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Books



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Some useful VOCABULARY tools

<https://relatedwords.org>

Great for finding words related to any topic you are studying. Great for expanding your vocabulary on a certain topic.

<https://fraise.it>

You put in a word and it gives you real life examples so you can see how to use that word

<https://skell.sketchengine.co.uk/run.cgi/skell>

You put in a word and it gives you all the words that collocate with it, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and so on. Priceless tool, once you get to used to using it.

VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSIONS

Literature (n.) = written works (books)

Literacy (n.) = the ability to read and write

Literate (adj.) = able to read and write

Fictional or non-fictional BOOKS

Fictional novels- think of the different genres -

Crime novels

Romance

Thriller - suspense

Comedy

Action

Sci-fi

Books that have been made into a film

Non-Fictional

Biographies

Autobiographies

Hobbies

Historical (adj.)

Personal development = self help

Books related to your field of work

Recipe book

Travel guide

KEY WORDS

Plot = storyline

Setting = background (where - when)

Characters

Protagonist (main character / hero)

To **skim through** books in the bookstore

To **flip through** a book

To **leaf through** a book

All of these above mean to glance at quickly, not to read in depth.

A voracious reader - an avid reader = reads a lot

A heavy read (n) = that book is difficult to read

It's a good read

This book is easy reading

This book makes easy reading

I couldn't put it down

It had me spellbound

It was a gripping novel

I read it from cover to cover

It's a captivating/great read

It had an intriguing plot

Idiomatic expressions

To **turn over a new leaf** = to start anew / start something fresh

I want to get **in** my boss's **good books** = I want to do something to win his/her favour

She **threw the book at** me = she told me off very strongly / scolded me for doing something wrong

Take a leaf out of Mary's **book** = learn from Mary (suggesting she is better than you)