Books and reading: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

How often do you read for pleasure?

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What do you read: books, news, messages?

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What was your favourite book as a child?

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Where do you usually read?

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Do you read in English?

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Do you prefer paper books or a screen?

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Who is a famous writer from your country?

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What are you reading now?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

Tell me about a book you could not put down.

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What book would you recommend to everyone, and why?

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Have you ever started a book and not finished it?

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Do you listen to audiobooks or podcasts instead of reading?

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What did you have to read at school? Did you enjoy it?

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How do you choose what to read next?

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Has a book ever changed your mind about something?

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Would you like to write a book? What about?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Are people reading less, or just reading differently?

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Should schools make students read the classics?

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What can a novel do that a film cannot?

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Is listening to a book the same as reading it?

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Why do we enjoy stories about people who do terrible things?

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Does reading fiction make people more understanding of others?

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Should any book be banned or kept away from children?

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Which book would you save if you could keep only one?

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Useful language

- It's about... / It tells the story of...
- I couldn't put it down. / I gave up halfway.
- I'd recommend it to anyone who...
- It's set in...
- a novel · a chapter · a plot · a character
- It made me think about...