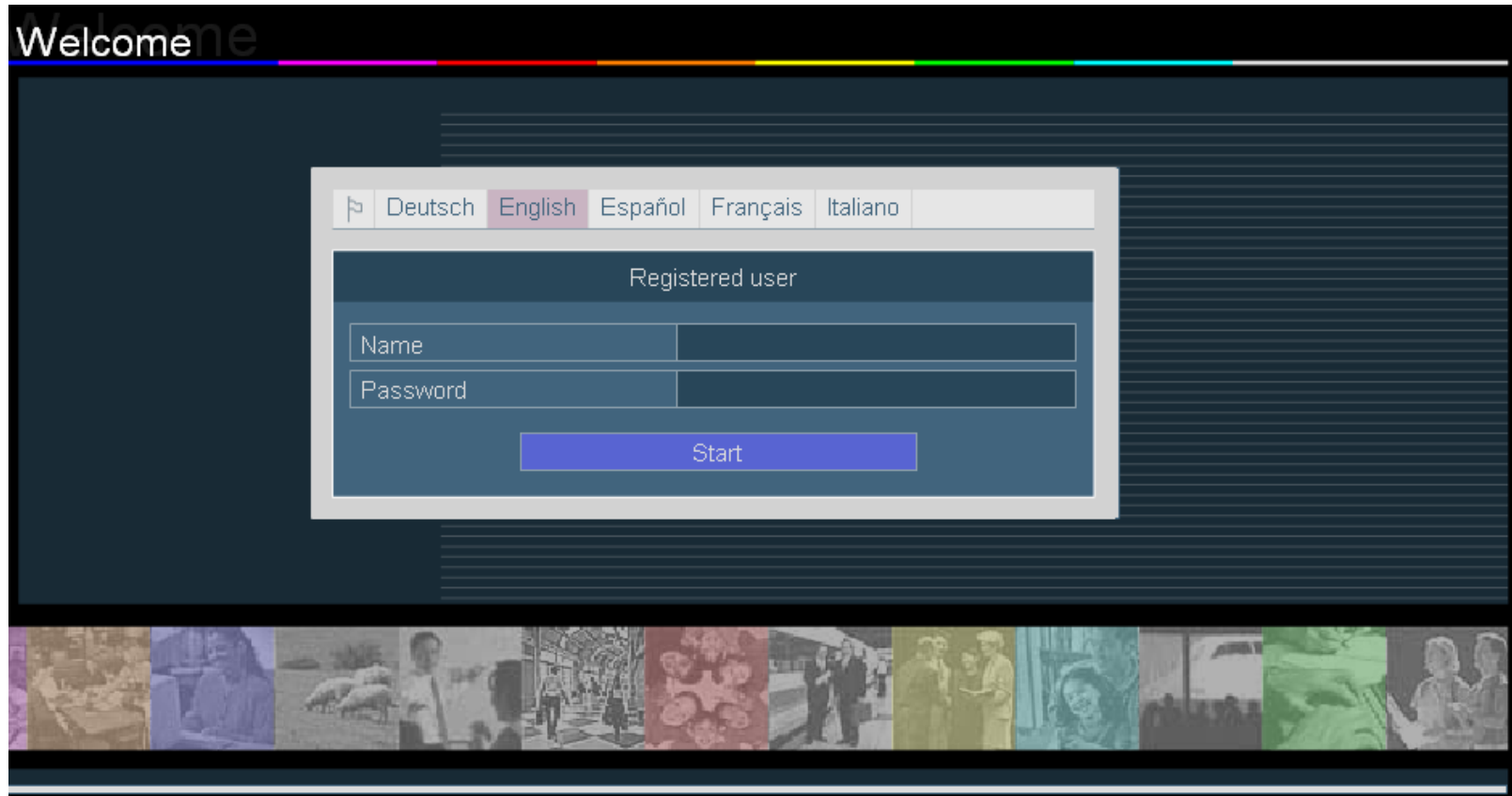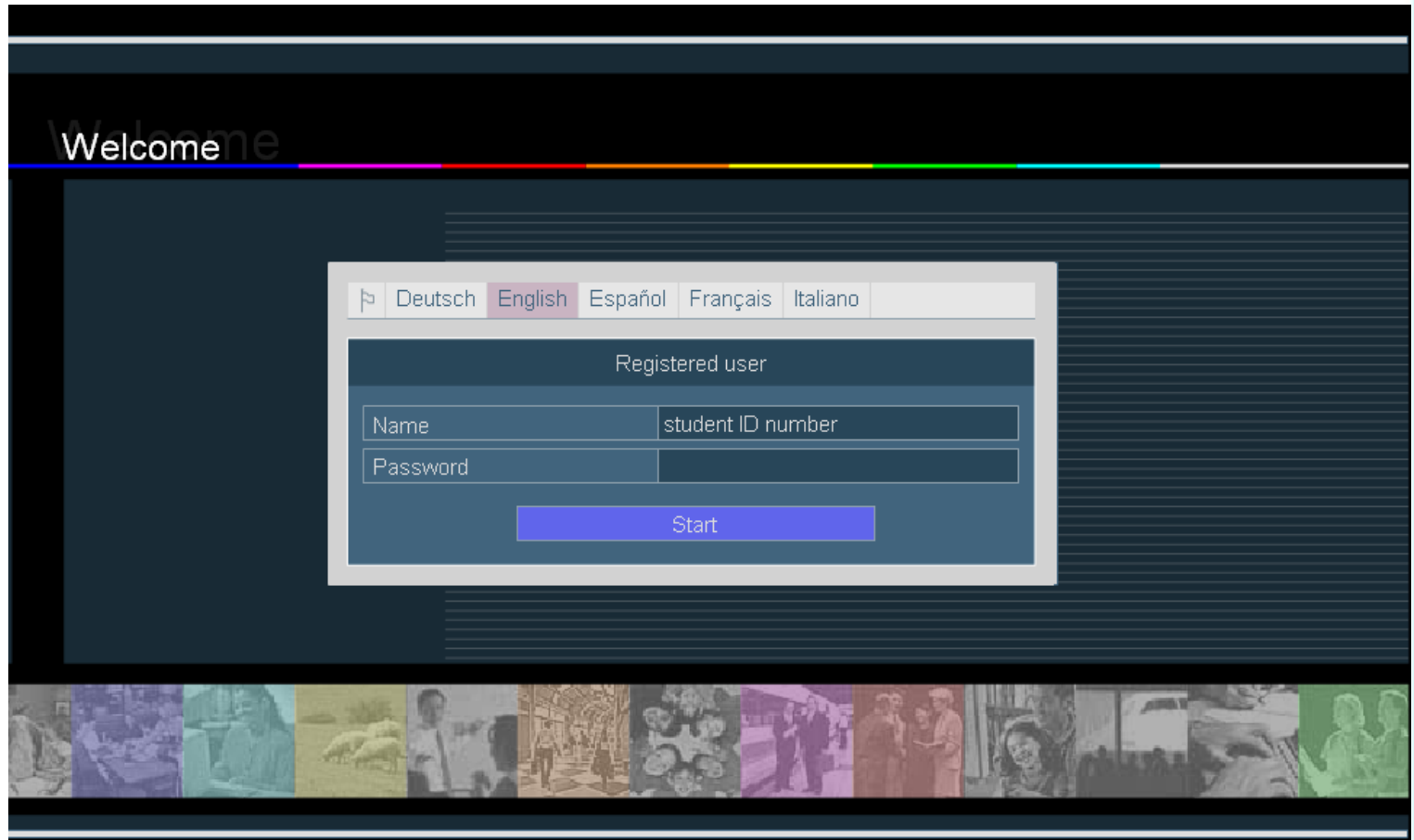# Use of the Software Tell Me More Education, v.7

