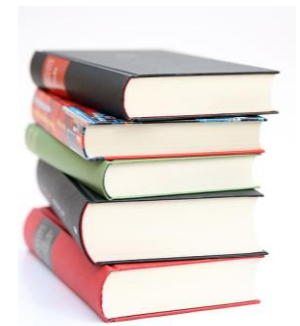




# Activities to try at home

We've put together a few activities that you can try at home. We hope you are keeping safe and well. Please see the separately attached document for the answers to quiz questions.

This week's theme is: Literature - Books



Do you have a favourite book?

Would you prefer to read a fiction or non-fiction book?

Do you have a favourite genre of novel? e.g. crime, sci-fi, fantasy

Do you own any bookmarks? Perhaps you use scrap paper instead?

Did you get asked to read at school?

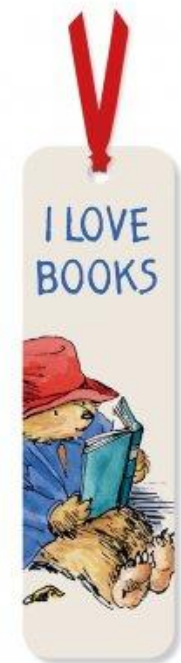
Do you like to visit the library?

Have you ever gone to a book fair or book festival?

Have you ever bought a book from a charity shop?

Has someone ever given you a book as a present?

What books did you read to your children?



# Can you name these famous book characters?



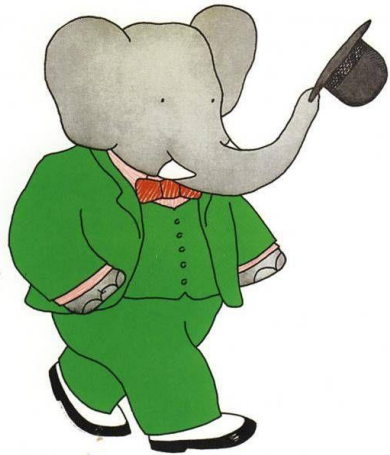
1. N..... and B..... E.....



2. H..... P.....



3. A.....



4. B.....



5. P..... and W..... the P.....



6. Mrs T.....

## Unfinished Book Titles      Can you fill in the missing words?



1. The Wind in the ..... (Kenneth Grahame)
2. Pride and ..... (Jane Austen)
3. To Kill a ..... (Harper Lee)
4. Brave New ..... (Aldous Huxley)
5. The Lion, the Witch and the ..... (C.S. Lewis)
6. Lord of the ..... (J. R. R. Tolkien)
7. The Adventures of Huckleberry ..... (Mark Twain)
8. Alice's Adventures in ..... (Lewis Carroll)
9. Charlie and the Chocolate ..... (Roald Dahl)
10. Tom's Midnight ..... (Philippa Pearce)
11. A Tale of Two ..... (Charles Dickens)
12. The Forsyte ..... (John Galsworthy)
13. Far from the Madding ..... (Thomas Hardy)
14. A Passage to ..... (E. M. Forster)
15. The Hound of the..... (Arthur Conan Doyle)



## Types of Books

We give names to specific kinds of books. Can you name them?

	Description	Answer
1	A book containing maps (5 letters)	A.....
2	A book explaining the meanings of words (10)	D.....
3	A book about the life of a person written by the person him or herself (13)	A.....
4	Little books for children, with a vast range of titles, including the Peter and Jane "Key Words" reading scheme popular in the 1960s and 70s (8)	L..... books
5	A book which is a fictional story (5)	N.....
6	A book about the life of a person written by someone else (9)	B.....
7	A book that gives other words which mean the same as a given word (9)	T.....
8	A book which gives ideas of things to cook, and methods for making them (6)	R..... book
9	A book which explains what you can and cannot do in a game or sport (4)	R..... book
10	A book that has all sorts of questions, and the answers, usually at the back (4)	Q..... book

