

COMMUNICATION

Have you read this yet?

LEVEL

Intermediate (B2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



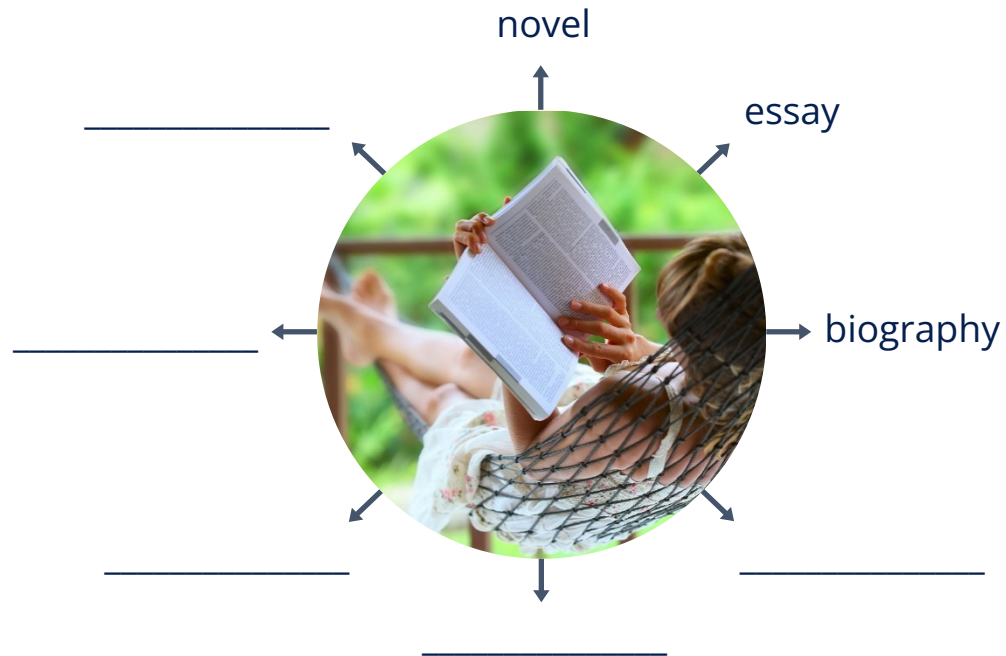
Learning outcomes

- I can identify different types of text and talk about my reading preferences.
- I can describe something I enjoyed reading and say why.



Warm-up

How many more types of text can you think of?





Different types of text

How many of these did you name on the previous slide?

novel

short story

play

blog

folk tale

lyrics

autobiography

biography

poetry

review

myths

social media
post

academic
study

essay/article

comic/manga

Identify the text

Read the list of texts in the right-hand column again. **Answer** the questions.

Which of these...

- describe **fictional** events?
- are usually **listened** to?
- often contain **rhyme**?
- use **figurative** language*?
- combine **image** and text?
- were traditionally **spoken**?
- tell a **real** person's story?
- are only published **online**?
- are often very **short**?
- are often read to **children**?
- are **performed** live on stage?
- describe **other texts**?

- novel
- short story
- play
- blog
- essay/article
- lyrics
- biography
- autobiography
- manga/comics
- poetry
- review
- folk tale
- myths
- social media post



***figurative** language: uses unusual word combinations to convey meaning and engage the reader. Examples include similes and metaphors.



Different types of text

Choose a text type that you read regularly. Say why you like it and give an example. Your partner will ask you a **follow-up question**. You can do this part in **breakout rooms**.

What are the **most popular** kinds of text in the class? Are there any texts that **nobody** reads?

novel

short story

play

blog

folk tale

lyrics

autobiography

biography

poetry

review

myth

social media
post

biography

essay/article

manga/comics

I'm reading Diego Maradona's _____. I like to hear a celebrity tell their own story.



biography

autobiography



Talking about reading

Her latest novel is a **must-read**. One of the best books of the year!

My grandad reads the newspaper **cover to cover** every Sunday.

I just **couldn't put it down**. I had to know how the story ended!



What makes something a **must-read**, in your opinion?

How much of a text do you read when you read it **cover to cover**?

When was the last time you read a book you **couldn't put down**?



Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase below, in the correct form.

Note: you won't need to use all the words.

- 1 I much prefer poetry that _____ and has a nice, clear message to this new experimental stuff that's impossible to understand!
- 2 I'm telling you, it's a _____. I read it _____ in a single day.
- 3 I don't like the idea of somebody writing a _____ about me, telling all my secrets after I'm dead! I'd much rather write my own.
- 4 My grandmother knows so many _____ about our village. She should really write them down, so that they don't get forgotten.
- 5 Reading a _____ is quite an interesting experience – you really have to use your imagination!

autobiography
play
folk tale
myth
biography
must-read
to rhyme
cover to cover

Expressing reading preferences

Read the text. Answer the questions below.

What's on your bookshelf?



