

## Role of reading in our life

Reading plays a very important role in the life of people. It educates a person, enriches his intellect. Books help to mould a person's character, his moral values. Besides, books bring pleasure and delight. It's a wonderful way of spending spare time. Sometimes we read the same book again and again. Thanks to books we learn to express our thoughts and feelings more exactly. A book is a faithful and understanding friend. It can be put aside and taken up again any moment. There are books, which have been our favourite since childhood.

People are fond of reading different kinds of books. Some people enjoy reading detective stories, adventure stories, novels, biographies, others prefer classics. Fairy tales are enjoyed and read by children, books about adventures and journeys are enjoyed by those who are fond of travelling. Legends and myths are read by those who are fond of history.

Some people spend much time reading books and reading becomes their free time occupation, their passion. Such book-lovers just can't live without reading. They take a book wherever they go and, if they travel, a large sack full of books is their main companion.

Throughout the centuries books had enormous influence on the minds and hearts of people. Books bind together ages, personalities. Thanks to books we can talk to people who lived in different countries and ages. Through reading books we hear their voices, thoughts and feelings. The book is the surest way to bring nations together. It helps people achieve understanding, trust, cooperation and friendship. Books awaken the young reader's imagination. They develop literary taste; arouse interest and curiosity, reader's laughter as well as his tears. Books teach the readers to be truthful, friendly, honest, frank, firm, fair and serious.

### **1. Read the text and arrange parts of its plan in the right order:**

- 1) The role of reading in the life of a separate person;
- 2) The role of books in society;
- 3) Kinds of books
- 4) Reading as hobby.

### **2. Say if the sentences are true or false according to the text:**

- 1) Besides, books bring money and success.

- 2) Legends and myths are read by those who are fond of history.
- 3) Some people spend much time reading books and reading becomes their profession.
- 4) Books set apart ages, personalities.
- 5) Thanks to books we can talk to people who live next door.
- 6) Books teach the readers to be truthful, friendly, honest, frank, firm, fair and serious.

**3. Complete the following sentences:**

- 1) Books help to mould a person's character....
- 2) There are books, which have been our favourite.....
- 3) Legends and myths are read.....
- 4) Such book-lovers just.....
- 5) Throughout the centuries books had.....
- 6) The book is the surest way to .....
- 7) They develop literary taste; arouse interest and curiosity.....

**4. Answer the questions according to the text:**

- 1) Can we say that a book is our friend?
- 2) Who enjoys reading books about adventures?
- 3) What was the influence of books many years ago?
- 4) Which role can books play internationally?
- 5) Are books good teachers?