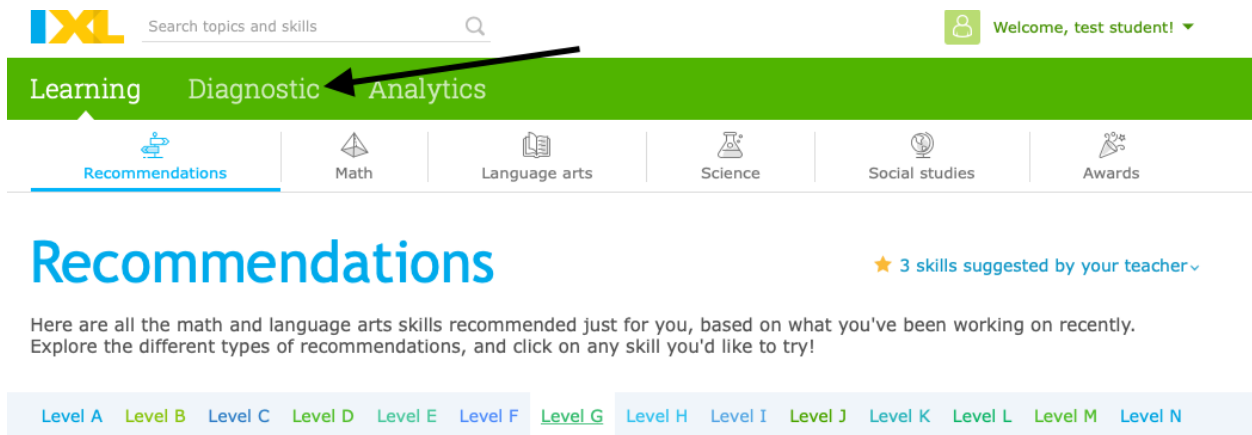


## Instructions for Families on How to Use IXL

IXL is an adaptive computer program designed to make recommendations based on student needs. In addition to the recommendations of the program, your child's teacher will also make recommendations on which skills to practice at home. The first steps are to use the diagnostic tool to generate recommended skills for your child to practice.

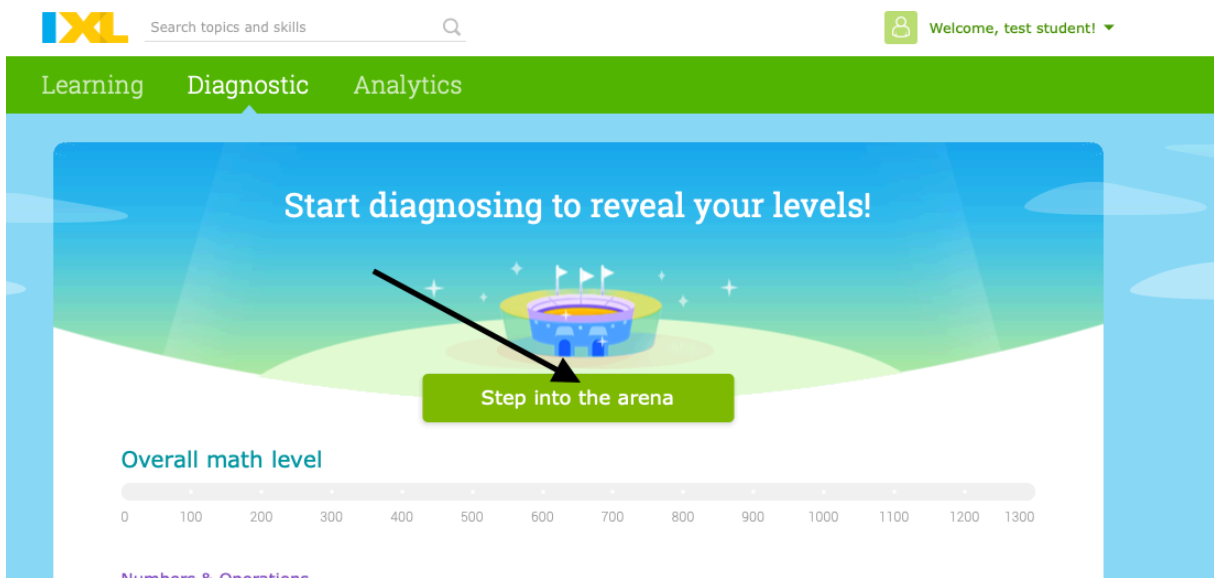
To begin, your child will need to access his/her IXL account using the Safari internet browser by visiting [ixl.com](http://ixl.com). Please avoid using the IXL app for now.

After logging in, your child will visit the "Diagnostic" tab. See below.



