

THE POWER OF READING

Listen to the speech and fill in the gaps

Great readers make great writers, whilst great writers make great communicators, and great communicators make great persuaders. And you know what great persuaders make? They make good _____. And that's what this world needs. I think that it's _____ crazy that all anyone ever talks about is _____, TV shows, WhatsApp, Instagram, Bitmoji - I don't even know what that is; my brother just told me about it - WeChat, Kiki, Sarahah, and I could go on forever. Studies _____ shown that some kids these days even spend 6.5 _____ on a screen a day. I think we should draw _____ to this problem. However, not reading can even result in making your brain less active or engaged. Just over the past year, I've enjoyed reading: 'Winnetou' by Karl May, the 'Harry Potter' series, with _____ books, the Roald Dahl series, with _____ books, and 'The Unwanteds' series, with _____ books. And many, many single books in between. Some I've liked less; some I've liked more. But they all took me for such an _____. Ask my family members. I'm a truly unhappy child when I don't have a good book to read right next to me. I love reading in places like my bed, on the move while walking, in the toilet, in _____, in vehicles, but more importantly, at home. I hide behind various corners of my house, so nobody can find me and make me do anything else. Once I even hid behind a flower pot and pretended to be the flower, not moving at all. Nobody could find me for ages. It was _____. I read everywhere. So for all of you skeptical people out there, let me tell you, when you have a good book to keep you _____, there is nothing better in the _____. It takes you to places where you can't go, and lets you meet people you can't meet. Reading is love in action. And the positives are endless. Like, I usually never have to study for spelling tests, and it makes my _____ so good that it easily impresses any grown-up. Sometimes, the first thing I know, I've just had a short conversation with a grown-up, and the next thing I know, there's a room full of adults talking about me. I can't imagine my life without a book. What I'm comparing is the lost art of reading, writing, communicating and persuading to some of the great societal ills of the text message, the tweet and the snap. While these wonders of modern technology have their place, we, the young generation, have to _____ to reading. It's the key to our kingdom. So go out there, find a good book, not just any book, the best are the ones _____ by another kid, and just go for it!

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