



# BOOKS & READING

## Discussion

### Basic questions

1 What is your favorite book? What is your favorite character?

*\*My favorite book is... and my favorite character is...*

2 What genre or book do you enjoy most ?

*\*The book I enjoy the most is...*

3 How many hours do you spend reading a day? a week?

*\*I spend... hours in reading a day.*

4 How often do you go the library?

*\*I go to the library every...*

5 Is there a book that you have read more than once? Why?

*\*Yes, there is... / No, there isn't.*

6 Have you ever read a book in English?

*\*Yes, I have... / No, I've never*

### Extended questions

1 Do you think that the internet and television will eventually make books obsolete ?

*\*I think internet and television will make books...*

2 Have you ever been to a book signing or met an author?

*\*Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.*

3 What are some of the advantages of books vs movies?

*\*Some of the advantages of books are...*

**4 Do you think people do not read enough books these days?**

*\*Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...*

**5 Do you like reading the traditional literature of your country?**

*\*Yes, I do... because... / No, I don't... because...*

**6 Can you think of any book you would recommend to another person? Why?**

*\*I'd recommend...because...*

## Vocabulary

**1 Flick through (/flɪk/ /θruː/)**

(verb) Turn the pages of a book quickly and look at them without reading everything.

*Ex. I have only had time to flick through your report but it seems to be fine.*

**2 Review (/rɪˈvjuː/)**

(noun) a report in a newspaper or magazine, or on the Internet, television or radio, in which somebody gives their opinion of a book, play, film/movie, etc

*Ex. He gave an opinionated review about the short film.*

**3 Plot (/plɒt/)**

(noun) The series of events that form the story of a novel, play,..

*Ex. The book is well organized in terms of plot.*

**4 Character (/ˈkærəktə(r)/)**

(noun) A person or an animal in a book, play, or film, movie

*Ex. Clint Eastwood's character is the most sympathetic in the movie.*

**5 Publish (/ˈpʌblɪʃ/)**

(verb) To produce a book, a magazine,... and sell it to the public

*Ex. He works for a company that publishes reference books.*

**6 Thought-provoking (/θɔːt prəˈvʊkɪŋ/)**

(adjective) Making people think seriously about a particular subject or issue.

*Ex. This is a brilliant and thought-provoking book.*

**7 Absorbing (/əb'zɔ:rbɪŋ/**

(adjective) Interesting and enjoyable and holding your attention completely.

*Ex. I am looking for an absorbing book to read.*

**8 Captivating (/ 'kæptɪveɪtɪŋ/)**

(adjective) Taking all your attention, very attractive and interesting

*Ex. She spent the whole day reading the captivating book borrowed from her teacher.*

## Idioms/ Useful Expressions

**1 To be engrossed in** – so interested or involved in something that you give it all your attention.

*Ex. Lily was so engrossed in the new book that she did not realize that her mother had left.*

**2 To be a big reader** – someone who reads a lot

*Ex. My son has been a big reader since he was small.*

**3 To be a bookworm** - someone who reads a lot.

*Ex. He is always reading. He is a real bookworm.*

**4 Heavy going** – used to describe somebody/something that is difficult to deal with or understand

*Ex. I find this book rather heavy going.*

**5 A page turner** – a book that is very exciting

*Ex. Thank you for the book that you gave me. It is really a page turner.*