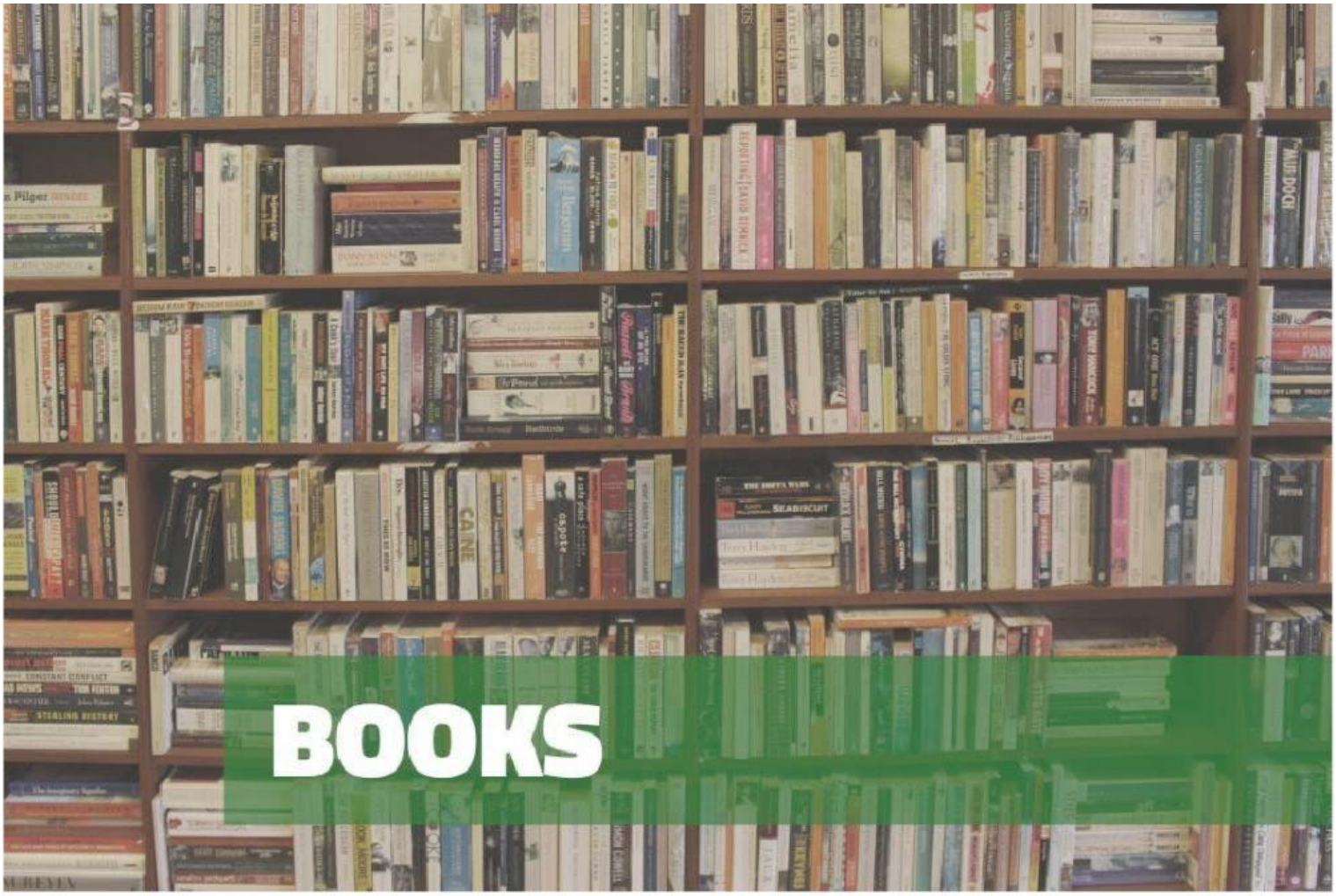


BOOKS

"Think before you speak. Read before you think."

