What's the point of reading books?

1. Look at the book titles and say what you know about the stories.

- *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
- *The Lord of the Rings*
- *The Alchemist*
- *The Da Vinci Code*
- *The Little Prince*

2. Complete the gaps with the verbs in the box.

adapted	I'm	published	recommend	see	write

a) I don't ..... the point of reading books. It's just a waste of time.
b) When a good book is ..... into a film, I first read the book and then watch the film.
c) I often ..... book reviews online to help other readers choose the best books.
d) If I want to pick a book to read, I ask a friend to ..... something.
e) I used to read a lot of books but now I ..... out of practice.
f) There are a lot of bad books ..... nowadays so I often start a book and don't finish it.

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Look at the list of benefits of reading. Explain whether you think they are true or not.

- Reading makes you creative.
- Reading improves your language skills.
- Reading gives you confidence.
- Reading develops empathy.

5. Discuss the questions.

- Do you think adults should read more books? Why/Why not?
- What do you think about the advice in the article? Would it help people who don't read regularly?
- Which do you prefer: printed books, e-books or audiobooks? Why?

- Which category of books do you prefer?
  - fiction (e.g. crime, romance, fantasy, science fiction, literary fiction)
  - non-fiction (e.g. journalism, biographies, self-help)
- Are there any books that you've read more than once?
- Have you ever read a book in English? If so, what was it? If not, would you like to?

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