## Famous Book Series

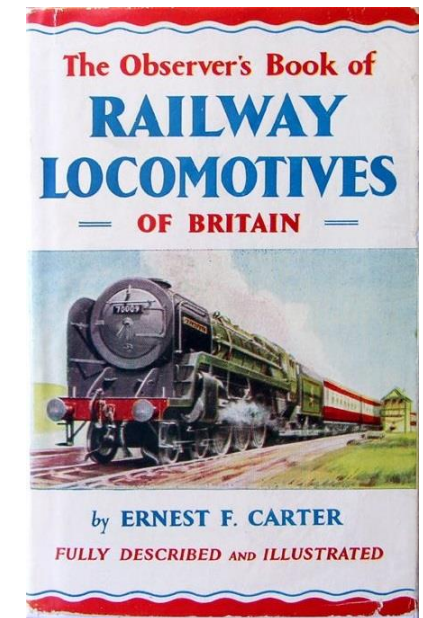
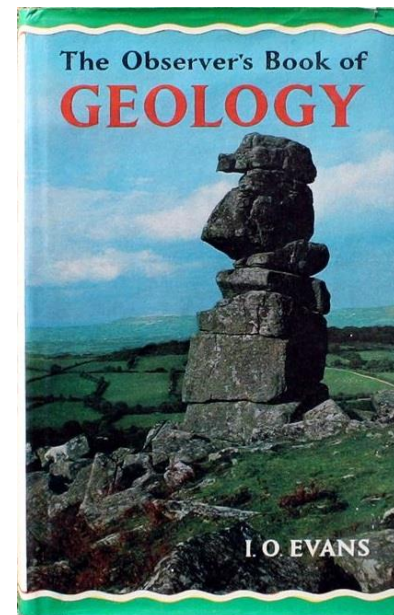
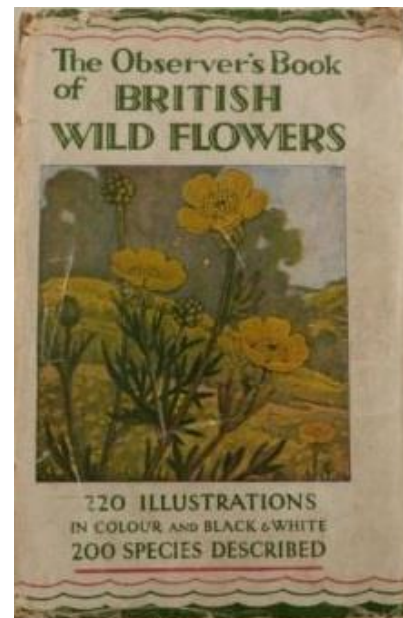
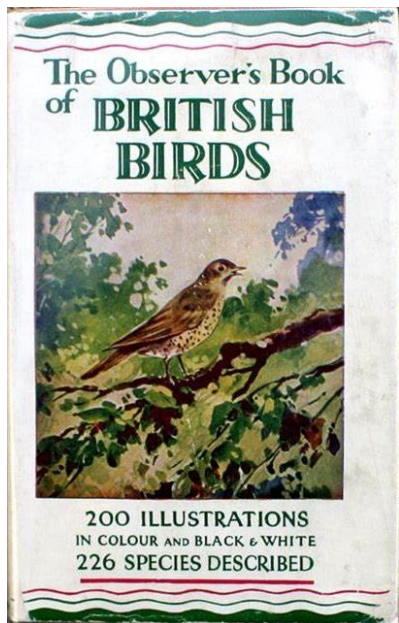
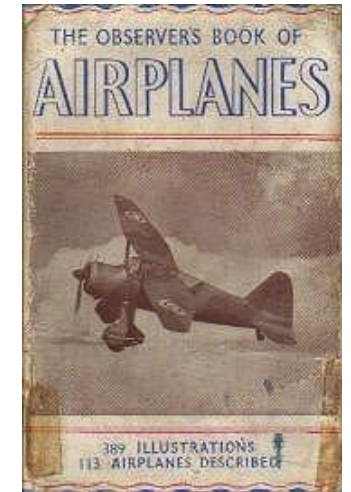
### Observer's Books

*The Observer's Books* were a series of small, pocket-sized books, published from 1937 to 2003. There are over 800 variations, some of which are now rare and valuable.