To access the software, click on the icon on the desktop of MS Windows. The following window will appear:

TELL ME MORE

Welcome

| Deutsch | English | Español | Français | Italiano |

Registered user

Name

Password

Start

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Next, type in your <u>student ID number</u> (or the number of your access card for students in extension courses) <u>in the space where it asks for your name</u>. Leave the password space blank.

Push the Start button.

On the screen that appears next, <u>choose the lesson level.</u> You can choose any of the levels. Next click on the validate icon.
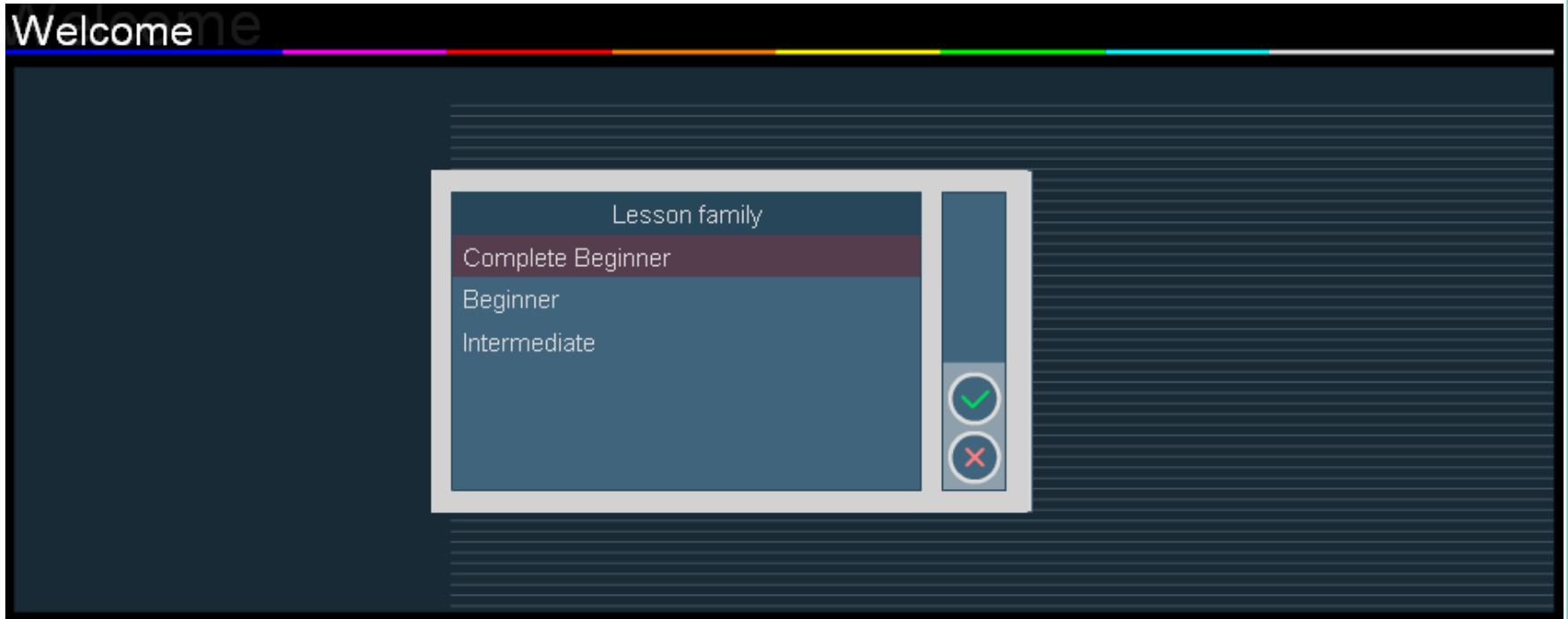
The learning path determined for the student should appear on the screen. By holding the cursor over an activity, a pop-up window about that activity will appear. <u>We suggest that you follow the order of the lessons and activities, unless otherwise indicated by the instructor.</u>
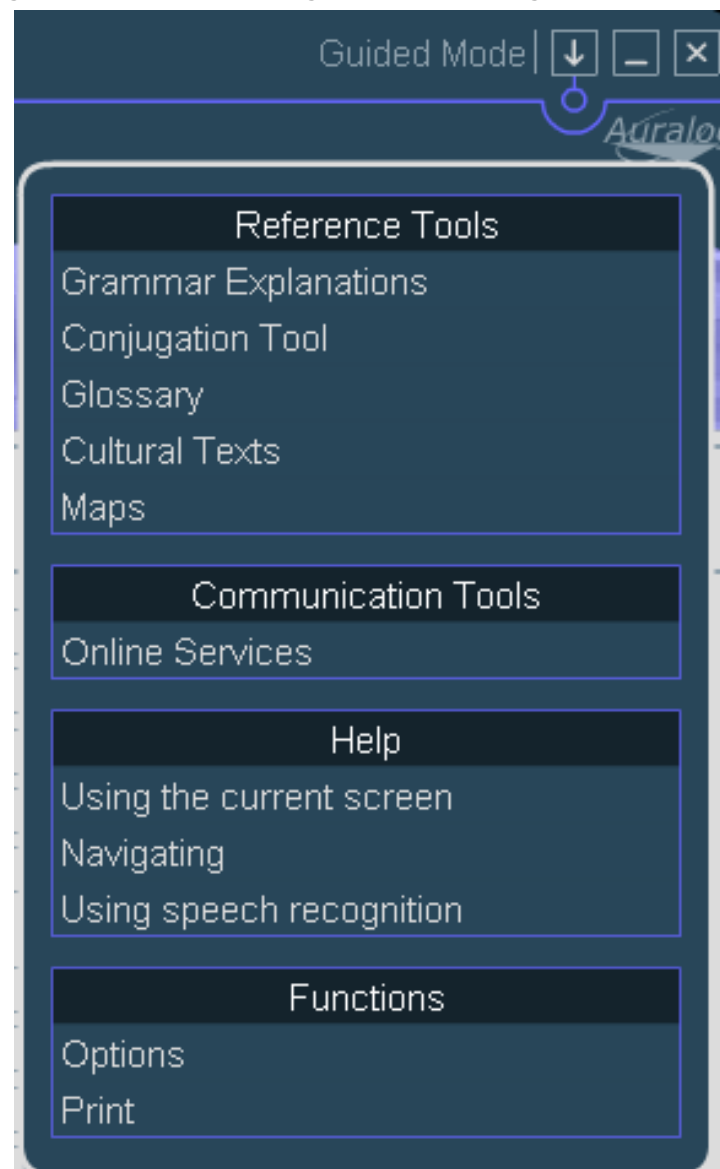
A series of icons will appear on the lower part of the screen. These allow you to <u>advance</u> to the next screen, <u>return</u> to the previous screen, or <u>go to the starting (home) page.</u>
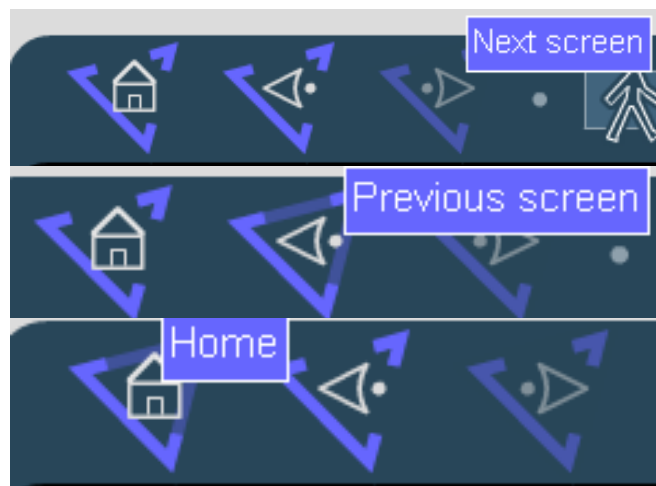
On the upper part of the screen you can access the <u>tools and information menu</u>.

The Reference Tools include <u>Grammar Explanations</u>, a <u>Conjugation Tool</u>, a <u>Glossary</u>, <u>Cultural Texts</u>, and <u>Maps</u>.