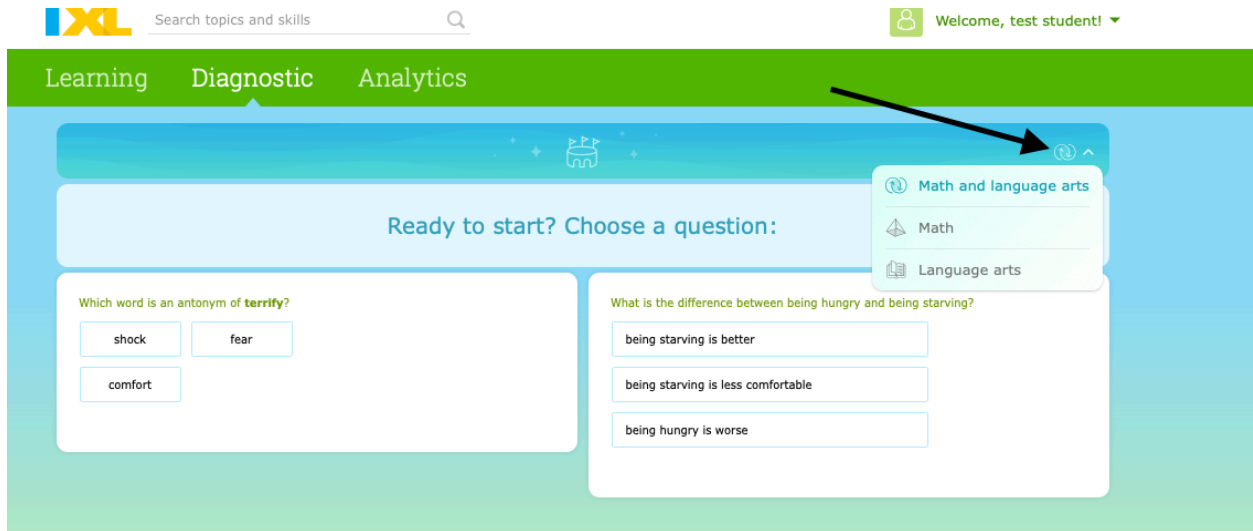
The screenshot shows the IXL website interface. At the top left is the IXL logo and a search bar labeled "Search topics and skills". To the right is a user profile icon with the text "Welcome, test student!". Below this is a green navigation bar with three tabs: "Learning", "Diagnostic" (which is selected and has a black arrow pointing to it), and "Analytics". Underneath the navigation bar is a row of icons for "Recommendations", "Math", "Language arts", "Science", "Social studies", and "Awards". The main content area is titled "Recommendations" in large blue text. To the right of this title is a star icon and the text "3 skills suggested by your teacher". Below the title is a paragraph: "Here are all the math and language arts skills recommended just for you, based on what you've been working on recently. Explore the different types of recommendations, and click on any skill you'd like to try!". At the bottom of the screenshot is a horizontal menu of level labels: Level A, Level B, Level C, Level D, Level E, Level F, Level G (highlighted in green), Level H, Level I, Level J, Level K, Level L, Level M, and Level N.

Next, access the "Arena." See below.