The first two Observer's guides, published in 1937 were **British Birds** and **British Wild Flowers**. During World War II production was limited due to paper and labour shortages. Even so, by 1941 the first six Observer's books had been published.

In 1942 a special edition book was brought out on "**Airplanes**", which to help people spot enemy war planes. It was reprinted in 1943 and 1945.

The first few Observer's titles had focused on nature, but gradually subjects like geology, music and architecture were introduced. 'Spotter' titles like **Aircraft**, **Automobiles** and **Railway Locomotives** proved popular. During the 1950s and 60s collecting sets of these books was popular among children and adults alike.



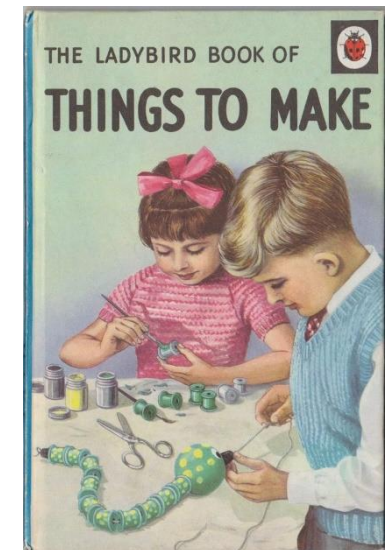
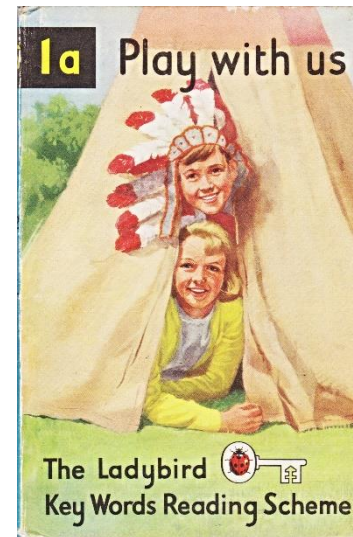
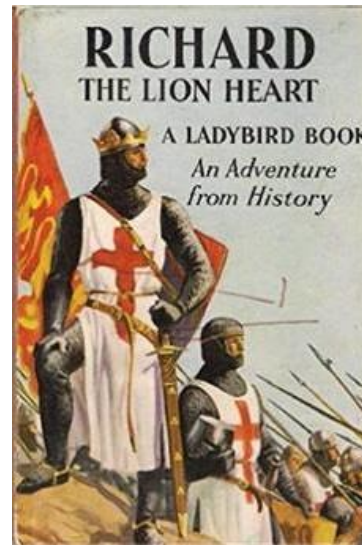
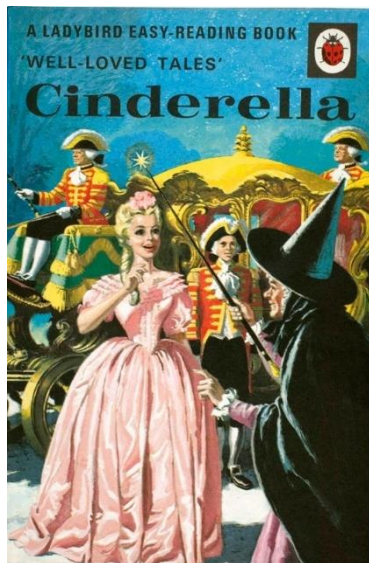
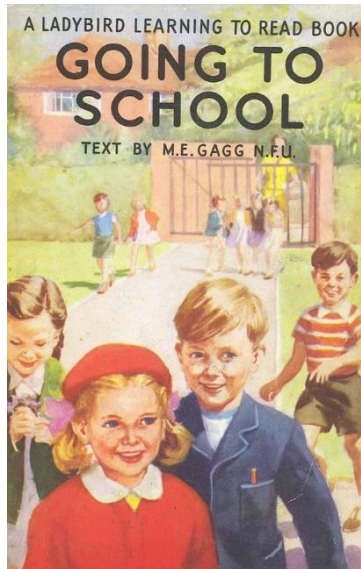
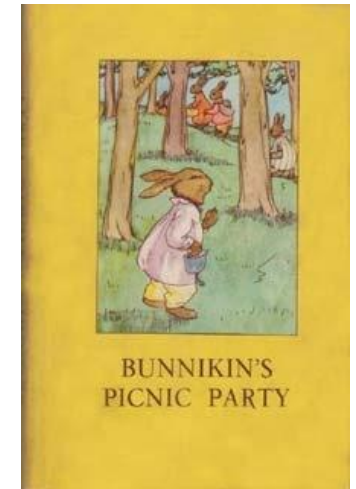
## Ladybird Books

