

# Everyday Dialogues: A Visit to the Library [B1]

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**Tom:** Hi! I'm looking for a book called "The Hate U Give". There was a film based on it. **Clara:** Are you a member? **Tom:** Do I have to be? **Clara:** No, you can read books here, but membership is free and you can **borrow up to** ten books at a time. **Tom:** How long can I keep them for? **Clara:** You can keep them for a month. If you want them any longer, you can renew them online or by phone. **Tom:** What happens if I haven't returned them by the due date? **Clara:** Well, you should bring them back on time and there's a **drop-off** box that's open <sup>24</sup>/<sub>7</sub>. But there is a **fine** of £1 a day per **overdue** book. **Tom:** That's reasonable. What about the book I asked for? I know some people consider it controversial. **Clara:** Let me check our catalogue. Oh, look, here it is: "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. Shall I sign you up? **Tom:** OK, let's do it. I'll have a browse to see what else you have. Where can I find the young adult fiction section? **Clara:** It's on **aisle** nine, at the back on the left. Welcome to our library!

## NOW LET'S REVIEW THE VOCABULARY!

**To borrow** is to take something with you for a short time, before returning it. **'To lend'**, on the other hand, is to give something to someone for a short time, before it is returned to you. The two verbs are often **mixed up**! The **'due date'** is the date on which the books must be returned; in other words, the date on which they are **'due'**. **To drop** something off means to take something to a particular place. Here, the library has a box so members can drop off the books outside of opening times.  $\frac{24}{7}$  refers to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which essentially means any time. **A fine** is a sum of money that must be paid when you break the rules. **Overdue** means 'late'. **To sign up** is to **join**, to register, to become a member. **To browse** is to take a casual look. **Browse** can also be used as a noun, as in to have a **browse**. An **'aisle'** in a library is a passage between the **rows** of **bookshelves**.

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# Glossary

- **up to** = fino a
- **any longer** = per più tempo
- **on time** = puntuale
- **Shall I** = vuoi che...?
- **join** = unirsi
- **membership** = iscrizione
- **at a time** = alla volta
- **To lend** = prestare
- **to have a browse** = dare un'occhiata
- **bookshelves** = scaffali
- **U** = tu (informale)
- **due** = scadenza
- **mixed up** = confondere
- **rows** = file