

Everyday Dialogues: A Book for Christmas [B1]

Per trovare un regalo di Natale, Joe e Barbara si rivolgono a TikTok e alla sua campagna #BookTok.



Joe: Can you help me find a book for my [grandson](#) for Christmas, please?

Barbara: Of course! Do you have any idea of what he is into? **Joe:** He said a friend sent him recommendations, someone who was 'making' him read books. It was a little strange. Tok something? **Barbara:** Ah, yes, it's a

hashtag, #BookTok. The social media [network](#) TikTok makes recommendations. The kids say, "TikTok made me read it." **Joe:** That's all gobbledygook to me! He gave me a list, but I can't find it. Which is the most popular one? **Barbara:** All the must-reads for his age group

[are on that display](#) table over there. And there are some in the Young Adult section on the [shelves](#) on the right. **Joe:** Hmm, 'Young Adult'... None of them are inappropriate, I hope? **Barbara:** Well, some genres can be [quite scary](#), like the post-apocalyptic novels. There are some that [deal](#) with

[sensitive subjects](#), too. **Joe:** Can you choose a nice, wholesome book for me, please. Nothing controversial. **Barbara:** I think you'll like this one, then. It's science fiction, a best-seller. **Joe:** Yes, OK, I'll take that one. Can you gift-wrap it, please?

NOW LET'S REVIEW THE VOCABULARY!

To be into something means that you like it. You can substitute an unknown word with '**something**'. A **hashtag** is a phrase preceded by a hash sign (#) used **to tag** and **cross-reference** online content. '**Gobbledygook**' is a colloquial phrase for '**nonsense**'. A similar words is '**gibberish**'. A book that is very good and highly recommended is a '**must-read**'. '**Young Adult**' (YA) is a category of fiction **aimed at** twelve- to eighteen-year-olds. A '**genre**' is a category of literature, art or music, for example, fantasy, thriller, historic or magical realism. A '**novel**' is a book-length work of fiction. Short novels are called '**novellas**'. If something is good for your physical, mental or moral health, it is referred to as '**wholesome**'. '**To gift-wrap**' is **to wrap** the product in attractive paper so it can be given as a gift. Besides paper, it can also refer to a gift bag or gift box.

Glossary

- **are on that display** = esposti
- **subjects** = soggetti
- **to tag** = taggare, contrassegnare
- **gibberish** = incomprensibile
- **deal** = trattare
- **cross-reference** = fare riferimento a
- **nonsense** = senza senso
- **grandson** = nipote
- **network** = rete
- **shelves** = scaffali
- **quite** = parecchio
- **scary** = terrorífico
- **sensitive** = sensibili
- **aimed at** = diretto a
- **to wrap** = avvolgere