

World Book Day

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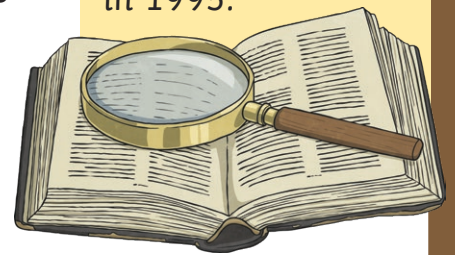
Did You Know...?

World Book Day happens every year and the first World Book Day was held in 1995.

What Happens on World Book Day?



Children take part in exciting activities in school on World Book Day. Many children dress up as their favourite book characters and take part in fun activities. Lots of libraries, authors, **publishers** and booksellers also take part in World Book Day.



Did You Know...?

Every year, schoolchildren in the UK are given a special World Book Day token so that they can choose a book for £1.



Why Is Reading Important?



It is important for children to enjoy what they read. Reading helps children to learn because it improves their understanding and problem-solving skills. Regular reading can also help to improve children's vocabulary.

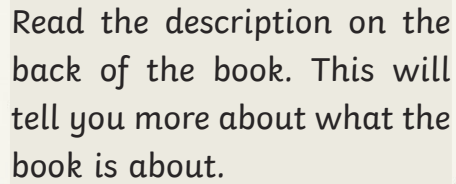
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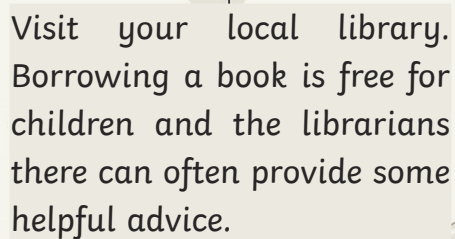


How Can I Choose the Right Book?

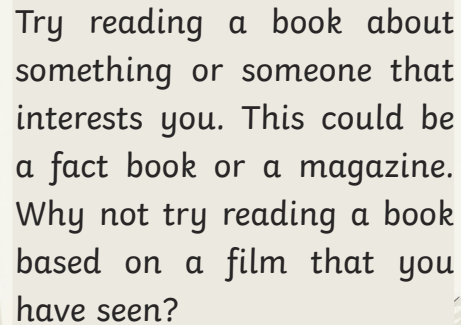
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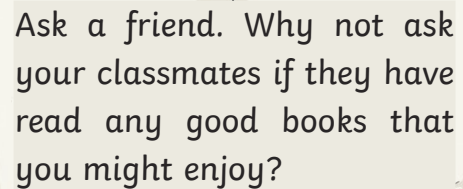
Read the description on the back of the book. This will tell you more about what the book is about.



Visit your local library. Borrowing a book is free for children and the librarians there can often provide some helpful advice.



Try reading a book about something or someone that interests you. This could be a fact book or a magazine. Why not try reading a book based on a film that you have seen?



Ask a friend. Why not ask your classmates if they have read any good books that you might enjoy?

Glossary

publisher: A company that prepares and supplies books.

vocabulary: The words that a person uses.

Questions

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 1995
 1990
 1998

2. How often does World Book Day happen? Tick one.

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 every week
 every year
 every two years

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

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Regular reading can help to improve...

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a special World Book Day token.

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5. Look at the section called **Why Is Reading Important?**

Find and copy a word which means the same as 'to do something often'.

6. Fill in the missing word.

It is important for children to _____ what they read.

