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READING

Why Do People Read?



Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. printed | <u>E</u> | A. the story of someone's life written by another person |
| 2. text messages | _____ | B. fiction based on future, imagined scientific events |
| 3. literature | _____ | C. books and written works |
| 4. non-fiction | _____ | D. writing based on true facts, real people and events |
| 5. biography | _____ | E. not written by hand, but by a machine (typed) |
| 6. fiction | _____ | F. long (book-length) stories of fiction |
| 7. science fiction | _____ | G. a kind of communication sent by cell phone |
| 8. novels | _____ | H. stories, novels not based on real people and events |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. Biographies and novels are two kinds of literature.
2. How many _____ do you get on your phone every day?
3. I love to read _____ stories about time travel into the future.
4. Before _____ books, all books were written by hand.
5. Do you ever read the true stories or _____ of famous people?
6. This story of *The Hobbit* isn't true. It's _____.
7. *Moby Dick* is a very long _____. It's a story of over 500 pages.
8. *A History of Ancient Britain*, a _____ book, was written by Neil Oliver.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. _____

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Almost everyone knows how to read. People do it every day, and so we don't really think about it very much. However, before about 550 years ago, very few people knew how to read. Then, in 1455, a German man called Johannes Gutenberg invented the first **printed**¹ book. Reading then became more and more popular. However, learning to read is not easy and it takes many years in school to become a good reader. So then, you might ask yourself: Why do people read?

Well, people read for two reasons. First, they read so that they can learn new things. For example, people read **text messages**² to find out what their friends are doing, and they read to find out what time the next bus will arrive. They can even read (study) to learn how to become a restaurant cook, a teacher or a doctor. Many people also read for another reason: reading is fun. If you are a person who enjoys reading, there are many kinds of **literature**³ to choose from. You can choose to read **non-fiction**⁴ and read the **biography**⁵ of a famous singer like Paul McCartney, or a famous soccer player like Ronaldo. Or you might decide to read **fiction**⁶, maybe **science fiction**⁷, and read *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by French writer Jules Verne. Or maybe you just want to read some funny stories that make you laugh.

So, maybe you want to get some information and learn something new - or maybe you read because you just enjoy it. Schools, the Internet, libraries and bookstores are filled with thousands of short stories, **novels**⁸ and biographies of famous people from all over the world, and there are millions of pages out there to teach you almost anything you want to learn. There's no reason not to read!

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Vocabulary and Spelling Practice

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- **Read the sentences on the right and complete the crossword. Look at the article again to help you.**

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ACROSS

1. The first ____ book was made in 1455.
5. Johannes Gutenberg was a ____ man.
7. A story that is not about real people or real things is called ____.
8. It takes many ____ in school to become a good reader.
9. There are many kinds of literature to ____ from.
10. Jules Verne was a ____ writer.
13. Last month I read the ____ of George Washington.
14. A long story, like *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, is called a ____.

DOWN

2. Almost ____ knows how to read.
3. It takes many years to become a good ____.
4. A written work that is about real people or real things is called ____.
6. A story about aliens or time travel, that is not true, is called ____.
11. I am reading a short ____ about a cat.
12. It takes many years to ____ to read.
13. I need to return this ____ to the library.

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How Much Do You Understand?

● **Complete the statements.**

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| 1. Almost everyone knows | A. for two reasons. |
| 2. People read | B. literature to choose from. |
| 3. First, people read so that | C. they can learn new things. |
| 4. People also read | D. places to find things to read. |
| 5. There are many kinds of | E. how to read. |
| 6. There are many | F. because reading is fun. |

Discuss

● **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. What did you read yesterday? Last week? Last month?
2. What is your favorite story or novel? What is the story or novel about?
3. The article says that people read for two reasons. Can you think of any additional reasons that people read?

Write

● **Think about your favorite short story or novel. Write three reasons WHY it is your favorite story or novel.**

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2. _____
3. _____

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Summarize Your Favorite Short Story or Novel

- *Write a paragraph to summarize your favorite short story or novel. Finish your paragraph by writing three reasons why you like it.*

Lesson "Why Do People Read?"

Grammar Focus Mixed: Present Simple, Past Simple, First Conditional

Vocabulary 299 words
A1 words-76% / **A2** words-15% / **B1** words-2%
AWL Words in this text: *text*
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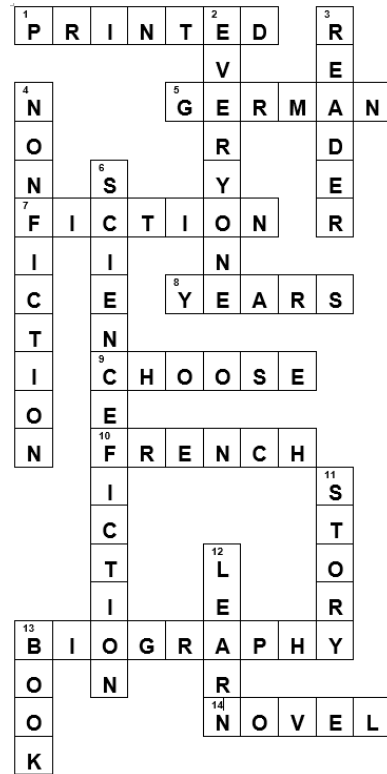
ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary**

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| 1. E | 1. literature |
| 2. G | 2. text messages |
| 3. C | 3. science fiction |
| 4. D | 4. printed |
| 5. A | 5. biographies |
| 6. H | 6. fiction |
| 7. B | 7. novel |
| 8. F | 8. non-fiction |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● **Vocabulary & Spelling**



ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. Almost everyone knows how to read.
2. People read for two reasons.
3. First, people read so that they can learn new things.
4. People also read because reading is fun.
5. There are many kinds of literature to choose from.
6. There are many places to find things to read.

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