

Picture - Tasks:

- Divide the books you can see in the picture into literary genres.
- Which literary genres do you like reading the most? Why?
- Which of these books would you read? Why?

The book –a Person’s Friend

Tasks:

- Agree or disagree with the statement: *The book –a Person’s Friend*
- Describe your attitude towards reading. Say, what type of literature you prefer and why.
- Introduce the book you have read recently. Include the following: the title, a brief outline what happens, what you think is interesting about it, who you would recommend it to.

Role-play :

Your friend is a reporter for a student magazine, finding about people’s attitude to the reading. Talk to him about:

- What type of books you like reading,
- the most memorable book,
- the plot and main characters,
- what you think is interesting about it,
- who would you recommend it to.

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- A) knihy, literatúra, čítanie
- B) obľúbený autor a žánre
- C) prečítané dielo spisovateľa krajiny, ktorej jazyk sa učím (život a dielo spisovateľa)

A) Books, literature and reading

Reading books – one of the favourite leisure time activities. Books accompany people everywhere: we read them while travelling to school/work, waiting for a consultation with our GP, during breaks at school, on holiday. We can’t imagine our lives without books. Reading gives people lot of pleasure, give a chance to learn about the world around us, give a lot of information and advice, can entertain, are amusing, and are about other people’s experience. It’s a great hobby, which gives people the opportunity to learn something new and improve their communication skills. It also challenges their imagination and brings pleasure to their lives. Those who are keen on reading can choose from a wide variety of books. Reading as a hobby – you can buy a book in a bookshop, borrow it from a library – they charge a small fee for yearly membership or for each book borrowed. If you want to borrow books from a library, you should get a library card. You can also borrow a book from a friend who is keen on reading to recommend a good book or you can check the book reviews in newspaper.

Literature – 2 categories:

non-fiction → for information: textbooks (educational books), dictionaries, encyclopaedias, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, self-help books, travel/history/art books, cookery books

and fiction books → about imaginary people or events

→ poetry: poems

→ prose: tales, short stories, novellas, romances, crime/spy novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns, thrillers, historical novels

Story can be set in a real or imaginary place/time in which the characters live. The plot can be narrated by the author or by one of the characters.

Every year, the Nobel Prize for Literature is awarded to the writer whose work is considered to be a unique achievement.

Some useful expressions: concentrate/focus on, describe/description, the story is set in the time of..., it is set in/placed, develop the love motif, simple/complicated plot, surprising turn at the end, happy/tragic/open/unexpected ending

How do you fancy...?, readable, it reads well, I was impressed, fascinating, amusing, unusual, exciting, mysterious, inspiring, depressing, funny, witty, have a good laugh, brilliant/superb style