

# Talk a Lot

## Books – Which book would you buy for...?

Student A

Ask and answer questions to complete the gaps, and find out information about four books. Which book would you buy for your partner, and which for your grandma? Why?

	Book 1	Book 2
Title		A Passage to India
Author / Price	Mark Beaumont / £8.39	
Publisher / Date of Publication	Bantam Press / 2009	
Fiction or Non-Fiction		fiction
Genre / # Pages / Condition		20 <sup>th</sup> century classics / 416 / new
Plot or Description	record-breaking journey by bike	
Avg. Rating / Extract from Review		5/5 / "A clash of class, religion and race..."
ebook Available / Cover	yes / paperback	

	Book 3	Book 4
Title	To Kill a Mockingbird	
Author / Price	Harper Lee / \$5.98	
Publisher / Date of Publication		Hodder & Stoughton / 2009
Fiction or Non-Fiction		non-fiction
Genre / # Pages / Condition	children's books / 278 / used	
Plot or Description	racial prejudice in the Deep South of America in the 1930s	
Avg. Rating / Extract from Review		3/5 / "The photography could be better..."
ebook Available / Cover		yes / paperback

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Student B

Ask and answer questions to complete the gaps, and find out information about four hospitals. Which hospital would you give £5m extra funding to, and which one would you close? Why?

	Book 1	Book 2
Title	The Man Who Cycled the World	
Author / Price		E. M. Forster / £6.29
Publisher / Date of Publication		Penguin Classics / 2005
Fiction or Non-Fiction	non-fiction	
Genre / # Pages / Condition	travel / 432 / new	
Plot or Description		Colonial Britain faces the real India
Avg. Rating / Extract from Review	4/5 / "An incredible story..."	
ebook Available / Cover		no / paperback

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Title		Rivers: A Voyage into the Heart of Britain
Author / Price		Griff Rhys Jones / £8.49
Publisher / Date of Publication	Heinemann / 1966	
Fiction or Non-Fiction	fiction	
Genre / # Pages / Condition		nature / 288 / used (like new)
Plot or Description		personal tales on a voyage down the rivers, canals, and lakes of Great Britain
Avg. Rating / Extract from Review	5/5 / "A gripping quest for justice..."	
ebook Available / Cover	yes / hardback	

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### Information Exchange

#### Answers

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"Which book would you buy for your partner, and which for your grandma? Why?" Answers will vary. When they have completed filling the gaps, students should discuss which books they think their relatives would enjoy. They should produce appropriate reasons for their choices – why they would choose one book in particular for somebody, but not another. For example: "I would buy To Kill a Mockingbird for my partner, because he has always wanted to read it..." Or... "I wouldn't buy The Man Who Cycled the World for my grandma, because she isn't very interested in travel..." [etc.]

#### Sample Questions

What is the title of Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Who is the author of \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Who wrote Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 How much is Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 How much does Book \_\_\_\_\_ cost?  
 Who publishes Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 When was Book \_\_\_\_\_ published?  
 Is Book \_\_\_\_\_ fiction or non-fiction?  
 What genre does Book \_\_\_\_\_ belong to?  
 How many pages has Book \_\_\_\_\_ got?  
 What condition is Book \_\_\_\_\_ in?  
 What is the plot or description of Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 What is the average rating for Book \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Give me a review of Book \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Is there an ebook of Book \_\_\_\_\_ available?  
 Is Book \_\_\_\_\_ in hardback or paperback?

#### Sample Answers

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of Book \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ wrote Book \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Book \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Book \_\_\_\_\_ costs \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ publishes Book \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It was published in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It's got \_\_\_\_\_ pages.  
 It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ out of five.  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.  
 It's in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Examples

What is the title of Book 1?  
 When was Book 2 published?  
 What condition is Book 3 in?  
 Is there an ebook of Book 4 available?

The Man Who Cycled the World.  
 It was published in 2005.  
 It's used.  
 Yes, there is.

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Is Book 2 in hardback or paperback?

It's in paperback.

[etc.]

Extension: you could try to encourage some comparative/superlative questions and sentences too, for example:

Which is the cheapest book?

To Kill a Mockingbird is...

Which book has the most pages?

The Man Who Cycled the World has...

Which book has the lowest rating?

Rivers: A Voyage into the Heart of Britain has...

[etc.]

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