

14.1

Something good to read

Speaking

- 1 Do this questionnaire with a partner.

Who reads the most in the class?

Which type of book is the most popular in your class?

- 1 How many books do you read each year?

A fewer than 5
B 6–20
C more than 20

- 2 Where do you read?

A at the beach
B in my bedroom
C in the bath

- 3 What kind of books do you like?

A picture books / comics
B love stories
C adventure stories
D books that make you laugh
E detective stories
F science fiction books

Reading

- 2 Three people were asked what they read, and this is what they said. Read the texts and answer questions 1–7. Don't worry about the underlined phrases at the moment. For each question, choose the answer A, B or C.

A = Luis
B = Joanna
C = Sam

Luis



I like to read in bed before I turn my light off. I don't like science fiction or comics. I'm really lucky because my parents buy me a lot of books. My friends enjoy borrowing them. One book I enjoyed is called *The Lake* by Tom Davis. It's about a girl who lived a hundred years ago and worked at a hotel. One day a guest is found in the deep, blue lake. Lena thinks she knows who killed her.

I never buy books. I always go to my local library. I like stories about modern life where boy meets girl, not about what happened years ago. A book I enjoyed is called *The Dream* by Dorrie Williams. Lois has left school and is now a famous pop singer. Lois meets Mike – a good-looking Australian guitar player in a band. Her friends don't like him but she does. Does she take her friends' advice or does she go out with Mike? Read it and find out!

Joanna



Sam

I don't often buy books. I prefer to get comics – often ones that make me laugh, not stupid love stories which send me to sleep. Anyway, I read a good book called *Will* by Gary Hahn. It's about a boy who wakes up in someone else's bedroom and has a different face and body. He remembers playing great, new computer games with his friend Jack and then going home but he doesn't remember getting home ... This is an awesome story because it's really different.

- 0 Who buys more comics than books? C
 - 1 Who enjoys reading funny stories?
 - 2 Who prefers love stories?
 - 3 Who reads before going to sleep?
 - 4 Who read a book about something terrible happening?
 - 5 Who enjoyed a book because it was unusual?
 - 6 Who read a book about the past?
 - 7 Who always borrows books?
- 3 What do you think about the books Luis, Joanna and Sam have read? Which of these books would you like to read?

14.2

Learn something new!

Vocabulary

1 Put these school subjects in order.

Tell your partner why.

1 = You like this subject best.

8 = You like this subject least.

Try to use some of the words below.

EXAMPLE: For me, maths is awesome.

Key speaking

- 😊 I think it's awesome, brilliant, cool, great.
- 😞 It's horrible, terrible, boring.
- 😬 It's crazy, strange.
- 😐 It isn't very exciting, interesting.
- 😐 It's OK / all right. It isn't boring.

maths
history
languages
sport
art
geography
music
science

2 Is there any subject you would like to do but can't do at your school?

Tell your partner.



Listening

3 ² ¹³ Sylvia is 14 and wants to be an actor. You will hear her asking for information about Saturday morning classes at a theatre school in London. Listen and write the missing information.

Theatre School

0 Day: Saturday

1 Date of new classes: 3rd

2 send cheque for: £

3 Time classes begin:

4 Address: High street

5 Best bus to get:



Reading

4 Match sentences 1-4 from Sylvia's conversation with responses A-D.

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| 1 Can I help you? | A You're welcome. |
| 2 Could I visit the school to see what it's like? | B Any time. |
| 3 When can I come and visit? | C Yes, please. |
| 4 Thank you very much. | D Of course. |

² ¹³ Listen again to check your answers.

5 Now do the same with 1-10 and A-J.

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| 1 I can't come on the school trip. | A Fine, thanks. |
| 2 What are you doing? | B Sorry, I can't - I'm going swimming. |
| 3 I've got an exam tomorrow. | C I'm afraid it's taken. |
| 4 I've passed all my exams. | D No, it's not. |
| 5 Would you mind opening the classroom window? | E Chemistry homework. |
| 6 Where's the library? | F Sure, I can do that. |
| 7 Hi! How are you? | G What a pity. |
| 8 Is that your teacher? | H Congratulations! |
| 9 Can I sit here? | I Good luck! |
| 10 Let's study together tonight. | J On the first floor. |

² ¹⁴ Listen to check your answers.