The company traces its origins to 1867, when Henry Wills opened a bookshop in Loughborough. He then became a publisher and was joined by William Hepworth in 1904, and the company traded as Wills & Hepworth. By August 1914, they had published their first children's books, which they called Ladybird books.

One famous story, Bunnikin's Picnic Party was produced in 1940. Later series included nature books and a host of non-fiction books, including hobbies and interests, history and travel. In the 1960s and 1970s the company's Key Words Reading Scheme (launched in 1964) was heavily used by British primary schools, using a reduced vocabulary to help children learn to read. This was a series of 36 books featuring Peter and Jane.

In the 1960s, Ladybird produced the Learnabout series of non-fiction (informational) books, some of which were used by adults as well as children.

For almost thirty years, remained at two shillings and sixpence (12.5p).



Did you ever have any Ladybird books? If so, which were your favourites?

## Book Trivia

- 2.5 million pulped Mills and Boon novels were used to build part of the M6 toll road. They formed the top layer of the carriageways.
- Up to 50 books can be made from one tree.
- 'Tom Sawyer' by Mark Twain was the first novel to be written on a typewriter.
- J.M. Barry gave the rights of 'Peter Pan' to Great Ormond Street Hospital and it still receives royalties to this day.
- Theodore Roosevelt, President of USA, is said to have read one whole book per day.
- In America, the most banned books are Harry Potter books as they are said to promote witchcraft, set bad examples and are too dark. Catholic schools ban them as they believe they contain 'real' spells.
- Abibliophobia - the fear of running out of things to read.
- Bibliosmia - a love of the smell of books.





## Autobiographies

Can you match the title of each autobiography to the name of the person who wrote it?

1. Becoming	4. Long Walk to Freedom	7. Moab is my Washpot
2. All Creatures Great and Small	5. Humble Pie	8. My Family and Other Animals
3. You Cannot Be Serious	6. Is It Just Me?	9. The Elephant to Hollywood



