

# BOOKWORM

Do you read books a lot? What kind of books do you read?  
What other kinds of book do you know of?

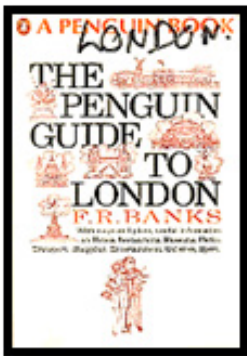
## DEFINITION

A **bookworm** is someone who enjoys and spends a lot of time reading books. The term, which generally refers to a type of worm that feeds on paper, has been used metaphorically to refer to someone who always has their nose in a book.



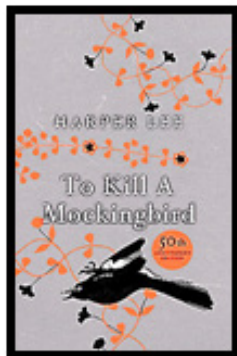
## PRACTICE 1

Try to guess what kind of book is being described in each sentence.



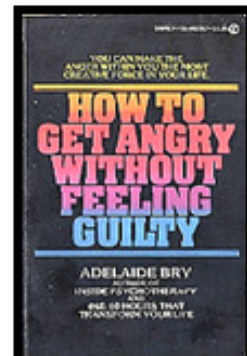
1. The book provides interesting details about convenient accommodation, tourist spots and eating places in London.

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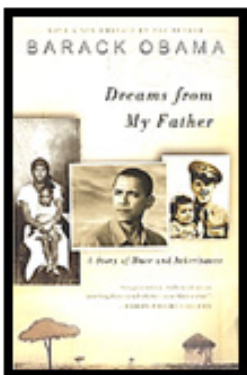
2. The book sold more copies than any other books in its genre.

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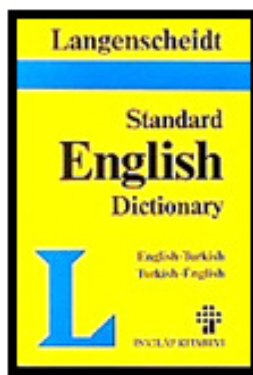
3. This book teaches the reader ways on being guiltless when angry.

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4. The book tells interesting facts about the private life of Barack Obama.

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5. The book provides definitions of words a particular language.

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6. The book is a story of Toru Watanabe's loss and self-discovery during his days in college while living in Tokyo.

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## LANGUAGE POINT

The **Present Simple** tense of the verb is often used when retelling the story of a book or film.

Examples:

Harry **sets** off with Ron and Hermione on a difficult quest to defeat Voldemort. (Harry Potter)

Nick **learns** that Jay Gatsby knew Daisy is deeply in love with her. (The Great Gatsby)

Here are Adjectives which are useful when describing a book you have read or even a film that you have seen.

**Adjectives** that can be used when describing a book:

Positive		Negative	
amusing	captivating	boring	confusing
hilarious	comprehensible	uninformative	silly
deep	informative	predictable	inaccurate
enjoyable	brilliant	incomprehensible	
entertaining	well-written	hard-to-read	

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### **PRACTICE 2**

Retell the story of the books being described below.

Use the Present Simple tense and the adjectives learnt above (at least one positive and one negative).

A. a book you have recently read

1. What type of book is it?
2. What is it about?
3. How long did it take you to read it/finish it?
4. What do you think about it?

B. a book that you enjoyed

1. What type of book is it?
2. What is it about?
3. When did you read it?
4. What do you like about it?

C. a book you are reading

1. What is it about?
2. When did you start reading it?
3. How long have you been reading it for?
4. Why did you choose it?

### **SPEAKING**

How many books have you read in your life?

How does reading affect human life?

Have you ever personally met an author of a book you've read or are reading?