

## **Reading in English is a Waste of Time!**

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### **Activity 1**

*With your partner decide which one of the following words is NOT connected with reading.*

novel cover spine blurb booked review index author

### **Activity 2**

*Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the following phrases and idioms in the correct form.*

cook the books read between the lines read up on in someone's good books in my book  
bookworm widely-read bookmark by the book read someone like a book

1. .... you should never arrive late for appointments because it is not polite.
2. I want to learn more about English history so I'm going to ..... it this summer.
3. This is such a good website I'm going to ..... it so I can go back to it again easily.
4. He never breaks the rules – he always does everything .....
5. Mr. and Mrs. Smith always try to give the impression that they are rich but if you ..... you can see that they don't have very much money really.
6. Enrico is ..... the teacher's ..... at the moment because he got 100% in the test.
7. The teacher always knows when I haven't done my homework. She knows before I even start explaining why I haven't done it! She can ..... !
8. My brother's favourite hobby is reading. He reads at least one book every week. He's a .....
9. She is very ..... She has read so many different types of books!
10. They arrested him for false accounting. He had been ..... for years.

### **Activity 3**

*Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.*

1. How old were you when you learnt to read? Who taught you?
2. How important to you is reading? Why? What do you enjoy about it?
3. How often do you read? Where do you read?
4. What are you reading at the moment?
5. What sort of things do you read (novels, factual books, newspapers, etc)? What type of thing do you most enjoy reading?
6. Which books have had the biggest impact on you? Why?
7. Have you ever read a book (or something else) in English? Did you enjoy it? Why/not?
8. What are the benefits of reading in general (both in your own language and in English)?
9. How difficult is it to learn to read in your language? Are there any illiterate people in your country?
10. How different would your life be if you couldn't read?
11. Do we read enough?
12. Do you think children will read books more or less in the future? Why?
13. Do you think books will disappear as computers become more popular? Why?
14. Have you ever bought a book as a present for someone. How easy or difficult do you think it is to choose a book for someone? Why?

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### **Activity 4**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Does the article explain why teachers sometime cut up articles and ask students to put the paragraphs in the correct order?
2. Does the article discuss the different strategies we use for reading different types of texts?
3. What reading materials does the article suggest for students to read during the holidays?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 5**

**'Reading in English is a waste of time!'  
Do you agree?**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

**N.B. Netiquette! PLEASE CHANGE THE DEFAULT SUBJECT LINE TO INDICATE THE OPINIONS IN YOUR POST BECAUSE IN A BUSY THREAD IT HELPS PEOPLE DECIDE WHICH POSTS TO READ!**

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