Michael Caine



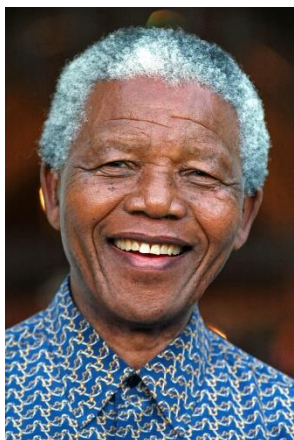
John McEnroe



Gordon Ramsay



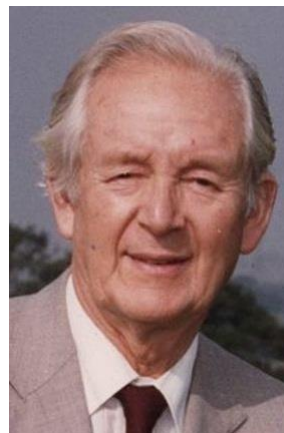
Michelle Obama



Nelson Mandela



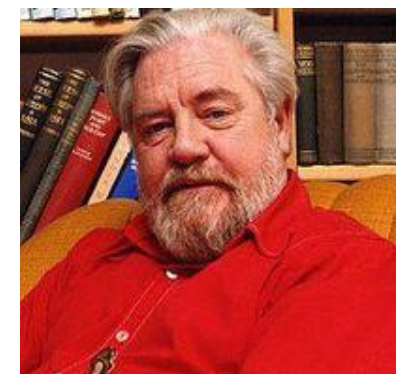
Stephen Fry



James Herriot



Miranda Hart



Gerald Durrell

## Famous Fathers

Sunday June 21st was Father's Day. Can you match these fathers/father figures with the books and/or films in which they appear?

1. Mr Brown

Harry Potter

The Godfather

Adventures of  
Huckleberry Finn

2. Gerald O'Hara

The Secret Diary of  
Adrian Mole

Pride and  
Prejudice

Paddington Bear

3. Atticus Finch

4. Mr Bennet

5. Bob Cratchit

6. Arthur Weasley

7. Pap Finn

Gone with The  
Wind

The Darling Buds  
of May

Mary Poppins

8. Jean Valjean

9. Don Vito Corleone

10. George Mole

Les Misérables

To Kill a  
Mockingbird

A Christmas Carol

11. Mr Banks

12. Pop Larkin





## Opening Sentences of Books

A 14-year-old boy called Monty is in the Guinness Book of Records for matching 130 opening lines with the books they came from. Can you think which books these opening lines are from?

1. 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.'
2. 'When shall we three meet again, in thunder, lightning or in rain.'
3. 'It was a bright, cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.'
4. 'The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring cleaning his little home.'
5. 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...'
6. 'Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the western spiral arm of the galaxy lies a small, unregarded, yellow sun.'
7. 'Last night I dreamt I went to Mandalay again.'
8. 'Call me Ishmael.'
9. 'As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.'
10. 'Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy.'

## Books in Art

Books are common subjects in art. Looking at paintings can be a great way of letting your imagination go wild!

### Look at these pictures...

What do you think these people are reading about?

What do you think their lives are like?

What sort of houses do they live in, and where in the world, and at what time in history?

Can you give the characters names?

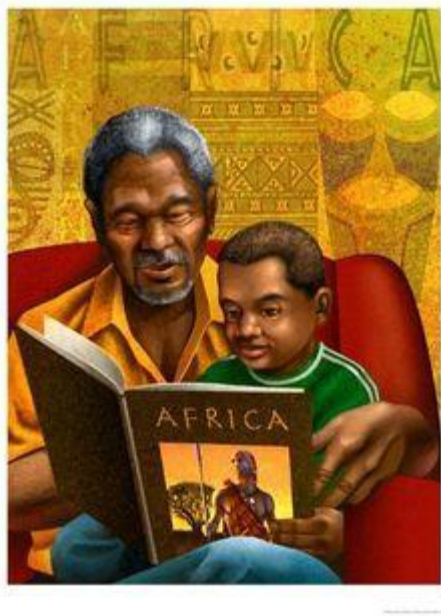
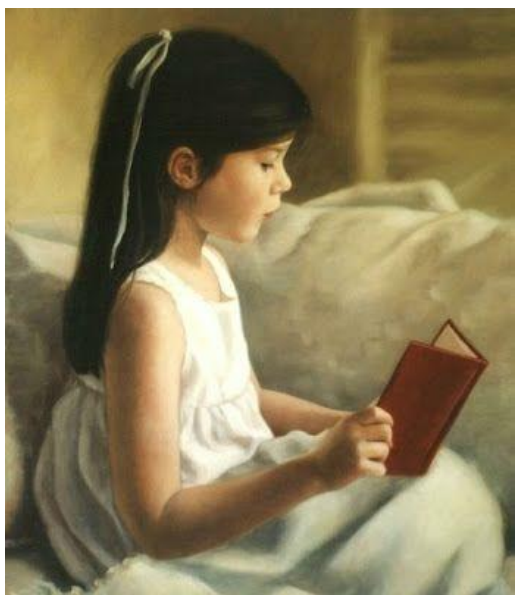
Who do you think taught them to read?

