

Lesson 1. The huge world of books

1a. A Discuss the questions with your partner.

- 1. What do you mostly read?
- 2. Why do you read?



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books on (*history*), novels, stories, magazines, newspapers, instructions, TV guides, cookery books, recipes, information on the Internet, timetables

for pleasure and enjoyment, for fun, for information, for learning how to make something, for doing homework, for telling somebody else, for getting good marks, for relaxation

Model. We both read books on school subjects for knowledge. Masha prefers magazines for pleasure and relaxation, but I like reading the Internet for information.

1b. Compare your answers with another pair.

1c. Report to the class about your group of four.

Most students read ...
More students prefer ... to ...

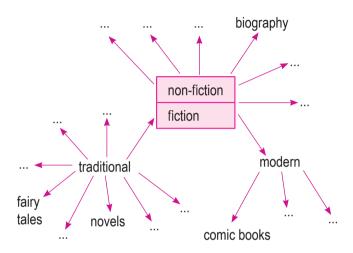
We most often read for ... We seldom read for ...

1d. Decide with your class:

Can you live at least one day without books and reading?

2a. Read the definitions and complete the Mind Map for fiction and non-fiction.

Fiction is a branch of literature which describes events that are not true at the time of writing. In contrast to this is **non-fiction**, which describes factual / real events.



fiction, traditional, modern, non-fiction, novels, autobiographies [pathografiz], legends, video games, biographies [bathografiz], travel writing, short stories, fables, essays [leseiz], folklore [lfouk,lo:], fairy tales, plays, poetry [lpoutri], films, comic books / comics, diaries [ldaipriz], letters

2b. In ex. 2a find a word matching each of the definitions:

1) a short piece of writing on a certain subject that is found in a book, magazine, newspaper or is written by a student; 2) traditional stories, sayings, and beliefs from a particular region; 3) a book that someone writes about someone else's life; 4) a written description of your day; 5) a book about your life that you write yourself; 6) a traditional children's story in which magic things happen; 7) a traditional story, usually about animals, that teaches a moral lesson.

2c. Say which genres¹ you prefer and why.

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exciting, interesting, boring, fascinating, great, fantastic, thrilling, touching, moving, amusing, clever full of fun / humour /adventures / emotions / beauty / mystery (тайна, загадка) about nature / animals / famous people / celebrities / historical events / love

3a. Read and say which fiction genres you prefer and why.

• historical • adventure • horror • thriller • detective • fantasy • mystery • romance [reu'mæns] • science fiction

3b. Listen and read the following extracts and guess their genres.

A. Ben sat up on the rocks. Everything was covered in white fog. He couldn't see Kitty. Soon he began to feel cold.

"We'd better go back, Kitty," he called.

Kitty didn't answer.

Ben climbed down to the foot of the rocks.

"Kitty!" he called. "Kitty. Where are you? Come on, Kitty. It's time to go."

Ben ran among the rocks and called her name. When the fog lifted he saw that he was alone. The only moving thing was a large, blue car going away from the rock over the moor.

(Diana Mitchener)

B. At that moment, Yoshi knew in his heart that he never wanted to lose Sarah. Every day, he waited for her at the school gates to carry her bag for her. She would appear at the gate, see him, and smile her very special smile just for him. Sarah felt as if she had always known Yoshi. They often joked about this. And they would laugh and dream about the future, too. Of course they would go to the same university together, of course they would get married and live happily ever after ...

(Charlyn Wessels and others)

¹ **genres** ['ʒɒnrez] – жанры



C. The forest was dark. Some of the plants were as long and wide as a man's body, and high above them were giant ['dʒaɪənt] trees.

He walked downhill to a river, and when he climbed up the other side there was a break in the trees. From here he could see the rocky west side of the island.

From somewhere in the forest below he

heard another deep cry. After a moment the cry was answered. The tops of the forest trees moved, and then it was silent again.

Levine walked down another hill and found another river. Something was moving in the grass. An animal the size of a mouse came out. Levine looked at it. Greenish skin without hair, large eyes, like a lizard ['lɪzəd] but ... Levine knew about this small animal from its bones, but now he was looking at a real, living dinosaur!

(The Lost World. Jurassic Park. Michael Crichton)

D. Mr Lamb: Good morning, sir.

Price: I'm from the police. My name's Price. Inspector Price.

Mr Lamb (*looking worried*): The police! I haven't done anything wrong, have I?

Price (*smiling*): I don't think so, Mr Lamb. But I've got to ask you a few questions.

Mr Lamb: Well, come into the office at the back of the shop.

(Three Mystery Plays. Donn Byrne)

3c. A Discuss why you think so.

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A: I think that this is a piece (отрывок) of The main character saw that / knew that / understood that .../ found himself

B: Yes, it's obvious (очевидно) that it's a piece of / No, I don't think so.

4. Imagine you are on an uninhabited island and have only these books (ex. 3b). What would you read first? Second? Last? Explain your choice (use the Help box in ex. 2c).



Literary forms and genres (matching words and their defenitions)

5. Write for a forum "I enjoy reading ..." about your preferences in reading.

Lesson 2. What kind of reader are you?

1a. Schools around the UK celebrate World Book Day¹ with special events to encourage students to pick up a book and get reading. BBC invited school students to take part in the following questionnaire. Do the test to see what kind of reader you are.

- 1. What section of the library is your favourite?
 - a. I don't go to the library.
 - b. Non-fiction.
 - c. Books on school subjects.
 - d. Traditional fiction.
 - e. Modern fiction.
- 2. About how many minutes do you read a day?
 - a. 5
 - b. 10
 - c. 30
 - d. 60
 - e. more
- 3. What books do you buy for your home library?
 - a. Romance fiction.
 - b. Horror or thriller.
 - c. Detective fiction.
 - d. Adventure fiction.
 - e. Others.
- 4. When you hear about a new huge best-seller, what do you do?

a best-seller (*also* bestseller) – a book selling best at the moment

¹ World Book and Copyright Day (also known as International Day of the Book or World Book Day) is a yearly event on 23 April, organised by UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and copyright. The Day was first celebrated in 1995.