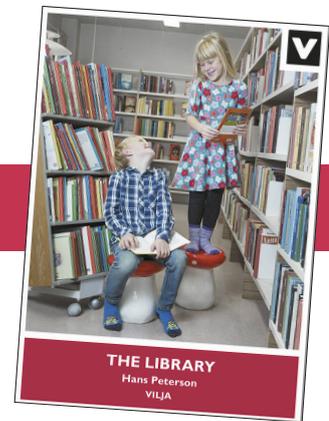


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The Library



ABOUT THE BOOK

It is a rainy day. Jonas takes his children Ella and Ture with him to the library. "There is a million books here!" says Ture. At the library, there are books for everyone.

Discuss

Do the students visit the library regularly? Do they read books? Do they listen to books? What kind of books? Fiction, nonfiction? Science fiction, fantasy, action, romance, crime? Biographies, books about travel, history? What is good about reading books?

Dictation

Dictation is a good exercise for reading, pronunciation and listening comprehension. Ask the students to work in pairs with the first two pages. One of them reads a sentence to the other who writes it down. It is important that the person who reads, divides the sentences into parts and that he/she reads slowly. Write on the board:

. = full stop

Writing

Ask the students to write about a book that they really like (or really dislike). They should say what the book is about and why they like it (or dislike it).



EXERCISES WITH KEY

Questions

1. What is "overcast"? Explain in English.
Student's own answer. Examples: It is cloudy. The sky is grey.
2. Where is Jonas going?
He is going to the library.
3. What sort of book is Jonas going to borrow?
He is going to borrow a book about old gardens.
4. Why does he want to borrow such a book?
Anna and Jonas want to replant their garden.
5. What section does Ella go to?
She goes to the section for children's books.
6. How does the lady who works at the library know that Anna and Jonas have bought an old house?
She was a friend of Jonas' grandfather's.
7. What did Stina and Grandfather do?
They had coffee and talked about books.
8. Jonas did not know about Stina and Grandfather. Why?
Grandfather probably wanted to live his own life.
9. What kind of book does Ture want to borrow?
He wants to borrow a book about birds.
10. What is good about libraries?
You can borrow books for free.
11. How does Stina find her way among the books?
All books about birds are in one place and all books about gardens in another place.
12. Ella has borrowed four books. One book is for her dad. What is that book about?
That book is about Zlatan.
13. What do you know about Zlatan?
Student's own answer.
14. What books does Ture borrow?
He borrows two big books about birds.
15. Jonas borrows two books for Anna. What are they about?
They are about the town they live in.
16. What do you need to borrow books at a library?
You need a library card.
17. What is there at the back of the books? Why?
There is a bar code. The computer reads the bar code.



18. Jonas gets a list. What can he see on the list?
He can see for how long they may keep the borrowed books.
19. What kind of books will Ella borrow next time?
She will borrow books about flowers.
20. What does Ture say about Grandfather?
He says that he misses him.

Words

What are the words explained here? Find them in the book. They come in the right order.

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| 1. where you borrow books | library |
| 2. when the sky is grey | overcast |
| 3. your father's or your mother's father | grandfather |
| 4. where you grow flowers and other plants | garden |
| 5. the opposite of outside | inside |
| 6. when you say something about a thing | mention |
| 7. it does not cost any money | for free |
| 8. that costs a lot of money | expensive |
| 9. you put the books on these | shelves |
| 10. the same as easy | simple |
| 11. the American word for mobile phone | cell phone |
| 12. where you go out | exit |
| 13. Stina stands at a ... | counter |
| 14. when the computer is a part of the table | built-in |
| 15. black and white lines at the back of the books | bar code |
| 16. when someone you love die, you ... him or her | miss |