

INETERMEDIATE VOCABULAY PRACTICE – READING AND BOOKS

Kinds of book

Match each kind of book on the right below with what you would normally find in it on the left.

(a) maps	guidebook
(b) exercises and diagrams etc. for school study	dictionary
(c) meanings of words	manual
(d) information about a subject	atlas
(e) an exciting story of crime or adventure	thriller
(f) instructions, for example on how to maintain, repair and use a car	textbook
(g) tourist information and advice about a place or country	Who's Who
(h) a list of important, famous people and details of their lives	Encyclopedia

Reading

2 Put each of the following words in its correct place in the passage below.

fine bookworm browse bibliography footnotes reviews
illustrations borrow glossary published

I love books. I love to read. I'm a real (a) _____, and I love to (b) _____ in bookshops, just looking briefly at one book after another. I look at the (c) _____, the photos or drawings. If there are foreign or technical words in the book, I look at the (d) _____ at the back for their meanings (unless they're explained in (e) _____ at the bottom of the pages) and I look at the (f) _____, also at the back, which is a list of other books on the same subject. And I use the library a lot. I (g) _____ two or three books a week, and I have to pay a (h) _____ if I return them late. Friends often recommend books to me, and I also read book (i) _____ in the newspapers. I don't always agree with them, but anyway they let me know what new books are being (j) _____.

3 Explain the difference between ...

- (a) contents page and index
- (b) bookshop and library
- (c) author and publisher
- (d) lend and borrow
- (e) biography and autobiography
- (f) fiction, non-fiction and reference books

4 Put one of the following words in each space in the sentences below.

by from In up at on

- (a) I borrowed this book __ the library.
- (b) The index is __ the back of the book.
- (c) There are footnotes __ the bottom of the page.
- (d) I read it __ a book.
- (e) You'll have to look __ the meaning __ a dictionary.
- (f) 'Hamlet' is __ Shakespeare.
- (g) The librarian said the book was __ the top shelf.

ANSWERS

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(a) atlas (b) textbook (c) dictionary (d) encyclopaedia (e) thriller (f) manual (g) guidebook (h) Who's Who

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(a) .bookworm (b) browse (c) illustrations (d) glossary (e) footnotes (f) bibliography (g) borrow (h) fine (i) reviews (j) published

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(a) Contents page: normally at the front, tells you what the book contains, In order of chapters or pages. Index: in alphabetical order and usually at the back, a list of names, places etc. mentioned in the book with page references.

(b)- A bookshop sells-books in a library-lends-them.

(c) An author writes books; a publisher prints and sells them.

(d) You lend something *to* someone, and borrow *from* someone.

(e) A biography: someone's life story. An autobiography: a biography written by Its subject.

(f) Fiction: Imaginary writing. Non-fiction: factual writing. Reference books: Information books.

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(a) from (b) at (c) at (d) In (e) up ... In (f) by (g) on