



Library

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

borrow	To take something from someone, use it and give it back later.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I had to borrow some money from one of my friends.</i>

atlas	A book of maps.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Well, I think you need an atlas to make your report more effective.</i>

fill out	To write the required information on a document.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: The doctor asked his patient to fill out the form.</i>



library card	A membership card for a library.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The students were all issued library cards by the librarian.</i>

shelf	A flat board inside a closet or fixed to a wall used to put things on.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The top shelf is so high that I need a ladder to reach it.</i>

aisle	A passage between rows of seats or shelves in a train, plane, church, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: She made her way slowly down the aisle looking for an empty seat.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

John: Hello, is this the library? I've been looking for it for some time now.

Librarian: You're at the right place, kid. How can I help you?

John: I am looking to borrow an atlas to complete my school report on Seattle.

Librarian: Sure. You'll just need to fill out a form so I can give you a library card.

John: Okay, here you go. I think I've included all the details that are necessary.



Librarian: Yes, everything seems to be alright. Here's your card, make sure not to lose it, kid.

John: Will do! Now, could you please tell me where I may find the atlas I needed?

Librarian: Oh, that's right! Of course I can, it is located in aisle 14.

John: Okay, but how can I get there? I'm new here.

Librarian: Just go straight, then turn right and you will find it on the first shelf to the right. You can't miss it.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

borrow

shelf

fill out

aisle

library card

atlas

1. I looked in the _____ to see where Naples was.
2. I cannot seem to find my _____; I must have left it at home.
3. After using any of these books, please put each back on the _____.
4. I wonder if I can _____ books from the library and bring them home.
5. The flight attendant is standing in the _____.
6. Everyone should _____ this form before entering the museum.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are at the library, ask the librarian to help you find a book you need to write a history report. The teacher can be the librarian.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. How often do you visit the library?
2. What kind of books do you usually borrow?
3. Do you go there alone or with your friends? Why?
4. How long do you usually stay at the library?
5. Do you like reading? If yes, why? If no, why not?