, shared with third parties, or used to train external AI models.

Learn More

Book Talks with Benny meets strict ethical standards. Student privacy is protected, and educators remain in full control. Read Beanstack's AI Ethics Statement for more.