

## BOOKS AND LITERATURE B1

<b>Main theme addressed</b>	<b>In this lesson, you will learn about books and literature.</b>
<b>Key Goals</b>	<p><b>Here is an outline of what you will learn today:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Types of books and literature</b></li> <li><b>2. How to characterise a book</b></li> <li><b>3. Professions related to literature</b></li> </ol>

### 1. Types of books and literature

There are two major categories of literature: **fiction** and **non-fiction**.

Fiction books include stories about **imaginary** events and people.

Non-fiction books give facts about **real** stories, events and people.

**The adjective** of fiction is **fictional**, which we can use to describe a character, place or event in a book, play or film.

For example:

'Neverland' is a fictional place in the story of Peter Pan.

See a detailed list of the different types of adjectives for fiction and non-fiction books, in the following tables.

- **Fiction:**

<b>action and adventure</b>	A book whose main storyline involves risk, exciting action sequences and physical danger.
<b>alternate history</b>	Books about stories in which one or more historical events occur differently.
<b>anthology</b>	A combination of short stories by different authors, featuring unrelated characters and settings.
<b>children's literature</b>	Fiction books appropriate for children.
<b>comic book</b>	A book written with comic strips. It tells the story with images and the dialogues are presented in bubbles.
<b>crime</b>	Books with fiction stories about crimes, investigations, criminals and their motives.
<b>drama</b>	Story which involves characters in conflict at a crucial moment in their lives.
<b>fairy tale</b>	Story (often for children) which involves characters such as elves, goblins, wizards and fairies.
<b>fantasy</b>	Books with a plot characterised by unrealistic settings, magic, or mythical beings and supernatural forms.
<b>young adult</b>	Fiction books written for teenagers and readers from 12 to 18 years old.
<b>historical fiction</b>	Fiction books about stories that take place in Historical settings.

<b>mystery</b>	Fiction books that involve a mysterious death or a crime to be solved.
<b>picture book</b>	Books that include only pictures or very little text in combination with pictures.
<b>poetry</b>	Fiction books written in a form of narrative poetry rather than prose.
<b>romance</b>	Fiction book about a romantic story where the characters fall in love.
<b>thriller</b>	Fiction story book with a villain-driven plot. The story often involves a lot of suspense and anxiety.
<b>science-fiction</b>	Books about the science and technology of the future.
<b>suspense</b>	Story book that emphasises in the anticipation of the outcome of a plot to an uncertainty, puzzle or mystery.

- **Non-fiction:**

<b>art</b>	A book that contents creation of Artwork and concept.
<b>biography</b>	A book where the writer tells someone else's life.
<b>autobiography</b>	A book where the writer tells about their own life.
<b>book review</b>	A written critic of a literary work.
<b>cookbook</b>	A book with recipes or advice on cooking.
<b>diary</b>	A book that consists of a record of events, personal events or observations of the daily life.
<b>dictionary</b>	A book that includes a list of words in alphabetic order, with their definitions, usage, etymologies, pronunciations, and sometimes translation.
<b>encyclopaedia</b>	A book with general knowledge on a range of topics.
<b>guide</b>	A book of information to help visitors or tourists learn about new places.
<b>history</b>	A book that describes historical facts and stories.
<b>journal</b>	A magazine or newspaper that focuses on a specific topic such as science.
<b>memoir</b>	A book with a collection of memories about public and private events that took place in a person's life.
<b>religion, spirituality</b>	Books that describe religious or spiritual facts.
<b>textbook</b>	Book on a specific subject that aims to teach somth.

**Exercise:**

**Fill in the following sentences with the words you learnt:**

1. Our school publishes a \_\_\_\_\_ every week, with all the latest news and educational events happening in the city and neighbourhood.
2. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ book about what life will be in the year 3450! It describes an imaginary and fantastic world.
3. This used to be my favourite \_\_\_\_\_ fiction book when I was 16 years old. I would not recommend it for a gift to your parents.
4. We were lucky when we visited Rome because we had a very useful and updated travel \_\_\_\_\_ to see the city.

## 2. How to characterize a book

### Words and expressions you can use to characterise a book.

Here is a list of words and expressions to describe a book.

You will see their definition and one example.

**Entertaining:** to be pleasant and joyful.

Example:

This book is not my favorite, but the story is **entertaining**.

**Captivating:** something that can attract and hold interest.

Example:

This book's story was so **captivating** that I finished reading it in one night!

**Boring:** something that is not interesting.

Example:

This book's plot is **boring** because nothing interesting happens.

**Predictable:** something you can guess very easily.

Example:

This book has a very **predictable** end; you can guess it from the first few pages.

**Hilarious:** to be extremely funny.

Example:

The main character of this book tells **hilarious** jokes.

**Action-packed:** something that is full of action.

Example:

I normally prefer reading science-fiction books that are **action-packed**.

**Exercise:**

**Fill in the following sentences with the words you just learnt.**

1. This book could be less \_\_\_\_\_ if there were more surprises and changes in the story.
2. I enjoy reading books with a surprising ending rather than a \_\_\_\_\_ one.
3. I have read this book three times and it is still making me laugh; it is \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Sometimes, children's books can also be \_\_\_\_\_ for the parents.

### 3. Professions related to literature

There are many different jobs related to literature!

Look at the following list of jobs and their definitions:

JOB	DEFINITION
<b>an author</b>	A person who writes books.
<b>a novelist</b>	The author of one or several novel(s).
<b>a playwright</b>	A person who writes plays for the theatre.
<b>a biographer</b>	A person who writes about someone else's life.
<b>a publisher</b>	A person who publishes books.
<b>a journalist</b>	A person who writes articles for newspapers.
<b>a columnist</b>	A person who writes short articles for a newspaper on a regular basis.
<b>a screenwriter</b>	A person who writes the scenario of a film or a movie.

**Exercise:**

**Fill in the following sentences with the words you just learnt.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ has very happy with the sales of the book because his publishing house made a lot of money.
2. He works as a \_\_\_\_\_ for a big journal and writes a short article every week.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this book uses very complicated words.
4. Walter Isaacson is a \_\_\_\_\_ who has written the best-selling biographies of Steve Jobs, Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein.

**Learn more:**

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