

World Book Day

What Is World Book Day?

World Book Day is a yearly event that began in 1995. It is a day for everyone to enjoy and celebrate reading. World Book Day also aims to give every child the chance to own a book of their own.

What Happens on World Book Day?

On World Book Day, many children take part in exciting activities in school like dressing up as their favourite characters and taking part in fun reading challenges. These activities are aimed at encouraging children's love of books and reading.



Did You Know...?

It isn't just schools that take part in World Book Day. Many libraries, authors, **publishers** and booksellers also get involved.



On World Book Day, schoolchildren in the UK are given a token to choose a book for £1. This token means that every child is able to own at least one book.

Why Is Reading Important?



It is important that children enjoy reading. Reading for pleasure helps them to achieve well at school because it improves their understanding and problem-solving skills. Regular reading has also been shown to improve children's **vocabulary**.

Did You Know...?

Reading different books can also help children to understand other people's thoughts and feelings. This skill is important for developing happy relationships with other people.



How Can I Choose the Correct Book?

It can sometimes be difficult to find a book that interests you. Here are some top tips to help you to choose your next read.

Take time to look at the book. Have a quick flick through the book. You will be able to see the size of the text and whether it contains any illustrations, pictures or diagrams that interest you. Then, read the blurb on the back cover of a book. This description will tell you more about what the book is about.

Think about your favourite topics. You could try reading a non-fiction book about something or someone that interests you. This could be a fact book, a biography or a magazine. Why not try reading a book based on a film that you have seen?

Visit your local library. Borrowing a book is free for children and librarians can often provide some helpful advice and offer useful suggestions.

Ask a friend. Why not ask your friends if they have read any good books that they might recommend? They may be able to tell you about a book that they have read recently.

Glossary

publisher: A company that prepares and supplies books.

vocabulary: The words that a person uses.

Questions

1. Which of the following take part in World Book Day? Tick **two**.

- ☐ booksellers
- ☐ banks
- ☐ butchers shops
- ☐ libraries

2. What does 'vocabulary' mean? Tick one.

- ☐ the stories that a person writes
- ☐ the handwriting that a person uses
- ☐ the books that a person reads
- ☐ the words that a person uses

3. Draw **four** lines and match each top tip to its description.

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4. What does World Book Day aim to give every child? Tick one.

- ☐ a book to share
- ☐ a book for their school
- ☐ a book of their own
- ☐ a book to sell

5. When was the first World Book Day?

6. Fill in the missing word.

On World Book Day, schoolchildren in the UK are given a
_____ to choose a _____ for £1.

7. How does reading help children to develop happy relationships with other people?

8. Look at the section called **How Can I Choose the Correct Book?**

Which top tip do you think is the most useful? Explain why.
