

Books Books Books

THE ENGLISH BOOK QUIZ

Part One: Your teacher will show you or describe different things associated with a book. Can you name them all in English?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Part Two: Here are some famous authors who wrote in English. Can you name a book they have written?

CHARLES DICKENS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
JRR TOLKEIN
AGATHA CHRISTIE
ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Part Three: Here are some titles of famous books. Can you name the authors?

THE NAME OF THE ROSE
THE SATANIC VERSES
TALES OF MYSTERY AND HORROR
ALICE IN WONDERLAND

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Books, reading and literature

A. BOOKS AND READING IN GENERAL

- 1) Do you read a lot? How many books do you read a book every month? Or every year?
- 2) What are you reading at the moment? Do you like it?
- 3) Do you have a favourite book or books? What is it about?
- 4) What kinds of books do you like to read?
- 5) If a movie is made of a book, do you prefer to read the book first or see the movie first?

B. THINKING ABOUT LITERATURE

- 1) Who are some of the most famous authors from your country?
- 2) Think of the most famous piece of literature from your country. What is it about?
- 3) Did you have to study books by these authors at school? Do you think everybody should read national literature at school?
- 4) Do you think literature can only be studied at university? Is it difficult to understand famous literature?
- 5) Does literature have to be old?
- 6) What English literature do you know? Have you read any?
- 7) Have you ever read a simplified reader of some English literature?
- 8) Literature is sometimes divided into three categories: poems, short stories and novels. Which do you prefer reading? Why?

Books Books Books - Teaching Notes

The aim of this activity is to introduce the topic of literature. Students learn some vocabulary associated with a book and talk about their reading habits. They then discuss what they understand literature to mean.

The first activity, the Book Quiz, is optional.

Stage One: The Book Quiz *Material needed: One novel*

Explain that in today's class you and your learners are going to talk about literature. But before you do, you want to make sure that they know some things about books and authors in English. Give them the English Book Quiz. Learners should do this alone or working with a partner.

1. Take out the novel and show it to them. Point to the following items and ask them to write down what it is: the front cover, the back cover and the title. Then give a description of the following: a chapter (a book is divided into different _____); hardback (a book with a hard cover); paperback (a book with a soft cover); a review (what critics say about a book)
2. (sample answers) Great Expectations, Romeo and Juliet, Lord of the Rings, Murder on the Orient Express, The Old Man and the Sea
3. Umberto Eco, Salman Rushdie, Edgar Allen Poe, Lewis Carroll

Stage Two: Discussion

Use the first set of questions to warm students up to the topic of books and literature. Then move on to the second set of questions. With smaller classes, the second set of questions could be done as a group discussion.