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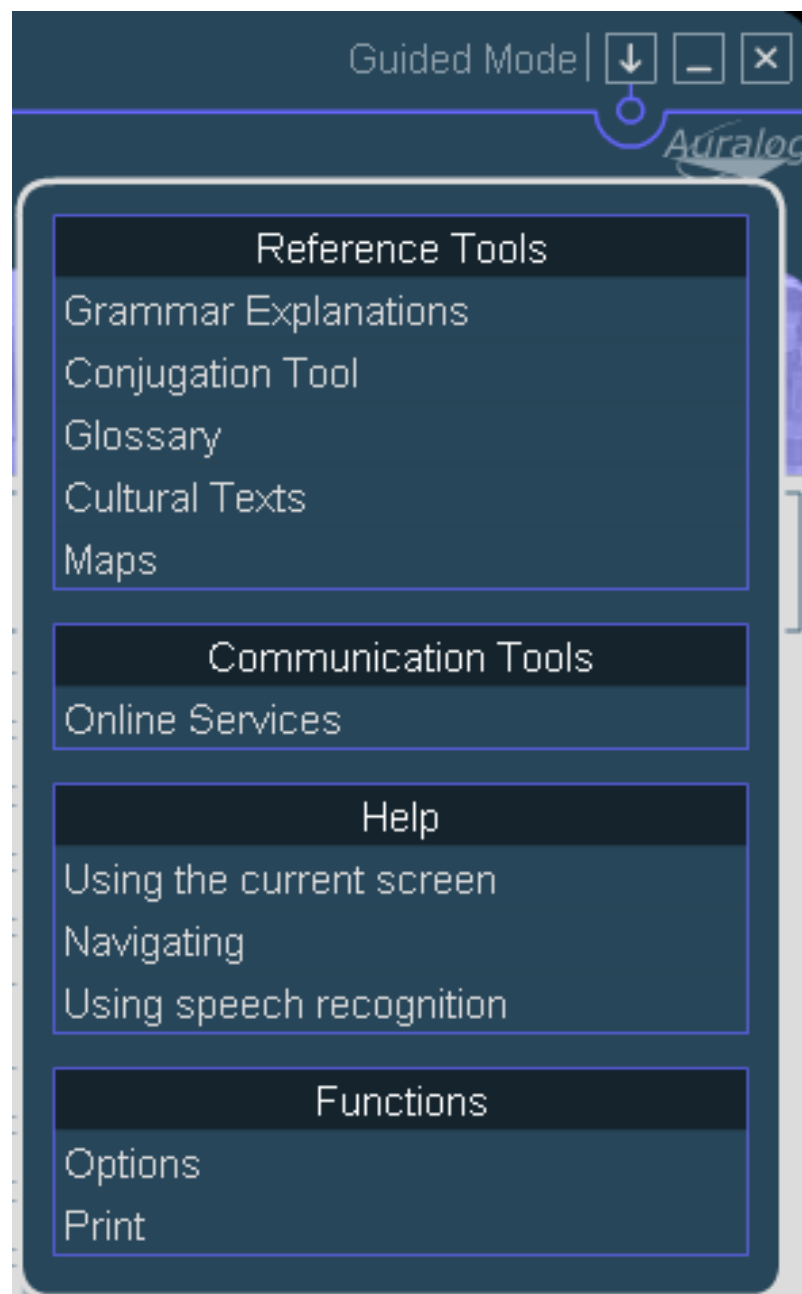
The Grammar Explanations are grouped by level and category.

Grammar Explanations

Study the grammar explanations.

Level	⊙	Category	⊙

Elementary
Basic
Intermediate
Advanced
Specialized
All levels

lanations

⊗ The contractions 'al' and 'del'
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☺ Interrogative sentences
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⊗ Use of 'estar'
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☺ The present continuous
☺ Present indicative of 'saber'
⊗ Demonstrative adjectives
☺ Possessive adjectives
☺ Possessive pronouns
☺ Emphatic pronouns
⊗ Construction of 'gustar'

The Grammar Explanations can be viewed in the target language or in the interface language.

Grammar Explanations

Grammar Explanations
Study the grammar explanations.

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Translation

Level | Category

"Basic" level grammar explanations

⊗ The definite article
⊗ The indefinite article
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The definite article

A - Form

	Singular	Plural
masculine	el hombre	los hombres
feminine	la mujer	las mujeres
neuter	lo	

Note. The article lo is neuter and cannot accompany a noun.
Example: Lo difícil es encontrar trabajo.

B - Use

• 'el' (the) instead of 'la' (the)

When the article comes immediately before a feminine singular noun which begins with stressed a or ha, el is used instead of la.

Example: el hada, el agua, el ala.

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Some of the <u>Grammar Explanations</u> include the option to <u>choose the text or its illustration</u>.

The <u>Conjugation Tool</u> classifies verbs by <u>level, mode, and tense</u>. You can refine a search by combining the use of these tools or you can make a search by typing directly the verb in the infinitive form in the Search field and then selecting the validate icon.

Conjugation Tool   ? _ ✕

Choose a verb.

