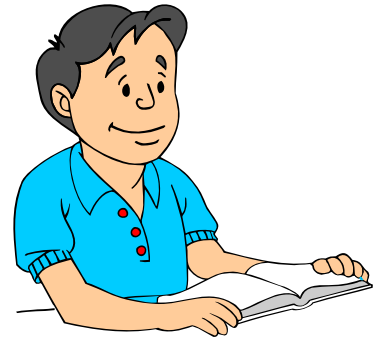


Literal Meanings - Fill in the following words in the definitions below:

wade jargon cover leaf tripe dip load twist print grip

1. Another word for a page in a book is a _____.
2. Before getting into a bath, to test the temperature, you _____ your toes into the water.
3. If you are walking in water which is knee-deep, you _____ through it.
4. The outside part of a book is called the _____.
5. I don't like mountain roads. They _____ and turn very sharply.
6. Something which is written in _____ uses too many difficult or technical words for no good reason.
7. Another word for *a lot of* is a _____ of.
8. People with poor eyesight can get special books which use large _____.
9. When you cook the stomach of a cow, it is called _____.
10. Hold on to something very tightly and you _____ it.



Just a load of tripe!

Match the comments with these different kinds of reading material:

a, a novel b, a reference book c, a teenage magazine d, a legal document

- 1) My boyfriend thinks it's just **a load of tripe!** _____
- 2) I had to **wade through** page after page of jargon. _____
- 3) I love **dipping into it** from time to time to check dates and that sort of thing. _____
- 4) I read her last one **from cover to cover** in one day. _____
- 5) There's a brilliant **twist at the end.** _____
- 6) It's too **high-brow** - far too intellectual for my taste. _____
- 7) It's only **light reading** but some of the articles can be quite informative. _____
- 8) Some chapters were fairly **heavy-going.** _____
- 9) Make sure you **read the small print** before signing. _____
- 10) I read it and re-read it but I **couldn't make head nor tail of it.** _____
- 11) I gave up after about fifty pages. I just **couldn't get into it.** _____
- 12) You have to be patient at the beginning. It **takes a while to get going.** _____
- 13) It's **gripping**, absolutely **riveting**, right to the very end. _____
- 14) I just **couldn't put it down** until I'd finished it. _____
- 15) It's full of interesting **tit-bits** about history. _____
- 16) It's **unputdownable.** I'm sure it's going to be a real **blockbuster.** _____
- 17) It's **a good read** every month. _____
- 18) **It's a must** for anyone going there. _____

Note: If a book is very intellectual, you describe it as **high-brow**. If it is full of gossip and trivial information, it is **low-brow**.

The metaphors of reading and books are important in a number of common, idiomatic expressions. Use these expressions in the situations below:

- a) reading between the lines
- b) read too much into it
- c) very well read
- d) turn over a new leaf
- e) an open book
- f) judge a book by its cover

Karen is very interesting, isn't she? If you want to know anything, ask her.

> Oh yes. She's _____.

Jim, why can you never find anything on your desk?

> Because I'm naturally untidy! I know. I'm going to _____ I promise!

Brenda completely ignored me this morning. I must have put my foot in it yesterday.

> She's just not in a good mood at the moment, that's all. I wouldn't _____.

What I like about Susanna is her openness and honesty.

Yes, what you see is what you get. She's _____.

Everybody seems to be happy with the idea of Isabel joining our group.

> Except Jack. He said he wasn't against the idea, but, _____. I think he's got his doubts about her.

I was completely wrong about our new Press Officer. When I saw the pigtail, I thought, "What have we got here?"

> Well, you know what they say: Never _____.

Look back at the idioms and fill in the missing nouns:

I'm turning over a new _____.

I can't make head nor _____ of this.

You've got to read between the _____.

I didn't read the small _____.

It's just a _____ of tripe.

It takes a _____ to get going.

I read it from cover to _____.

Never judge a book by its _____.

Ways of reading

Put each of the following words or phrases into its correct place in the sentences below.

- a) browse
- b) dip into
- c) flip through
- d) look up
- e) peruse
- f) read from cover to cover
- g) refer to
- h) skim
- i) skip
- j) wade through

I spend a lot of time in bookshops. I don't often buy books. I just _____.

If I come to a boring bit in a book, I just _____ a few pages till the real story starts again.

I'll _____ his number in the phone-book.

I didn't know the word. I had to _____ a dictionary.

Of course an encyclopedia is not a book you _____. You just _____ it for things that interest you.

I never liked history at school. I found it very hard to _____ all that boring stuff about wars and revolutions.

We have requested our lawyers to _____ the document with the greatest care to decide whether it's legal or not.

Some people have the ability to _____ a page, which means to read it very quickly, just taking in the main points.

I sometimes _____ a magazine in a newsagent's but I don't usually buy one.

Usage

Using one or more items from the list above, explain how you use each of the following.

E.g. a novel ⇒ If it's good, I read it **from cover to cover**, but sometimes I **skip** long, descriptive passages.

