

READING BOOKS

I. Устная часть

TOPICAL VOCABULARY

Adjectives.

- interesting,
- exciting,
- enjoyable,
- amazing [ə'meɪzɪŋ] изумительный, ошеломительный,
- fast-paced ['fɑ:stpeɪst] быстро идущий,
- boring,
- dull,
- slow-paced;
- remarkable[rɪ'mɑ:kəbl] замечательный, выдающийся, поразительный=amazing
- outstanding[,aʊt'stændɪŋ] выдающийся; знаменитый,
- famous,
- well-known,
- talented;
- well-educated,
- narrow-minded (ограниченный, недалекий),
- hidebound (ограниченный, с узким кругозором);

Genres[ʒənrə].

poetry, novels, short stories, science fiction, adventure stories, thrillers, bestsellers, detective stories, plays, fairy tales, contemporary[kən'temp(ə)r(ə)rɪ]-современная литература, fantasy, comics, historical fiction, humour, romance;

Collocations

- paper/traditional/printed/electronic/audio books
- a real page-turner;
- ...was/were written by ...;
- the main idea/characters,
- hero/heroine['herəʊn];

Phrases

to spend free time (doing sth),
 to read books for pleasure;
 to enjoy different genres,
 to find it/them (a book/books) interesting,
 to make a person (me) think/laugh/cry,
 to feel strongly about smth (сильно переживать, принимать близко к сердцу),
 to fill one's life with great expectations of joy and happiness,
 to stir (волновать, возбуждать) imagination,
 to expand the boundaries – расширять границы;
 to be full of ideas,
 to read books in English to improve the language;
 to download from the Net;

You are going to give a talk about reading books. You will have to start in 1,5 minutes and speak for not more than 2 minutes (10-12 sentences).

Remember to say:

- whether reading is still popular with teenagers and why or why not
- what kind of books you like reading
- why many people prefer e-books to paper books
- what your attitude to reading is

To begin with, I would like to say that there are a lot of different ways of spending free time and reading is one of them. Unfortunately, this pastime is losing its popularity with teenagers nowadays. The reason is that modern young people prefer more exciting activities, such as doing sports and playing computer games.

As for me, I can't say I am a regular reader, but when I feel like reading I choose fantasy books. They take me to imaginary world of magic and adventures, strange, beautiful creatures and brave warriors (['wɔːrɪəz] воин). Such books help me to forget about my everyday problems.

Speaking about e-books, I can say they are becoming more and more popular nowadays. There are several reasons why people prefer e-books to paper ones. Firstly, you can download a lot of books from the Internet for free. Secondly, e-readers are more convenient as they can be taken everywhere. Finally, digital books are more friendly to the environment.

In conclusion I would like to say that I am not into reading very much and my attitude to reading is neutral (['nju:tr(ə)l] нейтральный). I think that's all that I wanted to tell you about books.

Electronic survey.

Is reading still popular with teenagers, and why, or why not?

I think that reading is less popular nowadays and we read less than our parents did. We still read but today we have got easier ways of getting information.

What kind of books do you like reading?

As for me, I'm really into _____ because such books are a real page-turner. I like reading detectives and adventure books. I read for pleasure and to have some rest from my busy school life. This is the reason why I prefer these not very serious genres.

Why do many people prefer e-books to paper books?

Nowadays many people prefer e-books to paper books as e-books make our life easier. For example, e-books can store lots of books. While travelling, people take only one device instead of a pile of books. It's amazing!

What kind of books do modern teenagers enjoy reading?

Undoubtedly, Russian teenagers are really into _____ because such books are a real page-turner.

Are libraries necessary nowadays or not, and why?

As for the libraries, I think, they are unnecessary nowadays, because we can download books from the Internet. It's more convenient. You don't need to go anywhere and look for a proper book for a long time.

Where do you usually get books to read?

As a rule, I download my books from the Internet and I read them on my e-book reader. If my parents or friends give me a printed book as a present or I just borrow one to read, I read that also.

What book have you read recently, and what was it about?

Well, I have read _____ (название) by *имя автора* recently. It was about (1-2 предложения: *a wizard boy who goes to study in a magic college*) It grabbed my attention (захватить мое внимание) as the plot was fast-paced.

What book would be your desert island choice and why?

I think that my "desert island" book of choice would be "Mysterious Island" by Jules Verne. This book is about travelers on a desert island. I guess I would learn a lot of useful things from it, like how to survive on an island without many things in civilization that people got used to. There are a lot of examples of bravery and friendship as well, which is important to keep one's spirits high.

Another variant: "**Robinson Crusoe**" by Daniel Defoe.

LETTER.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, **Ben**.

...What an awful task – to read boring books all summer! And the list is so long! I like reading but the books I like are usually not my school's choice...

...How long is your school's list of books? What kind of books do you like to read? Do you think an electronic book is a good choice when you're travelling in the summer, why? ...

Write him a letter and answer his **3** questions. Write **100–120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing. You have **30** minutes to do this task.