─ Level ▼   Search | ✓

11 verb(s) found for the level: Conjugation ¿ i á é í ó ú ñ memorize (US))
Elementary
                                                      Indicative>Present
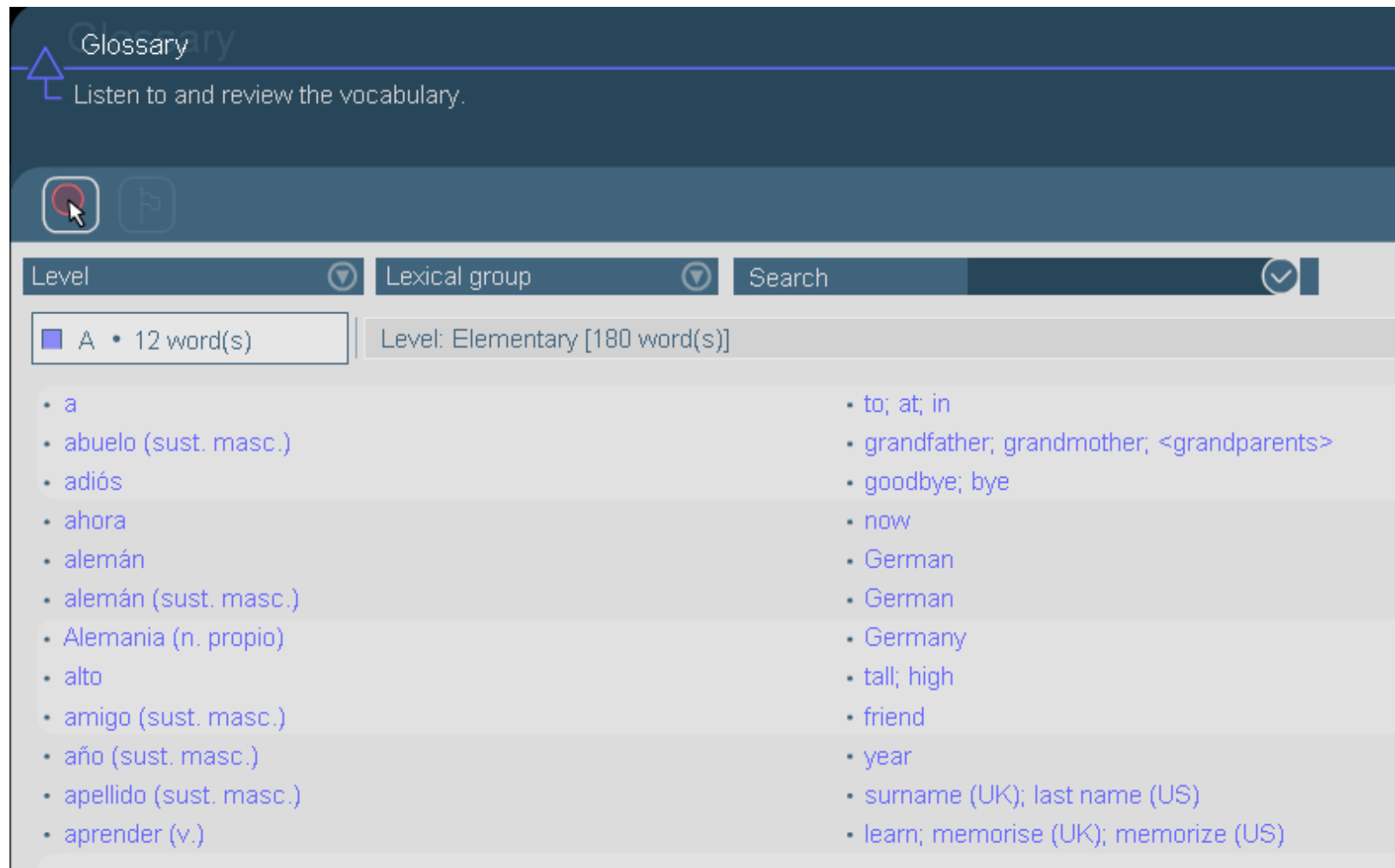
aprender   ▲   yo aprendo
comprender   tú aprendes
estar   él aprende
hablar   nosotros aprendemos
leer   vosotros aprendéis
llamarse   ellos aprenden
mirar
ser   Indicative>Perfect
tener   ▼
                                          yo he aprendido
                                          tú has aprendido
                                          él ha aprendido
                                          nosotros hemos aprendido
                                          vosotros habéis aprendido
                                          ellos han aprendido

Moods and tenses ▲

The **Glossary** is organized by <u>level, lexical group, and semantic field</u>. You can also find a word by using the Search field and then selecting the validate icon.

Glossary

Listen to and review the vocabulary.

| Level ⊽ | Lexical group ⊽ | Search ⊘ |

| ▪ A • 12 word(s) | Level: Elementary [180 word(s)] |

- a — • to; at; in
- abuelo (sust. masc.) — • grandfather; grandmother; <grandparents>
- adiós — • goodbye; bye
- ahora — • now
- alemán — • German
- alemán (sust. masc.) — • German
- Alemania (n. propio) — • Germany
- alto — • tall; high
- amigo (sust. masc.) — • friend
- año (sust. masc.) — • year
- apellido (sust. masc.) — • surname (UK); last name (US)
- aprender (v.) — • learn; memorise (UK); memorize (US)

In the Glossary menu, if you hold the cursor over a particular word, you can see in a pop-up window its translation, listen to its pronunciation, practice its pronunciation, and if it is a verb, its conjugation.

In the pronunciation exercises for words or phrases, you will notice on the top of the screen a graphic voice representation of the word or phrase. The blue lines indicate intonation. On the lower part you will see the representation of your own voice.

¿Cómo se escribe "alfabeto"?