Fran Lebowitz, American author

1. Books Discussion

1. Do you like reading?
2. What kind of things do you prefer to read? Do you prefer to read fiction or non-fiction books? Why?
3. What are your favourite books? What was the last book you read? Which books would you like to read (if you had the time)?
4. Who are your favourite authors? Which famous authors come from your country? Have you read their books?
5. Which books have you started, but didn't finish? Why?
6. If you could be a character from a book you have read, which one would you like to be?
7. Which books did you love as a child?
8. Have you read any books in English?

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2. Books Vocabulary

- **bookworm** (noun) – *someone who loves to read; someone who is always reading.*
- **biography / autobiography** (nouns) – *a biography is a book written about a person, whereas an autobiography is a book written by a person about themself.*
- **page-turner** (noun) – *a book that is so enthralling you want to turn the page quickly to find out what happens next.*
- **e-book** (noun) – *a digital version of a book.*
- **e-reader** (noun) – *a device to read e-books.*
- **to read someone like a book** (idiom) – *to easily understand someone's motivations or thoughts.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. Anne Frank's diary is perhaps the most famous _____ in the world.
2. Don't lie to me! You don't want to visit my parents this weekend because you want to play golf; I can _____!
3. _____ are becoming much more sophisticated these days. Some replicate real book pages, and others can be connected to the Wi-Fi to receive daily newspapers.
4. In the past, people had to take heavy guidebooks on holiday with them. Now, thanks to _____, people can take as many books as they want with them.
5. My brother is such a _____. He's always got his nose in a book!
6. While people might have criticised the style of Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code, no one could deny that it was an addictive _____.

Books vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Are you a bookworm? Do you know anyone who is?
2. Whose biography/autobiography would you most like to read?
3. Which books would you describe as page-turners?
4. Why do some people prefer physical books to e-books?
5. Do you have an e-reader? If so, can you describe it? If not, do you think it would be a good idea to buy one?
6. Is it easy to read you like a book? Do you find it easy to read other people like a book? Who is the easiest to read?

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3. Video: The most mysterious book

You are going to watch a video by TED Ed called "The world's most mysterious book."

Watch the video here:

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. In which university can you find the Voynich Manuscript?
   a) Harvard *b) Princeton* *c) Yale*
2. How many pages are in the Voynich Manuscript?
   a) 240 *b) 1440* *c) 1420*
3. Which country was Wilfrid Voynich from?
   a) Poland *b) Italy* *c) the United States*
4. The pattern of letters and groups of letters in the manuscript is what?
   a) random *b) repetitive* *c) has never been seen before*

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Sentence completion

5. It is believed that _____ people were involved in writing the book.
6. Some people think the book was written in _____ to hide its meaning.
7. Other people think the book is a hoax designed to make _____ from gullible people.
8. A third theory suggests the book was written in an actual _____.

Short answer

9. Where was the Rongorongo script created? _____
10. During which century did Roger Bacon attempt to understand the universal laws of grammar? _____
11. What technique was used to determine the manuscript's age? _____
12. What was Jacobus Sinapius' profession? _____

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4. Books Conversation Questions

1. Do you have a local library? Do you use it often? Should the government continue to fund libraries if fewer people are using them? Why or why not?
2. Is the book always better than the film?
3. Would you prefer to read a book or wait until someone makes it into a movie?
4. Which books should everyone read?
5. Which books have changed the world?
6. Which books do you consider dangerous? Which books should be banned?
7. Do children read less than they did in the past? If so, why is that? How can we get children to read more?
8. Will people stop reading books altogether in the future? Why or why not?

5. Books Writing Task

Write about your opinion of books and reading. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- Your favourite books/authors.
- The most important books from history.
- How children could be encouraged to read more.

Alternative exam practice question:

These days, children are more interested in watching TV shows and movies than reading books. Why do you think this is? How can they be encouraged to read more?

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