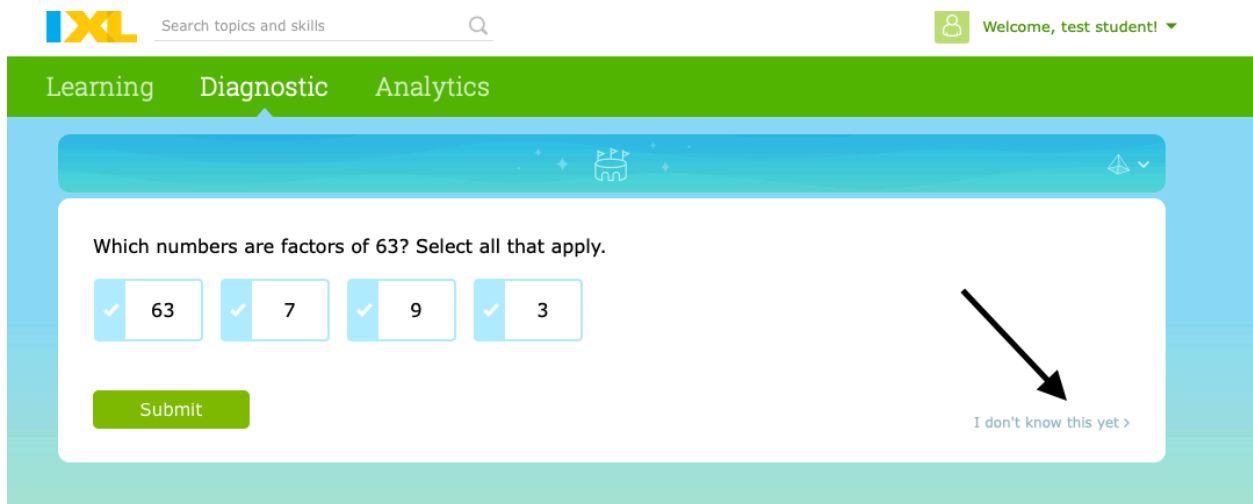


The screenshot shows the IXL Diagnostic Arena interface. At the top left is the IXL logo and a search bar labeled "Search topics and skills". To the right is a user profile icon with the text "Welcome, test student!". Below this is a green navigation bar with three tabs: "Learning", "Diagnostic" (which is selected), and "Analytics". The main content area features a large blue and green graphic with the text "Start diagnosing to reveal your levels!". Below this text is a stylized illustration of a stadium with a green field and a blue sky. A black arrow points from the text "Start diagnosing to reveal your levels!" down to a green button labeled "Step into the arena". Below the button is a horizontal progress bar labeled "Overall math level" with a scale from 0 to 1300 in increments of 100. Below the progress bar is the text "Numbers & Operations".

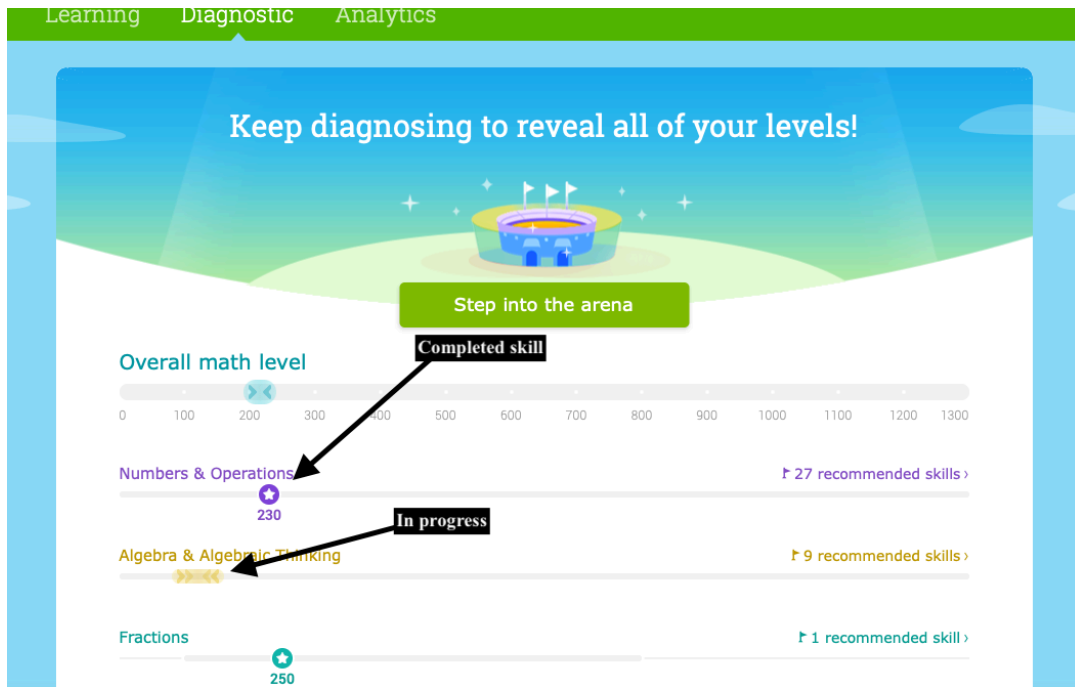
Once you access the Diagnostic Arena, select the drop down menu located to the right side of the screen. You will be able to pick from Math, Language Arts, or both. Please select only one subject at a time to work on. See below.



The student will then have the option to pick a question to begin. It is important the student tries his/her best to answer the questions. If the student does not know the answer to a question, they may select "I don't know this yet" at the lower right side of the screen. See below.



Students will be asked dozens of questions. Students should not expect to complete the arena in one sitting or in one day. Students will not need to worry about saving progress and can simply exit/log out of the program when they've reached the end of their allotted practice time at home. The program will track student progress during diagnostic. See below.



Recommend practicing Math and Language Arts separately for about 15-20 minutes daily. Expect to spend a least a few daily sessions with each subject before the diagnostic is complete. The student will receive a message in the arena once the diagnostic is complete for that particular subject.

Once diagnostics are complete, the student can return to their home dashboard by clicking on the “Learning” tab at the top of the screen. The home screen will now be populated with recommended skills to practice. In addition, the student will see what skills his/her teacher has recommended to practice as well. See below.