7. Explain why reading is important for children.

Answers

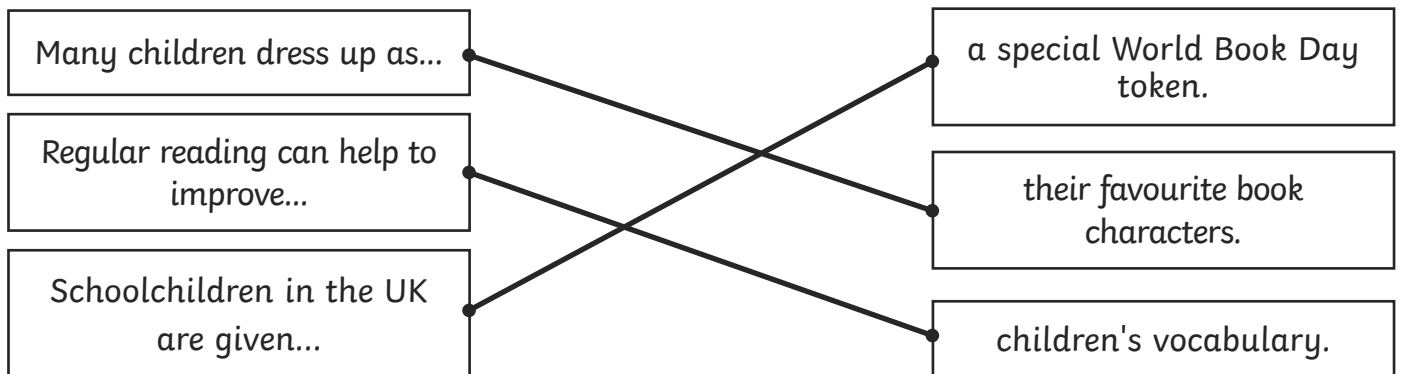
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7. Explain why reading is important for children.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Reading is important for children because it helps them to learn. It can improve a child's vocabulary and help them to solve problems. Reading books can also help children to make happy friendships.

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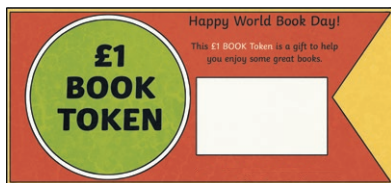


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On World Book Day, many children take part in exciting activities in school like dressing up as their favourite characters and taking part in fun reading challenges. These activities are aimed at encouraging children's love of books and reading.

Did You Know...?

It isn't just schools that take part in World Book Day. Many libraries, authors, **publishers** and booksellers also get involved.



On World Book Day, schoolchildren in the UK are given a token to choose a book for £1. This token means that every child is able to own at least one book.

Why Is Reading Important?



It is important that children enjoy reading. Reading for pleasure helps them to achieve well at school because it improves their understanding and problem-solving skills. Regular reading has also been shown to improve children's **vocabulary**.

Did You Know...?

Reading different books can also help children to understand other people's thoughts and feelings. This skill is important for developing happy relationships with other people.



How Can I Choose the Correct Book?

It can sometimes be difficult to find a book that interests you. Here are some top tips to help you to choose your next read.

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Think about your favourite topics. You could try reading a non-fiction book about something or someone that interests you. This could be a fact book, a biography or a magazine. Why not try reading a book based on a film that you have seen?

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- banks
- butchers shops
- libraries

2. What does 'vocabulary' mean? Tick one.

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- a book to share
- a book for their school
- a book of their own
- a book to sell

5. When was the first World Book Day?

6. Fill in the missing word.

On World Book Day, schoolchildren in the UK are given a
_____ to choose a _____ for £1.

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Which top tip do you think is the most useful? Explain why.