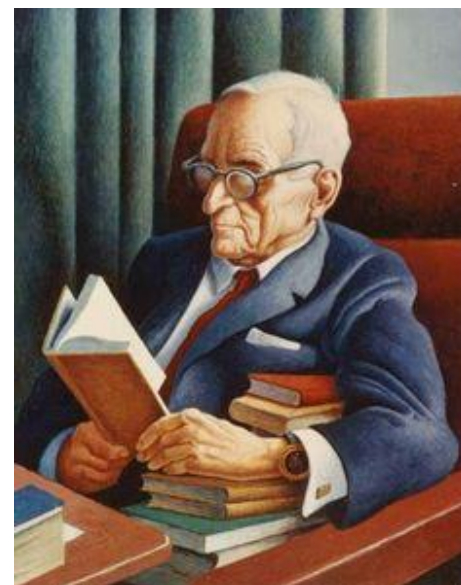
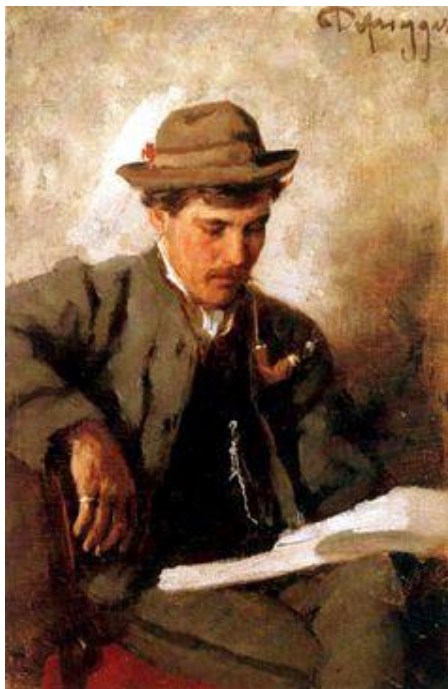
What can you learn about them from their clothes, or other things in the picture?

What else can you work out about them from the pictures?

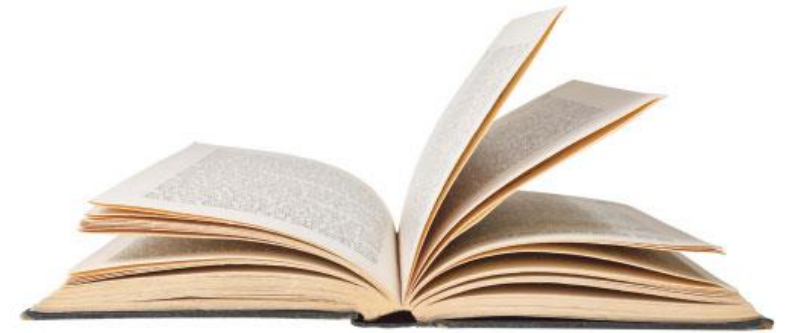
Which style of painting appeals to you most?







## Quotes About Books and Reading



'So many books, so little time.' - Frank Zappa

'Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.' - Mason Cooley  
(Very appropriate for life under lock down).

'Anyone who says they have only one life to live must not know how to read a book.' - Anonymous