Score

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On the right of the screen you will see a barometer that evaluates the <u>quality of your pronunciation</u> on a scale <u>from 1 to 7</u>. You can <u>repeat</u> as many times as you see fit.
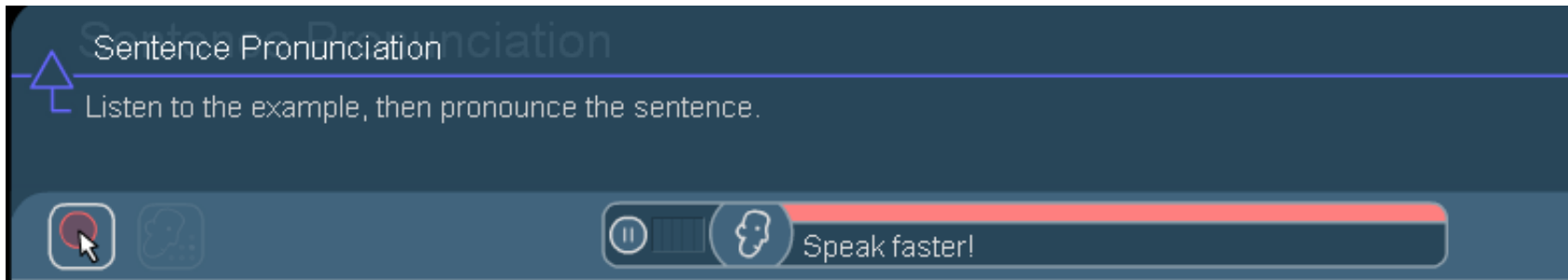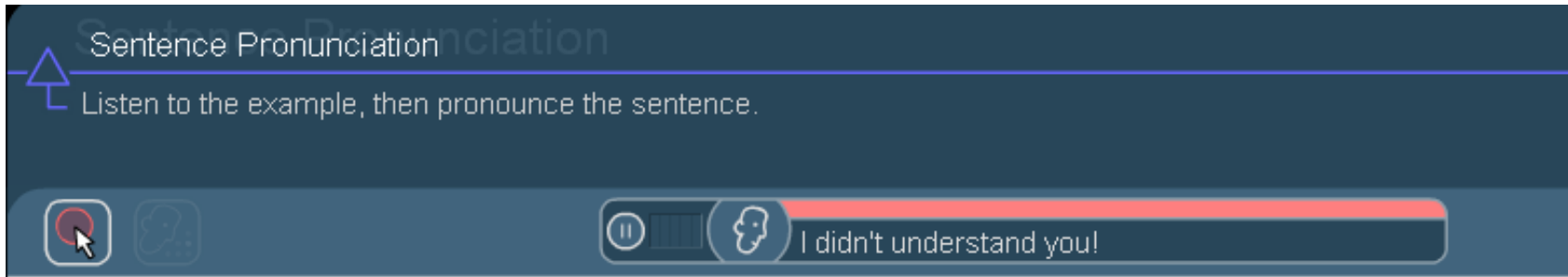
<u>Continuing on to the next word or phrase is decided by the user, not by the program</u>.

Score

6   5   4   3   2   1
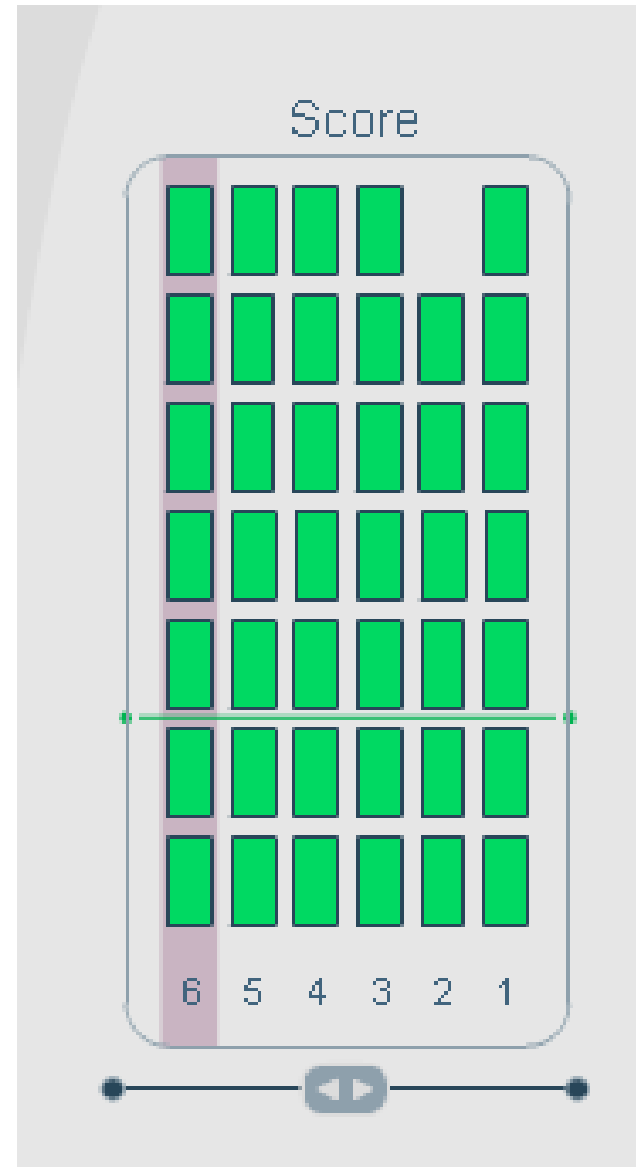
