

Are you a Bookworm?

Level B1 - Intermediate
Lesson 2

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

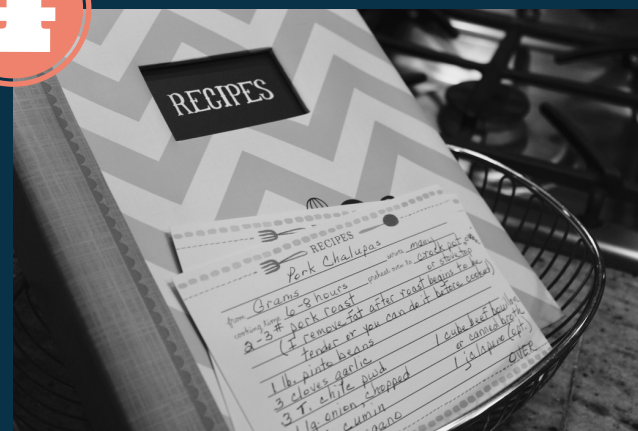
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How often do you read on a daily basis without realizing?

Think of five things we read that are not books.

- newspaper
- notes
- recipe
- instructions
- labels

How important is it to understand this text?

YOUR READING HABITS

1. How do you prefer to read books (e.g. paper versions, e-books, audiobooks)?
2. Why do you choose to read books in this way?
3. Does listening to audiobooks count as reading a book? Why (not)?
4. Think of two advantages and two disadvantages of reading printed material as opposed to digital.



GROUP DISCUSSION: *'DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER'*

1. Do you agree with the statement above? Why (not)?
2. Look at the criteria and discuss how important each one of them is when choosing a book to read.
3. How do you choose a book to read?
4. Do you ever read book reviews?
5. Do you ever write book reviews? Why (not)?



READING: BOOK REVIEWS

1. Read the book reviews and decide which one of them is better. Why?
2. Have you read any of these books before?
3. Would you like to read any of these books? If yes, which one?

The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August by Claire North

In Claire North's smart and inventive novel, Harry August lives and dies, and is born again remembering the life/lives that came before. By the end of his 11th life, after he's traveled the world, fought in wars, explored various occupations, loved and been loved, he is on his deathbed once again when he is visited by a young girl who tells him some frightening news about the future. Harry August's story is totally absorbing and will keep you glued to your towel on the beach flipping pages or up reading late into the night.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

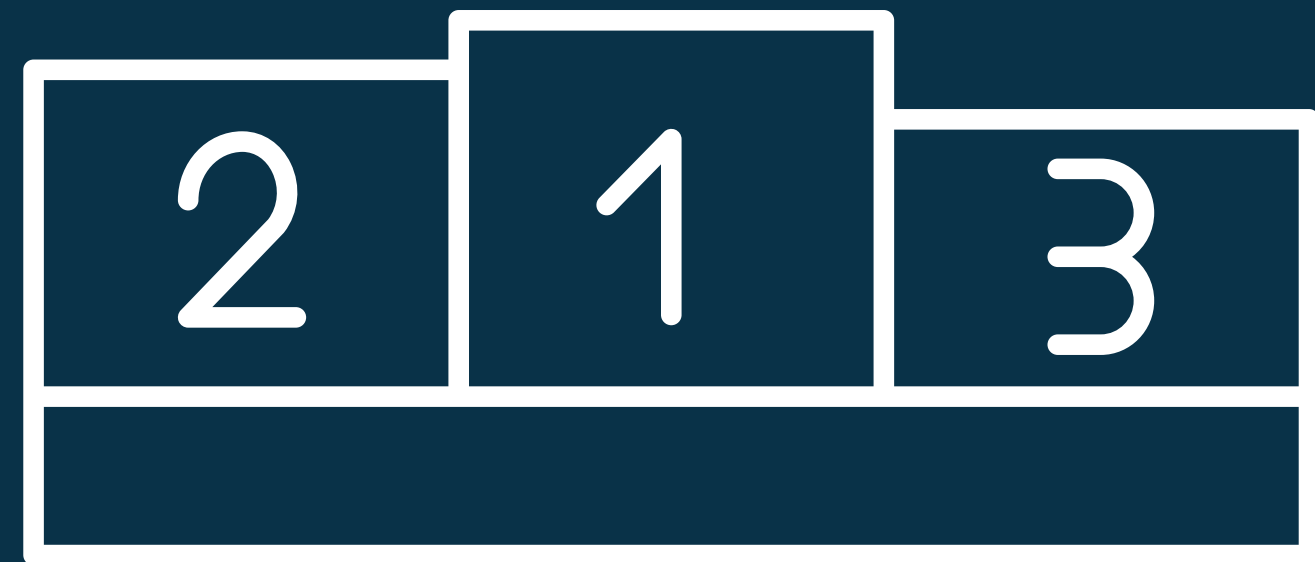
When I read the description of 'A Gentleman in Moscow', about a Russian aristocrat exiled to a grand old hotel in Moscow for being unashamedly aristocratic, I wasn't sure how Towles could pull off a narrative set within the confines of a hotel over the course of a man's adult life. But it is brilliant! Count Rostov is one of the most charming and delightful characters I have ever encountered. This book is a sheer pleasure to read.

[Brief Book Reviews](#)

GROUP DISCUSSION: MY FAVOURITE BOOK



1. What was your favourite book when you were a child?
2. What is your favourite book now?
3. What book has changed your life?
4. Think of your top_3 books and explain why you enjoy them.



ROLEPLAY: FINDING A PERFECT BOOK TO READ

Role A: Tell your partner about the type of books that you enjoy reading (e.g. genre, author, length, etc.)

Role B: Listen to your partner's reading needs. Based on their needs, choose a book from your top_3 and explain why it's a good choice for them.

Swap the roles!



GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Do you prefer to buy books from a bookshop or borrow them from a library? Why?
2. Do you watch movies based on books? If yes, what do you do first - read a book or watch a movie?
3. What is the best time to read books?
4. Do you listen to music while reading?
5. What was the last book you read?
6. Have you ever tried reading a book in English? If yes, what book was it?