I'm really into sci-fi. One of my favourite authors is Ted Chiang. What I like about his style is that it's very readable, but he really delves deep into big, philosophical questions, such as our evolving relationship with technology. The blockbuster movie 'Arrival' is actually based on one of his stories.



Lately I've rediscovered the joys of reading poetry, which is funny because I used to hate it at school. I'm reading a collection by Audre Lorde at the moment. Her work is very powerful and often political. She tackles very important subjects. She was writing during the civil rights movement in the U.S. in the sixties, for example. A lot of her poems deal with racism, womanhood and queerness.

What **types of text** are mentioned by these readers?

What do these readers **like** about the writers they mention?

Would you like to **know more** about the texts and/or writers mentioned?



Vocabulary match

Match the words and phrases to the correct definition.

1

readable

a

has a strong effect on the reader

2

to delve into

b

to find out that you enjoy something

3

to discover the joys (of)

c

to explore or examine something to try to understand it

4

powerful

d

easy and enjoyable to read

5

to deal with

e

to write about; to be about

What I like _____ is...

This phrase is used for **emphasis**. Use it to pinpoint one or two key things that you like about a particular author or type of text.

***What I like about it is** the use of illustrations and photographs...*

***What I liked most is** how they showed the reality of life in such extreme conditions...*



What I like about the book, as opposed to the film, **is** that it really lets you see into the minds of the characters.

What do you like about it?

Describe something you read recently that you really enjoyed, or the work of a writer you admire. Use the vocabulary from the lesson and the prompts to help you.

What I like about this book is that it breaks down the complex topic of global economics into very readable chapters.

This essay delves deep into the author's childhood – it's a very personal piece of writing, but also relatable.



Types of text

- novel
- short story
- poetry
- article/essay
- (auto)biography

Vocabulary and phrases

- a must-read
- cover to cover
- I couldn't put it down
- I'm really into...
- What I like is that...
- to (re)discover the joys of...
- to be based on...
- readable
- powerful
- political
- to deal with...



End of the lesson

Idiom

to read someone like a book

Meaning: to be able to easily see what a person is thinking or feeling

Example: Come on, we've been friends forever. I can read you like a book!



Additional practice



Different types of text

How many of these types of text have you read in the last year?

novel

short story

folk tale

Are there any texts here that you used to read, but you don't read anymore?

blog

review

essay/article

Have you ever written any of these types of text?

(auto)biography

manga/comics

poetry





Then and now

Think about your time at school...



**Did you take
literature classes?
What kind of texts did
you read?**

**Were there any subjects
you used to hate that you
now enjoy learning
about?**



Discuss

- What kinds of things did you read ten years ago? (How) have your tastes changed?
- What are some factors that affect how and when you read these days?
- How do you find out about new things to read?
- Have you ever heard of/set yourself a reading challenge?
- Do you know of any websites or platforms that allow you to keep track of what you're reading?
- Have you ever been part of a book club?



Answer key

P.5: Suggested answers (open to interpretation/discussion)

describe **fictional** events → novel, short story, play, lyrics, manga/comics, poetry, folk tale, myth

are usually **listened** to? → lyrics (and most texts can now be listened to as audiobooks or on podcasts, for example)

often contain **rhyme**? → lyrics, poetry

use **figurative** language*? → Any of the items on the list could use figurative language to convince and/or engage the reader, whether the text is fictional or non-fiction novel

combine **image** and text? → manga/comics, blog, biography, autobiography, social media post

were traditionally **spoken**? → poetry, folk tale, myths

tell a **real** person's story? → biography, autobiography, social media post

are only published **online**? → blog, social media post

are often very **short**? → blog, social media post, folk tale, poetry, short story

are often read to **children**? → short story, manga/comics, folk tale, myths

are **performed** live on stage? → lyrics, play, poetry

describe **other texts**? → review



Answer key

P.7: autobiography

P.9: 1. rhymes 2. must-read; cover to cover 3. biography 4. folk tales 5. play

P.10: 1. Reader 1: sci-fi (science fiction) stories; Reader 2: poetry 2. R1: readable style, delves deep into big, philosophical questions R2: powerful and political work that tackles very important subjects 3. Open question

P.11: 1. d 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. e



Vocabulary

autobiography

biography

a must-read

cover to cover

couldn't put (it) down

What I like...is...

readable

to delve into

to discover the joys (of)

powerful

to deal with



Summary

Types of text

- *novel, short story, play, blog, folk tale, lyrics, autobiography, biography, poetry, review, myths, social media post, essay, article, comic, manga*

Talking about reading

- *a must read → This book is a must-read.*
- *cover to cover → I read it cover to cover in a single day.*
- *couldn't put it down → It was so good that I just couldn't put it down.*

Expressing reading preferences

- *Add emphasis: What I like... is... → What I liked about his first book was the characters.*

Vocabulary to describe a book or author

- *Verbs and phrases: to delve into; to rediscover the joys of; to deal with*
- *Adjectives: readable; powerful*



Notes