In the pronunciation exercises for words or phrases, you will notice on the top of the screen, the speech recognition bar turning green indicating you to speak. If you are not ready you can pause the speech recognition by using the play/pause button on the left side of the speech recognition bar.
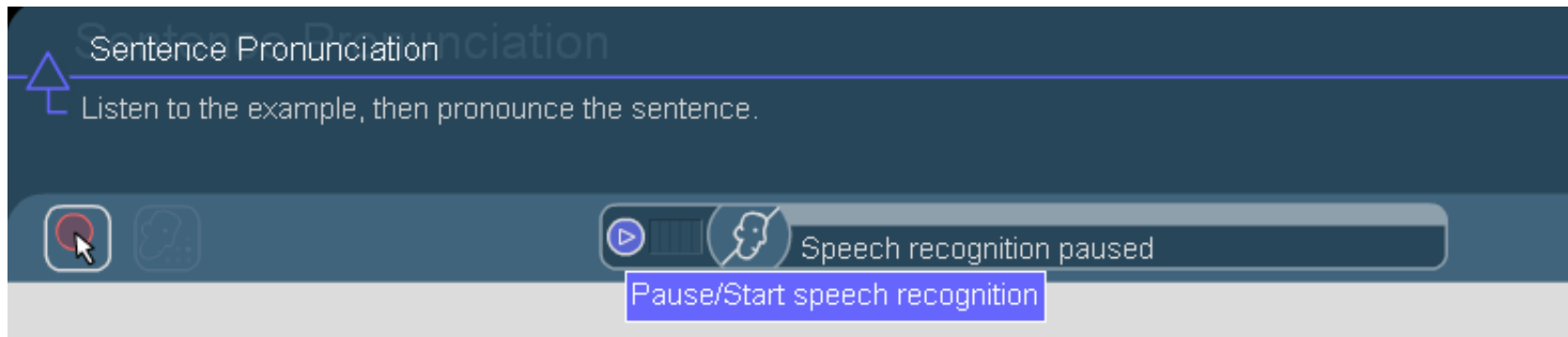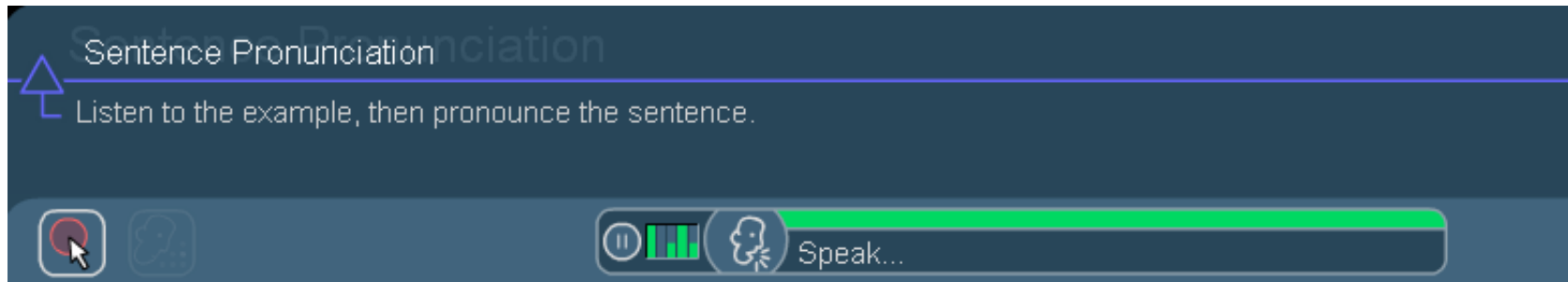
If you do not pronounce the sentence in a proper pace, the speech recognition bar will turn red and will ask you to speak faster.

