

Look at the headline and pictures. What do you think the text is going to be about? Express your opinion in at least 3 sentences.

Skim through the text. Match the headings to paragraphs 1–4.

Books

Magazines and comics

Computers

How much do teenagers read?

TEENAGERS' reading habits



1 According to a government survey, 83% of British teenagers read in their free time. Their favourite place to read is in bed. Generally, girls read more than boys. On average, girls read for 4.5 hours a week. Boys only read for 2.3 hours a week (but they watch TV and DVDs for 11 hours). E-books are becoming more popular.



2 Books are popular with most British teenagers. However, girls and boys read different things. Girls normally read fiction. Their favourite authors are J.K. Rowling and Jacqueline Wilson. Boys often read non-fiction books about their hobbies or about famous people. Teenagers also have to read books for English lessons at school. They usually read classic novels by British authors, like George Orwell, or American authors, such as John Steinbeck. Schools also have a library. Pupils can read there or they can borrow books to read at home.



3 Teenagers generally prefer reading magazines and comics to books. General teenage magazines are all for girls. They have articles about celebrities, fashion, make-up and relationships. Boys, like men, read magazines about their interests, such as cars, computers, football or music. A lot of boys also read comics, but only one girl in twenty reads them.



4 People often say that teenagers don't read much, because they spend all their time on computers. But what do they do on their computers? A lot of the time, they read. For girls, social networks and celebrity websites are the most popular. Boys' favourites are online song lyrics and computer game cheats.

Read the text carefully. Choose the paragraph which mentions the information below. Sometimes there are two possible answers.

Which paragraph says:

1. Teenagers prefer magazines or comics to books.

1 2 3 4

2. The majority of (=většina) teenagers read in their free time.

1 2 3 4

3. Girls usually read fiction, meanwhile (=zatímco) boys non-fiction.

1 2 3 4

4. Boys are interested in game cheats.

1 2 3 4

5. E-books are becoming popular.

1 2 3 4

6. Teenagers can borrow books at schools.

1 2 3 4

7. Girls read about make-up, relationships or fashion trends on social networks.

1 2 3 4

8. The favourite place for teenagers to read is in bed.

1 2 3 4

9. Teenagers have to read for lessons at school.

1 2 3 4

10. Boys and girls read different genres of books.

1 2 3 4

Now, choose one paragraph you agree and one you disagree with. Write them into the table below. Then say why you hold that opinion. Compare your ideas in pairs.

Opinion	Paragraph	Why?
I agree with...		
I disagree with...		

Then discuss the following questions in pairs.

1. How many hours do you read in a week?
2. Where and when do you read?
3. What do you read: books? magazines and comics? things on a computer?
4. What books do you have to read for school?
5. Do you borrow books from libraries?