



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.