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) an atlas | d) a magazine | g) a newspaper |
| b) a dictionary | e) an encyclopedia | h) a car maintenance manual |
| c) a guidebook | f) a photograph album | i) a contract |

Are most of the things you read high-brow or low-brow'?

Additional

Answer the questions below from the following list of parts of a book.

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1) acknowledgements | 5) contents | 9) dedication |
| 2) 'blurb' | 6) footnotes | 10) frontispiece |
| 3) key | 7) chronology | 11) index |
| 4) glossary | 8) appendix | 12) bibliography |

In what part of a book would you look to find. . .

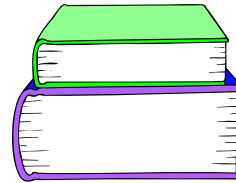
- ... answers to exercise questions?
- ... who supplied the photographs or helped with special research?
- ... quickly what the book is about?
- ... meanings of foreign or technical expressions used in the text?
- ... on what page a person, place or event is mentioned?
- ... if the book was written for a particular person?
- ... extra information about something mentioned in the main text?
- ... what other books have been written on the same subject?
- ... a picture of the author or the subject of the book?
- ... how the book is organized in chapters?
- ... a convenient list of the dates and events of the period covered in the book?



Top Ten clichés

- I **spend half of my life** reading books.
- *Fantasy books, science fiction, detective stories (or whodunits), short stories and poems* help you to **create a world of your own, a world outside time.**
- However, I would say that *factual books* (such as *textbooks* at schools, *encyclopedias, dictionaries, guidebooks, biographies, Who's Who*) help you to **form a picture of the world** around you, and they are an **excellent way of communicating lots of information.**
- I suppose everybody would agree that reading is really important, as you **learn to visualize things**, and it helps you to **expand your horizons, to learn to use your imagination**, and it is an **efficient way of expanding your knowledge** as well.
- Reading a book can **open up your mind** and even **help you to think in a different way.**
- My favorite writer is XY, he **writes in a very unique style**; however, his **new book was a disappointment.**
- By reading books you'll learn to **visualize things in your own way.**
- Unfortunately, reading is **getting less and less popular**, mostly because of **the increasing influence of TV.**

- I would say I'm a **bookworm.**
- The book I last read was **a real eye-opener.**

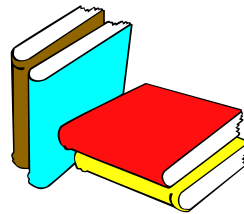


Exercise 1. Now, after all this practice, look for their English equivalent:

- a) könyvmoly (ti. aki mindig csak olvas) : _____
- b) szélesíti a látókörödet: _____
- c) egyre kevésbé népszerűek: _____
- d) csalódás volt: _____
- e) nagyon egyedi stílusa van: _____
- f) segít elképzelni a dolgokat: _____
- g) használd a képzelőerődöt: _____
- h) felnyitja a szemed: _____
- i) fél életemet olvasással töltöttem: _____

Exercise 2.

- I spend _____ (1) of my life reading books.
- _____ books, science fiction, detective stories (or _____ (2)), short stories and poems help you to create a world of your _____ (3), a world _____ (4) time.
- However, I would say that factual books (such as textbooks at schools, encyclopaedias, dictionaries, guidebooks, biographies, Who's Who) help you to _____ (5) a picture of the world around you, and they are an excellent way of _____ (6) lots of information.
- I suppose everybody _____ (7) agree that reading is really important, as you learn to visualise things, and it helps you to _____ (8) your horizons, to learn to _____ (9) your imagination, and it is an _____ (10) way of expanding your knowledge as well.
- Reading a book can open up your _____ (11) and even help you to think _____ (12) a different way.
- My favourite writer is XY, he writes in a very _____ (13) style, however, his new book was a _____ (14), I didn't like it at all.
- Unfortunately, reading is _____ (15) less and less popular, mostly because of the increasing _____ (16) of TV.
- I would say I'm a bookworm.
- The book I last read was a real eye- _____ (17).



Exercise 3. Match the pairs

1. hangosan felolvas	a) She hadn't even made the effort to read my report through before the meeting.
2. na ide figyelj!	b) When I read back what I'd written, I understood why he'd been offended.
3. tájékozódni bizonyos témakörben	c) Read my lips. You're not having any more ice-cream.
4. átolvas/ellenőriz	d) He read out the names of the winners.
5. meg kell tanulnod a sorok között olvasni	e) It would be stupid to read too much into anything she says.
6. gondolatolvasó (2 megoldás)	f) 'How about a drink, then?' 'You read my mind, Kev.'
7. felolvasni vmit hangosan	g) He was told to read up on world affairs before the interview.
8. belemagyaráz vmibe vmit	h) I read over my essay to check for errors.
9. visszaolvas/újraolvas	i) The news said he resigned as he was ill, but you have to learn to read between the lines.
10. olvasok benned, mint egy könyvben	j) If something's bothering you, then tell me. I'm not a mind-reader, you know!
11. végigolvas vmit	k) You're bored, aren't you? I can read you like a book.

1) _____

5) _____

9) _____

2) _____

6) _____

10) _____

3) _____

7) _____

11) _____

4) _____

8) _____