

## B2.13 Books and Quotations

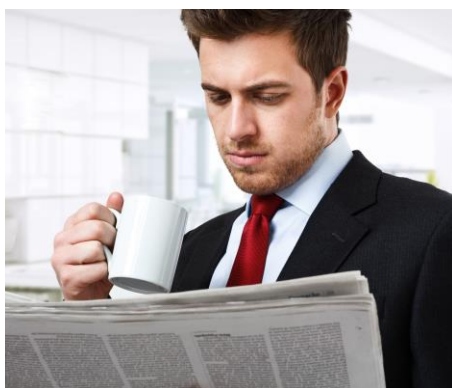
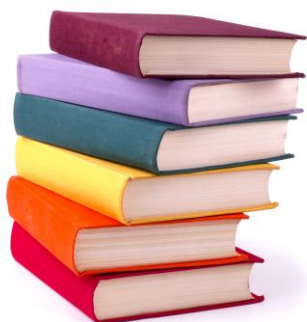
### You can learn:

- How to discuss favourite books and reading habits.
- How to explain sayings, quotations and proverbs.

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Discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the topic of books and reading, with your partner.



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- How often do you read a book? Do you have a favourite book? Do you have a favourite author?
- Do you prefer books in digital, or paper-based form? Why?
- Do you read newspapers? Do you believe what you read? How do you feel about censorship of the press?
- Do you read newspapers or magazines online?
- Do you like to read plays, poetry, or short stories?
- Who are the famous playwrights and poets in your country? Did you study them at school?
- Do you have any favourite quotations from books, movies or poems? Did you have a school motto (maybe in Latin)?

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**Discuss the quotations in the box. Which do you agree, or disagree with? Do you have any favourites?**

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." Albert Einstein

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."  
Maya Angelou

"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not." André Gide

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." Lao Tzu

"If you can make a woman laugh, you can make her do anything." Marilyn Monroe

"An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind."  
Mahatma Gandhi

"If you're going through hell, keep going." Winston Churchill

"One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals." Michael Korda

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**Discuss the proverbs in the box below. Do you understand them? Do you have something similar in your language?**

- "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence."
- "You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs."
- "A stitch in time saves nine."
- "Every cloud has a silver lining."
- "Necessity is the mother of invention."
- "Too many cooks spoil the broth."
- "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."
- "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."
- "Don't count your chickens before they've hatched."
- "Look before you leap."
- "Don't burn your bridges."
- "Look after the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves."
- "He who hesitates is lost."

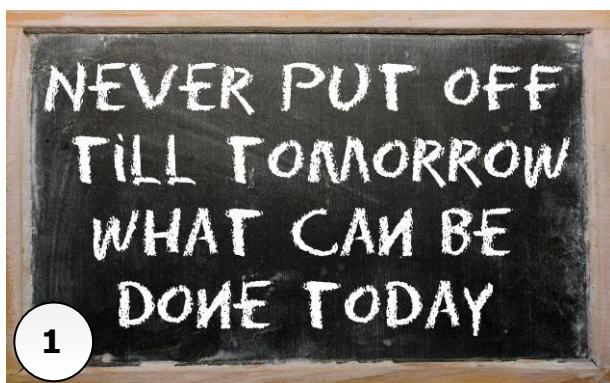
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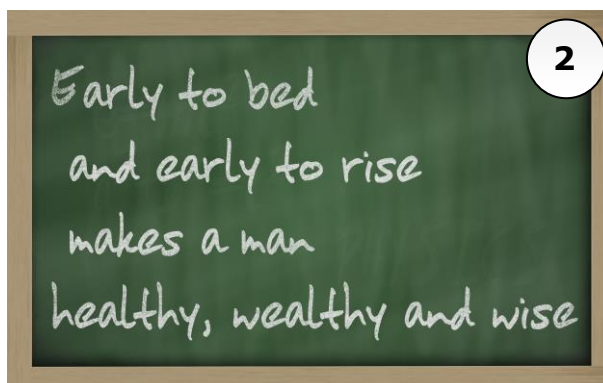
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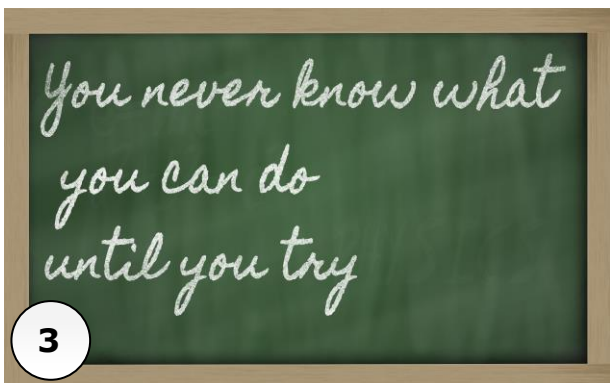
Now discuss the famous sayings below with your partner. Is there one of these that you prefer? Why? Are there any you disagree with?



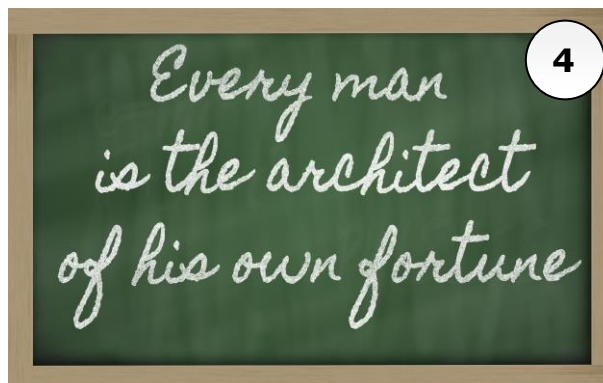
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*I like the third one. It is quite optimistic and motivating. It makes you believe that you are capable of achieving a lot.*

*Yeah, but I'm not at all sure about the second one. I don't think getting up early in the morning is very important. It doesn't matter to me. Surely, what matters is what you do, not when you do it.*

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Now write a short story that proves the truth of one of the proverbs or sayings. The central character in the short story should state the proverb or saying at the story's conclusion.

*It was a sunny day on Jim's farm in the country and...*

