

A Types of books

As I work for a **publisher**, I'm always using **reference books** such as dictionaries. But I read a lot for **pleasure** too, and I particularly like **poetry**. At home all my books are arranged in **alphabetical** order (I know that's a bit strange!). I've also got lots of novels from different **categories** – **crime stories**, **ghost stories**, **historical** novels, **murder mysteries**, **science fiction**, etc. – but there is **non-fiction** as well. I read quite a lot of **biographies**. My husband says I'm book-crazy.



GLOSSARY

publisher	a company or a person that prepares and prints books for selling. A publishing company publishes books. publish v
reference book	a book you use to find a piece of information
pleasure	a feeling of enjoyment
poetry	poems in general. A poem is a piece of writing arranged in separate lines that expresses thoughts and feelings. A person who writes poetry is a poet .
alphabetical	listed in the same way as the alphabet : A, B, C, etc.
category	a group of things or people that are similar to each other
crime story	a story about a crime
historical	connected with real people or events in the past
mystery	a story in which the events are only explained at the end
science fiction	books about events that take place in the future SYN sci-fi inf
non-fiction	books about real facts, people, events, etc. OPP fiction
biography	the story of sb's life written by someone else. An autobiography is the story of sb's life written by that person.

1 Complete the table.

murder mystery ✓ historical novel	reference book biography	ghost stories sci-fi	autobiography crime stories
Fiction		Non-fiction	
▶ <u>murder</u> <u>mystery</u>			

2 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ A dictionary is arranged in alphabetical order.
- I don't read _____ stories when I'm in bed in case I can't sleep afterwards.
 - Shakespeare is famous for his plays, but he also wrote beautiful _____.
 - Dictionaries are a kind of _____ book.
 - What kind of books do you read for _____ in the evenings?
 - Do you read crime stories? ~ Yes, I'm reading a murder _____ at the moment.
 - What's the tenth letter of the _____? ~ It's 'J'.
 - Roy Jenkins wrote a famous _____ of Winston Churchill.
 - Keats, Baudelaire and Goethe are all famous _____.
 - The students' names were arranged in _____ order.
 - Who _____ this book? ~ Oxford University Press.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction? _____
- Do you read for work, pleasure, or both? _____
- Do you like sci-fi, murder mysteries or poetry? _____
- Do you read novels? If so, which categories do you prefer? _____
- Have you ever read a biography or an autobiography? If so, whose? _____
- Do you keep anything in alphabetical order? _____



TEST YOURSELF

B Choosing a book

Booksellers **survey**: how did you choose the last book you read?

I was in a bookshop and the **title** and front **cover** just **attracted** my **attention**.

It was a **recommendation** by a friend – he said it was **original** and had a good **plot**.

I read a bit of the first **chapter** in a bookshop – it was interesting and **well written**.

I read a **summary** of the book and it was by an author who is **well known**.

I love **narrative** fiction where love is the main **theme** of the book.

GLOSSARY

survey	asking questions to find out what people think about sth
title	the name of sth, e.g. a book or film
cover	the outside part of a book, magazine, etc.
attract sb's attention	If sth attracts your attention , it interests you so that you want to look at it.
recommendation	saying that sth is good or useful
recommend v	
original	new and different
plot	what happens in a book, play or film
chapter	one of the parts of a book: <i>The book has 20 chapters.</i>
summary	a short way of telling sth by giving only the most important facts summarize v
narrative	describing events or telling a story narrative n
theme	the subject of a piece of writing, a talk, a film, etc.

SPOTLIGHT compound adjectives with well

There are a number of adjectives with **well** + past participle, e.g. **well written** (of a book, article, etc.), **well known** (= famous), **well informed** (= knowing a lot), etc. A hyphen is used when the adjective is followed by a noun.

- a **well-known** author
- She's **well known**.

- 4 Look at the underlined letters in the example, then underline the letters in the other words with the same sound. Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ cover attract attention chapter original
narrative summary summarize recommendation

- 5 Complete the text.

My cousin has just written book. He's not well known, but it might attract a lot of (1) a _____ because the (2) t _____ is 'How to make a lot of money by doing almost nothing'. I think that's quite an (3) o _____ title and if the (4) t _____ of the book is making money, a lot of people will read it. It was published last month, and he gave me a copy as a present. I've read the first couple of (5) c _____ about selling things on the internet, and it's both interesting and (6) w _____ written. On the front (7) c _____ there's a picture of my cousin lying in bed.

- 6 Complete the sentences.

▶ One of my friends recommended a book to me, but I haven't read it.

1 I enjoy reading fast-moving, _____ fiction.

2 I like books where the main _____ is war.

3 I read a novel mainly for the story, so the _____ is the most important thing.

4 If I don't like the first _____ of a book, I stop reading it.

5 When I buy a book, I often don't notice what's on the front _____.

6 I only read books by authors who are well _____.

7 I think a _____ by a friend is always the best way to choose a book.

8 When organizations ask me to complete an online _____, I almost always say 'no'.

ABOUT YOU

- 7 **ABOUT YOU** Look at the sentences in Exercise 6 again. Are they true for you? Write your answers, or talk to another student.



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