

Reading For Pleasure

KS3 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Use the first-page test on a new book.

Step 1 · Read the blurb

Does the situation make you want to know more?

Step 2 · Read the first page

Does the voice interest you? Can you picture the setting?

Step 3 · Check the level

Count unfamiliar words on one page. A handful is a good stretch.

Step 4 · Decide

Borrow it, save it for later, or try another.

Answer: Blurb, first page, a quick word check, then a decision: a reliable way to find a book you will finish.

Check: The test takes two minutes and avoids abandoned books.

2. Now try one with the steps

Plan a reading target: a 280-page book in 2 weeks.

Step 1 · Days available

Step 2 · Pages per day

Step 3 · Make it a habit

Answer:

3. Practice

Show your working. The marks tell you how much is expected.

1. What is a blurb? [1]

2. Name three genres of fiction. [1]

3. A book has 240 pages. If you read 20 pages a day, how many days will it take? Write the number. [1]
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4. What is the difference between fiction and non-fiction? [1]
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5. Give two benefits of reading for pleasure. [2]
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6. What is a 'spoiler'? [1]
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7. What does 'dystopian' mean? [1]
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8. A 300-page book is read over 15 days. How many pages a day is that? Write the number. [1]
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9. Describe the first-page test for choosing a book. [2]
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10. What should a good book review include? [2]
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11. Why might listening to an audiobook while following the text help with a challenging classic? [2]
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12. Explain why reading books from different times and cultures is valuable. [2]
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13. Write a one-sentence recommendation of a book you have enjoyed, explaining who would like it and why. [2]
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14. A friend says they 'hate reading'. Suggest two strategies to help them find something they might enjoy. [2]
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4. Before you hand it in

'Graphic novels and audiobooks don't count reading.'

Count every form; mix them with traditional books.

Forcing yourself through a book you hate for weeks.

Give a book 50 pages. If it is still not working, swap it; you can return to it later.

Only ever reading one genre or one series.

Keep your favourite, but add one 'stretch' book each term.

Retelling the whole plot in a review.

Summarise only the set-up, then give opinions with reasons.