Sentence Pronunciation

Listen to the example, then pronounce the sentence.

I didn't understand you!

Sentence Pronunciation

Listen to the example, then pronounce the sentence.

Speak faster!

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You can get help using the speech recognition by selecting this feature from the Help section in the Tools and Info Menu.

Help Using Speech Recognition

Follow the speech recognition instructions.

 SOME ADVICE TO HELP YOU REPLY EFFECTIVELY
- Wait for the beep before speaking: TELL ME MORE will not understand if you start to speak too soon.
 Do not pause when speaking, otherwise TELL ME MORE will think you have finished replying and will evaluate your answer.
 You only have five seconds to speak, so any long sentences must be said as quickly as possible.
 If you are not ready, pause speech recognition, by using the pause/play button.

The **cultural texts** are organized by **theme and sub-theme.**

Fichas culturales

Consulte las fichas culturales.

Modo guiado

Seleccionar una ficha

| Geography |
| History |
| Traditions |
| Cuisine |
| Literature |
| Art and Architecture |
| Entertainment |
| Society and Economy |

Halloween
The Star-Spangled Banner
French in Louisiana
Thanksgiving
Jazz: Made in the U.S.A.
Jeans
Independence Day
The Ivy League
The Cowboy
The Story of Pocahontas
'Teddy' Roosevelt and the Bear Cub
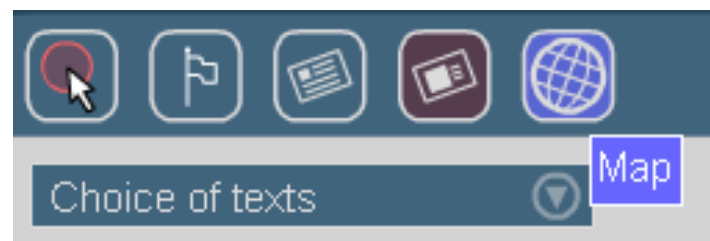County and State Fairs

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Geography

Route 66

Palabras clave: highway | Route 66

Some people call the highway known as Route 66, the 'Main Street of America.'

America's legendary highway

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The icons on the upper left part of the screen allow you to get <u>more information</u> (the red circle icon) about one of the words or expressions underlined in the cultural text; to get the whole <u>text translated;</u> to display <u>the complete text or a text summary,</u> and to access a corresponding <u>map</u> .