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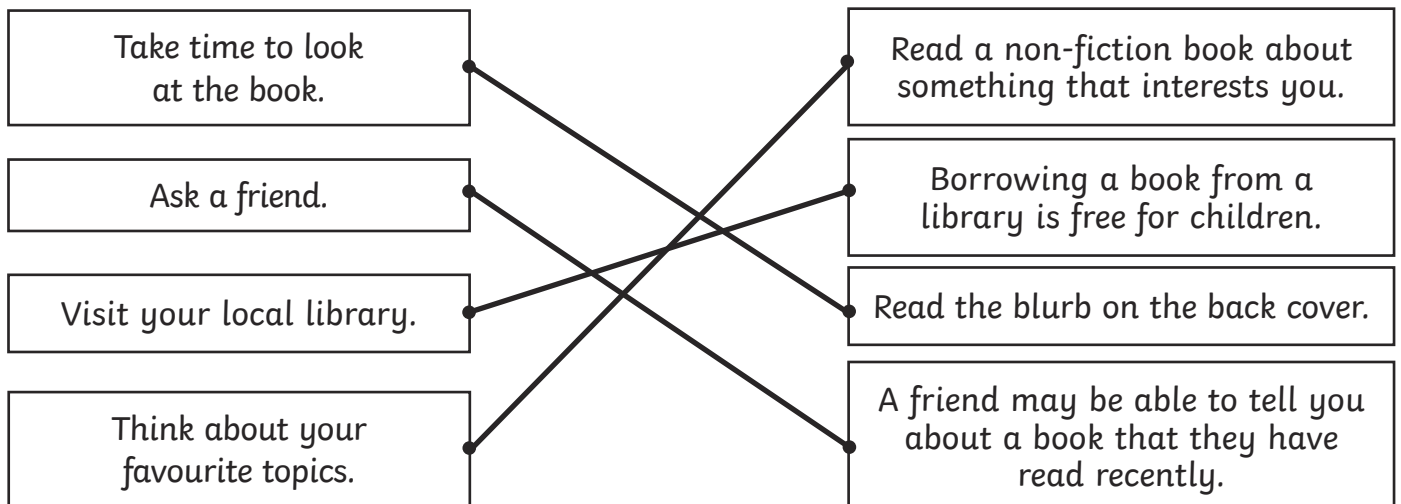
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Pupils' own responses, such as: Reading helps children to develop happy relationships with other people because they learn how to understand other people's thoughts and feelings.

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Which top tip do you think is the most useful? Explain why.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the top tip about visiting your local library is the most useful because libraries have lots of books to choose from. The books are free to borrow for children so you are able to try lots of different books that you might not have at home.

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World Book Day was created in 1995 by UNESCO: the organisation who are responsible for making sure that everyone in the world gets a chance to learn. It is a yearly event which encourages reading for pleasure and aims to give every child the chance to own a book of their own.



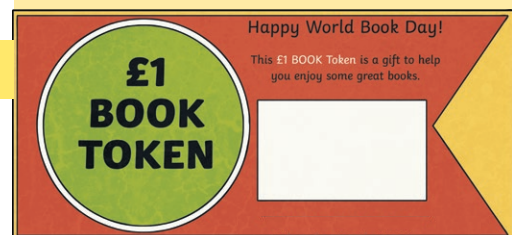
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Why Is Reading Important?

It is important that children enjoy reading. Reading for pleasure can help children to achieve well at school by improving their **comprehension** skills and their **vocabulary**. When children read a variety of texts, they also improve their general knowledge and problem-solving skills. Reading can also help with friendship skills by allowing children to better understand other people's thoughts and feelings.



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Ask Someone

Why not ask your friends if they have read any good books that they might recommend? They should know you well so will be able to offer some useful advice or give a summary of a book they may have read recently.



Try Something New

It is often easier to stick to what we know we like. However, we may find a book or author that we love if we try something different.

Keep Going!

It can sometimes take a few chapters to become hooked on a story and its characters.

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3. List two skills that children can develop by reading a variety of texts.

- _____
- _____

4. Fill in the missing words.

Reading for pleasure can help children to achieve well at school by improving their _____ skills and their _____ .

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Think of another sub-heading that could be used for this section of the text.

6. Explain why it might be a good idea to read a book based on a film that you have seen.

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Accept any two of the following: comprehension skills; vocabulary skills; problem-solving skills; general knowledge skills.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: It might be a good idea to read a book based on a film that you have seen because you will already be familiar with the story. If you enjoyed the film, then it's also likely that you will enjoy reading the book.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Reading is important for children because it can provide them with a good general knowledge and improved vocabulary. By reading about the thoughts and feelings of characters in stories, children can also help to develop their relationship skills.