



IELTS Topic 3

Books

Common questions

Part 1 - Do you generally read a lot of books or do you prefer watching TV?

Part 1 - What kind of books do you like to read?

Part 2 - Describe a book that you have read which you would like to read again.

Part 3 - Do you think there is a difference between reading habits in the past and in the present day?

Part 3 - Do you think it's a good idea to teach children to read?

Part 3 - Why do you think people sometimes idealize characters in stories?

Vocabulary and expressions

Non-fiction (n) - writing that is based on facts, real events, and real people.

I'm not a fan of non-fiction; I prefer a good novel.

Autobiography (n) - a book about a person's life, written by that person.

The next book I want to read is Barack Obama's autobiography.

Personal development (n) - the process of improving your skills and habits.

I love reading personal development and learning how to improve my life.

Novel (n) - a long printed story about imaginary characters and events.

I prefer a good novel to non-fiction.

Protagonist (n) - one of the main characters in a story or a play.

The protagonist in my favourite book is heroic and brave.

Set (in time/place) (v) - the story happens in that time or place.

My favourite book is set in 19th century London during the industrial revolution.

Avid (adj) - extremely eager or interested.

I'm an avid reader and try to get through at least one book a week.

Thought-provoking (adj) - making you think a lot about a subject.

A good, thought-provoking novel makes time fly by!

Plot (n) - the story of a book, film, play, etc.

The plot of Harry Potter is so exciting and dynamic.

Page-turner (n) - a book that is so exciting that you want to read it quickly.

Nowadays, I'm reading a real page-turner about the 2nd World War.