Find out more about a word

Choice of texts

Text summary

Choice of texts

Translation

Choice of texts

Map

Choice of texts

Complete text

Choice of texts

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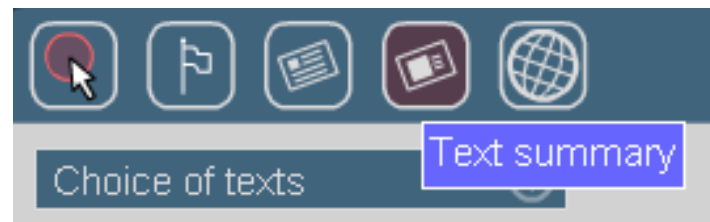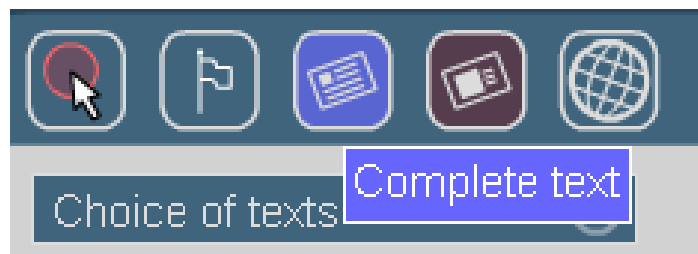
The <u>maps</u> include physical (<u>terrain and ocean</u>), <u>geo-political</u>, and <u>linguistic</u> information.

The <u>help</u> menu offers <u>animated tutorials</u> with explanations <u>about the current screen</u>, <u>about navigation, and about voice recognition</u>.

We suggest you to get help *using the current screen* every time you deal with an activity for the first time. This way you do not have to wonder how to answer or how to navigate through the exercises conforming an activity.

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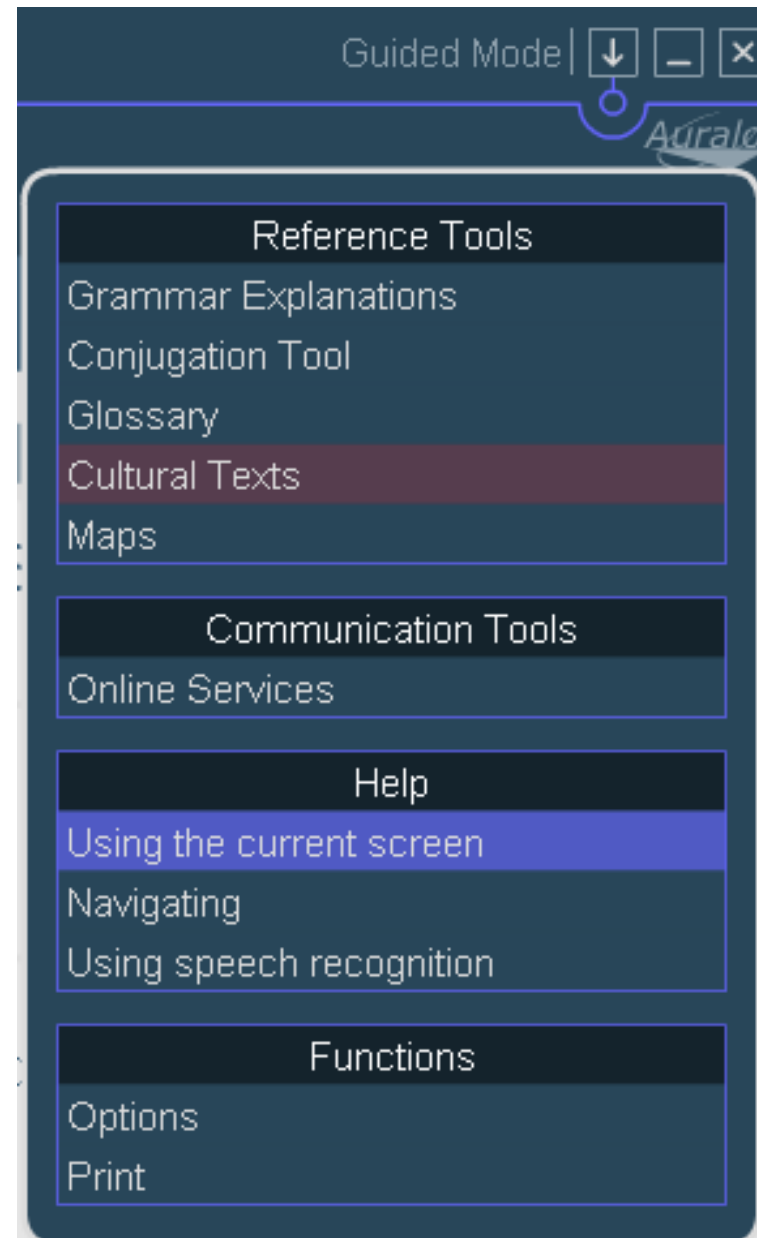
There are a few ways to exit the program: In the upper right-hand margin of the screen, you can click on the Quit icon.
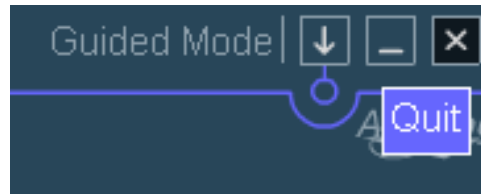
From the home page you can exit the program by clicking on the icon in the lower right-hand margin of the screen.

Next you will see the following window, in which you will need to select the option Quit TELL ME MORE , after which you must click on the validate icon.

TELL ME MORE

What would you like to do?

- Quit TELL ME MORE.
- See the credits, then quit TELL ME MORE.
- Change user account.

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Quit

Quit TELL ME MORE