

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.

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?