Overview

Watch the video podcast. Do you enjoy similar books to any of the people in the podcast?

1 Read the text below about Val's reading habits. Then watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:26 and delete the incorrect words.

I ** write / read a lot, mostly non-fiction books about history and ** politics / economics, but I also like some ** fiction / poetry too. I'm outside the Tate Modern in central London asking people about ** books / reading. Do you ** like books / read much **?



Glossary: non-fiction = books about real facts or events, not imagined ones

2 Do you read much? Watch the video podcast from 0:27-0:51 and complete the responses.



Rob

1 I do yeah. I try to read as _____ as ____



Hannah

2 Yeah, I do. I'm a great



Bob

3 Yes I do yes. Mostly



Adela

4 I read a lot of fashion



Alice

5 Yeah, I read a _____ bit.



Robert

6 I read a lot of _____

3 What was the last book you read? Look at the titles of the five books below. Then look at the brief descriptions of the books 1-5. Try to match the titles A-E to the descriptions. Then watch the video podcast from 0:52-1:55 to check your answers.

A	В	С	D	Е
Water for Elephants	The Search	Breaking Dawn	Johnny Panic and the Bible of Dreams	Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

1	an	'easy	read'	that	is	fun	and	hui	mor	ous

2 a story about a circus in 1930's America

3 a collection of short stories by Sylvia Plath

4 part of the Twilight Saga by Stephanie Myers

5 It's set in the States. It's about a man who's paid to pursue another person

E	

4 What's your favourite book? Watch the video podcast from 1:58 -2:31 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.



1 Her favourite book is set in the Second World War. ___F___ 2 The book is about a day in

the life of an ordinary woman.



Robert

3 His favourite book is a comic book.



Alice

- 4 This book is about "Superman"
- 5 Her favourite book has a French title.
- 6 The book is about a married couple who have a bad relationship. __

Glossary: traces her existence = follows her life; mundane = about ordinary daily life; siblings = a brother or sister

5 Which fictional character would you most like to be, or meet? Look at the people below and read the names of the fictional characters they would like to meet. Then watch the video podcast from 2:31-3:30 and match the characters with the people.









1 The Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland.

- 2 Mr Darcy from Pride and Prejudice.
- 3 John Self from the novel Money.
- 4 The character Humbert Humbert from Lolita.
- 5 The Joker from the Batman comics.

The way we speak

6 The people in the pictures below talk about books they have read. Read what they say and complete their responses with the words and phrases from the box. Then watch the video podcast from 0:52-2:31 again and check your answers.

last	called	It's about	heard of	traces		recommended
	of all time	about	author	it's set	by	called



Hannah

Well, the ¹	book I read was V	Vater for
Elephants 2	Sara Gruen which v	was a book
3	to me by some frier	nds – I'd
never ⁴	her, or indeed	, the book
- but I enjoyed it	very much. It was a st	ory
5 a circu	is in the 1930's Americ	a.
My favourite boo	ok ⁶ is	s a book
⁷ One Fir	ne Day by Mollie Pante	r-Downes
which is a book a	bout a housewife, just	after
the Second Worl	ld War and it just 8	her
existence in a day	of her life. It's terribly	y mundane.



Rob

The last book I read was a	a novel ⁹ The
Search by a London 10	called Geoff Dyer
and it's about, "	in the States.
12 a man	who's paid to pursue
another person and he tra	avels across the land
trying to catch him.	

Personalisation

7 Write *your* answers to the questions. Try to use some of the language from the video podcasts.

1 What's your favourite book and why?

2 Which fictional character would you most like to be, or meet?	



BBC LINK

University students in Scotland are investigating how to use new technology to keep traditional story-telling alive.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/tayside_and_central/7380901.stm

