

Reading Ex. > Books

A. Look at the descriptions of eight books (A-H). Decide which one would be most suitable for each person (1-5).



1 Laura is looking for a book for her grandson's fifth birthday present. Preferably, it should be about space travel or animals and be a story she can read to him many times.



2 Moira's 14-year-old daughter loves science fiction videos. Moira wants to encourage her to read more by giving her a book which will hold her attention.



3 Fiona, like everyone in her family, is very interested in the cinema and enjoys reading about it. She wants a book that will give her all the gossip about film stars past and present.



4 James, who is 15, is looking for something to pass the time on a long plane journey. He'd like to read an adventure story which brings a period of history to life.



5 Gerry likes mystery stories which are full of suspense and excitement. He'd prefer to buy a book by a new writer.

A The Meeting

This exciting novel is aimed at teenagers but adults will enjoy it, too. It's the 16th century and Per, the farm boy, rescues a princess. There are marvellous chases, battle scenes and romantic meetings – you couldn't ask for more thrilling action in a story, or a more realistic picture of the past.

B Stealing Scenes

Starting at the age of five, the writer of this amusing autobiography has had a long and successful career as an actress on stage and screen. She takes us into her world of lights and cameras and tells the secrets of famous people she has known.

C The Bucketful of Dinosaurs

When Harry finds a bucketful of dinosaurs, he's delighted and takes them everywhere he goes until one day he leaves them on a train. How will he prove that the dinosaurs belong to him? Very young children will never get tired of listening to this charming adventure.

D Blood Rain

In this seventh book in the series about an Italian police inspector, the hero investigates a murder. The victim? Maybe just a friendless nobody, or perhaps the son of the country's most powerful criminal. Can the inspector manage both to find the murderer and to stay alive?

E Hex Shadows

This story is set in the year 2367 when Britain is a part of the cruel European Federation. Hexes, human computers who were created in the late 21st century, are now hunted down as enemies of the Federation. This is an exciting, fast-moving story which teenagers will love.

F Space Age

Designed with the fact-hungry child in mind, this gives information about stars, galaxies, astronauts and spaceships. It will bring the universe to life and make science and technology fun for those between five and ten years old.



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G Stormy Weather

This thriller is the first from the pen of a young Canadian. It follows the story of Dale, a meteorologist who is invited on a small plane to watch a thunderstorm. Dale soon discovers that not all dangers come from nature, and to save his life he must find the answers to some deadly questions.

H Shoot!

For more than 20 years, this has been recognized as the best guide to the movies. This latest edition gives details and opinions about more than 22,000 films. It tells you about video and DVD availability, which films are suitable for family viewing, and the prizes films have won.

B. This is the story called 'The Strange Visitor.' The sentences are not in the right order. Read the sentences and put them in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

- She knew what she had to do.
- Jenny cried out in surprise and the strange visitor disappeared.
- Although the person didn't speak, Jenny could hear some words in her head.
- One day when Jenny arrived home, she saw someone standing at her front door, hidden underneath a large, old-fashioned coat and hat.
- To prepare for that day, you must study hard and learn all you can.'
- She went inside, took out her homework and studied all evening.
- She didn't know why, but she felt that this person was very old, wise and kind.
- 'This is only my first visit, and when we meet again I will show you my home on a distant planet.

C. Look at these cover books. What type of book do you think each one is? The first letter of each type of book has been given for you.



A > T _____

D > M _____

G > H _____

B > R _____

E > B _____

H > S _____ F _____

C > H _____

F > T _____



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