'There is no friend as loyal as a book.' - Ernest Hemmingway

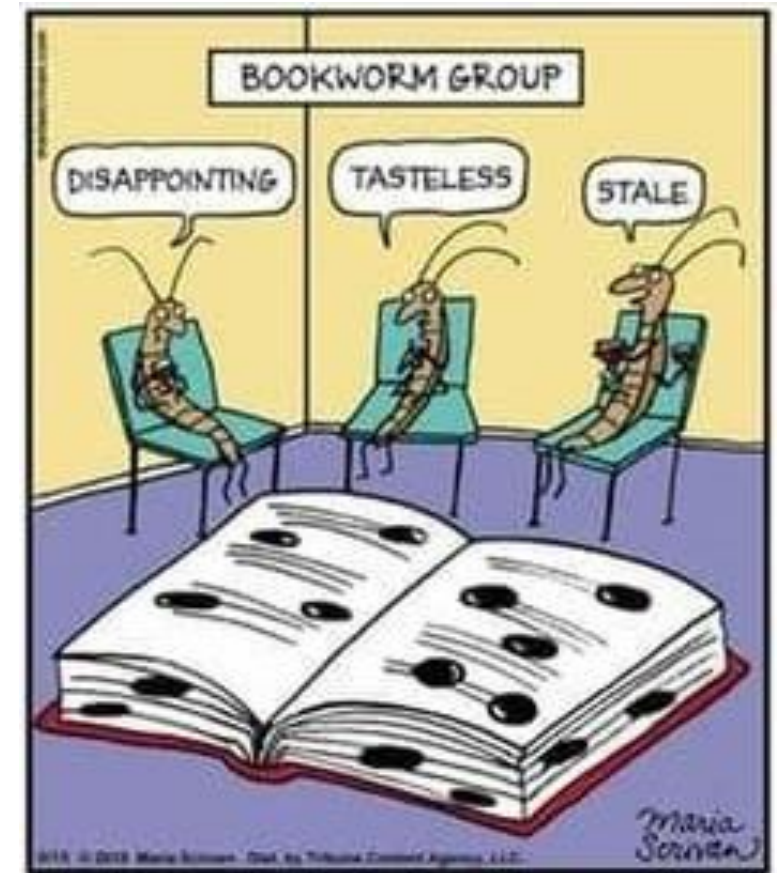
'We lose ourselves in books. We find ourselves there too.' - Anonymous

'Where is human nature as weak as in the bookstore.' - Henry Ward Beecher

## Words That Follow the Word 'Book'

Unscramble the words that follow the word 'book' E.g.: book jetcak = book jacket

1. book morw \_\_\_\_\_
2. book helfs \_\_\_\_\_
3. book bluc \_\_\_\_\_
4. book rovec \_\_\_\_\_
5. book aces \_\_\_\_\_
6. book repeek \_\_\_\_\_
7. book karm \_\_\_\_\_
8. book wireve \_\_\_\_\_
9. book knote \_\_\_\_\_
10. book pohs \_\_\_\_\_





# Famous Authors

E	G	L	X	A	E	W	O	O	L	F	Y	W	C
L	N	T	L	O	S	K	N	E	I	K	L	O	T
Y	I	H	L	E	T	I	Y	O	O	L	B	L	E
O	L	A	B	W	E	N	C	G	R	Y	R	I	C
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WAUGH  
 BRONTE  
 SCOTT  
 MORPURGO  
 TROLLOPE  
 LAWRENCE  
 CONAN DOYLE  
 KIPLING  
 KINGSLEY  
 WOLF  
 WELLS  
 THACKERAY  
 ELIOT  
 JOYCE  
 HUXLEY  
 TOLKIEN  
 BINCHY  
 GREENE  
 STEVENSON  
 ORWELL

## Links

**Here are some links to websites which fit with our theme.**

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- Bedford Borough & Central Bedfordshire Virtual Library has e-books, audio books, magazines and music that members can access for free. If you're not already a member you can join for free by filling out a form on the website: <https://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/cgi-bin/bedford-cat.sh>

- Tibbs Dementia Foundation highlighted these story-telling videos in their recent newsletter:

The Leopard and his Drum – Part 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKf6U-AYLCg>

The Leopard and his Drum – Part 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Syslm5dMto&t=215s>

- The British Library has a number of collections and exhibitions online:  
<https://www.bl.uk/discover-and-learn/online-exhibitions>

Thank you for reading this week's edition of 'Activities to try at home'.

We hope you have enjoyed trying some or all of the activities.

Thank you for any feedback, it is always appreciated.

