TALKING ABOUT BOOKS & READING

Discuss the questions below, giving reasons for your opinions:

- Do you **enjoy** reading? Do you like spending time in bookstores?

- Do you prefer to read paper books or digital books?

- Is it possible to read a book on your iPhone and still enjoy it?

- **How often** should we read?

- Do you believe reading is more **valuable** than watching TV?

- What do you prefer to read: **books**, **magazines**, **blogs** or **newspapers**?

- Do you like to read **motivational memes** on social media?

- When have you read the **most** books? Was it when you were still at secondary school? Was it because you wanted to read or because you had to for school or university?

- Do you like to **hang out** in **libraries**? Do you think libraries will always be important for the community?

- Have you ever **made friends** at the library?

- Do you think **ebooks** in the **future** will include videos of what the author is describing? Will ebooks become very different to the traditional paper book? Will they become more interactive? How?

- What do you think the **bookstore** of the future will look like?

- What are the **benefits** of reading?

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THE BOOKS YOU'VE READ

Discuss the following questions:

- What was the **last book** you read? What was it about?

- Do you have a favourite **author**?

- Can you name a book that made you **laugh out loud**?

- How important is the **cover** of a book when you decide to buy it or not? What about **recommendations** from friends?

- Is there a character that you really like and even see as someone to **look up to**? Why do books such as *Fifty Shades of Grey* and *The Twilight Saga* seem to be very **popular** among women?

- Do you think there's a **difference** between what men and women like to read?

- Who is your favourite **author** from your country? Have you heard of any Australian authors?

- Which authors from your country have you read in English?

- Have you ever seen a **film** that was **based on** a book? **Which** was better?

- Have you ever read a book which helped you **change** as a person?

- Have you read a book that was so boring you stopped reading it?

- Is it better to read **fiction** or **non-fiction**?

- Do you pay attention to the **best-seller** lists when choosing a book to read?

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WHICH GENRES ARE YOU INTO?

Action	Mystery	Suspense	Science Fiction	Classic literature
Romance	**Erotica**	**Dystopian**	**Crime**	**Fantasy**
Sport	Humour	History	Business	Biographies & memoirs
War	**Travel**	**Children's**	**Non-fiction**	**Self-development**

- Which **genre** would you buy:

  ..for a **beach holiday**?

  ..for a **close friend** or **family member**?

  ..for a **partner**?

  ..for a **long-haul flight**?

  ..for a **lazy Sunday**?

  ..to read **on the train** to work in the morning..?

- Have you ever **written** a book? Would you like to? Which **genre** of book would you write?

- Have you met a famous **writer** or gone to a special book signing?

- What do you think is the **typical day** of an author? Where do you think authors live?

- If someone doesn't read books, can they still be educated about the world? Would it bother you if your boyfriend or girlfriend *never* read books?

- Can a book be a **friend**? How so?

- Whose **autobiography** would you most like to read?

SPEAKING CHALLENGE

Talk for two minutes about a book that you have read:

- **When** does the book **take place**?
- **Where** is it **set**?
- **Who** are the main characters?
- What happens?
- Do you **recommend** it? Why or why not?