

Children's literature

Stories and poems for children have a long history. Children's literature can be traced to traditional stories like fairy tales, songs that have only been children's literature in the eighteenth-century.

Modern Children's literature is categorized by a lot of genres, some of the most well-known include: picture book, traditional literature, poetry, modern fantasy, nonfiction, contemporary realistic fiction, biography and historical fiction.

Nowadays, the most popular of them are: picture books, modern fantasy and fairy tales.

A picture book is a book, typically for children, in which the illustrations are as important as or more important than the words in telling the story. Picture books have traditionally been 32 pages long. In picture books, there are illustrations on every page. Learning to "read pictures" is an important literacy skill, and picture books can play an important part in the process of developing visual literacy.

Modern fantasy is taking elements from the real world, but having magical elements that make things possible such as talking animals, toys, or going to a different realm. Stories sometimes have fantasy taken place in the real world but magical elements of fantasy make them impossible.

Fairy Tales are stories involving fantastic forces, usually good versus evil, most originating in folklore, mythology, and legend. They feature fantasy beings like dragons, dwarfs, fairies and talking animals. They aren't just for kids. In fact, many are complex morality tales.

These genres may seem all about magic, but they may become effective tools in instilling the virtues of kindness and mercy in children.

Exercise 1

Mark the sentences true/false.

1. Stories and poems for children have a short history. **True/False**
2. Picture books have 32 pages long. **True/False**
3. There aren't illustrations on every page. **True/False**
4. Modern fantasy doesn't have magical elements. **True/False**
5. Fairy tales are only for kids. **True/False**

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Exercise 2. Finish the sentence.

1. Stories and poems for children have a long _____.
2. The most popular children's literature are: picture books, modern fantasy and _____.
3. In picture books, there are illustrations on every _____.
4. Modern fantasy is taking elements from the real _____.
5. Fairy Tales originates from folklore, mythology, and _____.
6. In fact, many are complex _____ tales.

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Exercise 3.

Finish the sentence

1. Learning to "read pictures" is an important literacy_____.
2. Books can develop visual _____.
3. Magical elements make things possible such as talking animals, toys, or going to a different _____.
4. Fairy Tales are stories involving fantastic _____.
5. Fairy Tales originates from folklore, mythology, and _____.
6. Books may become effective tools in teaching to the virtues of kindness and _____ in children.

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Exercise 4.

Answer the questions.

1. Can you name modern genres of children's literature which are mentioned in the text?
2. Can you describe the elements of picture books, modern fantasy, fairy tales?
3. What can children learn from reading books?

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Extra exercise

Now work in pairs Call your partner via WHATSAPP and ask these question Then, talk about your partners book. Send me an audio

- 1.What kind of books did you read when you were a little child?
- 2.What is it about?

Self - assessment

Easy



Ok



Difficult



Ex.1

Ex.2

Ex.3

Ex.4

