

1 World Book Day

Get Started



1. Which of these do you read?
 2. Where do you get them?
 3. Which of these have you seen in your school library?
 4. Will it be better if you get all of them from your library?
- Why? Discuss in groups.

Sue's family lives in a small town in England. Ann is her younger sister. Their house is near the Town Hall. The Town Hall has a small library. Sue's mother often takes her children to the library. Sue reads storybooks and her mother reads newspapers or magazines.

Today is the World Book Day. There are many children in the library. David is also there with his mother. He studies in Sue's class. He does not like to read books. He loves to play football or do ice skating.

David: Mama, I hate books. I do not want to come here.



Mama: David, reading is fun. Books are your best friends. You can learn so many things from them.

David: Oh! No, Mama. I like sports and games. I want to be a sportsman.

Mama: That is good. But a sportsman also reads books.

Just at that time, Mrs Smith came there. She was a teacher in Sue's school. But she did not teach Sue and David. She taught older children. Mrs Smith started reading out a story to the children. The story was about a brave boy called Jack.

One day, Jack was standing on the seashore. He was looking at the colourful boats. In fact, he was waiting for the seagulls. But he could not find any. He wanted to take their photographs. Suddenly, he saw a boy in water waving his hands. Actually the boy was drowning. He was crying



for help. Jack jumped into the sea. He swam up to the boy, caught his arms and brought him to the seashore. He saved the boy. Later, he got an award for his bravery. After some years, he became a lifeguard. Now he looks after the safety of swimmers.

David liked the story.

David: Thank you, Mrs Smith. I want to be like Jack. I must become a great man like him. But how?

Mrs Smith: Read about great people like Florence Nightingale or Abraham Lincoln. There are so many books in this library. You can learn many things from them.

Sue: Mrs Smith, I want to know about cooking and other housework. I want to help my mother. Can I read some books on that?

Mrs Smith: Of course. There are books and magazines that teach you cooking. But no cooking on fire. You are still very young.

Ann: Mrs Smith, I cannot read. But I want to read comics.

Mrs Smith: My little angel, you must read picture books till you learn to read. Take some CDs from the library. Mama will play them for you.

Ann: Thank you, Mrs Smith. Please read us the story of a fairy next time.

Mrs Smith: Okay, children! Bye for today. See you next time.

Children: Bye, Mrs Smith.

I Love Books

I have many books to read,
They tell me everything I need.
They tell me many a new thing,
Why there is Autumn or Spring.
From them, I learn about many a land,
Some are simple, some are grand.

They bring me news about Mars,
The Space, Sun, Moon and the stars.
They tell me jokes n' animal tales,
About cobras, sharks and whales.
I enjoy reading books always,
On a holiday and on weekdays.

