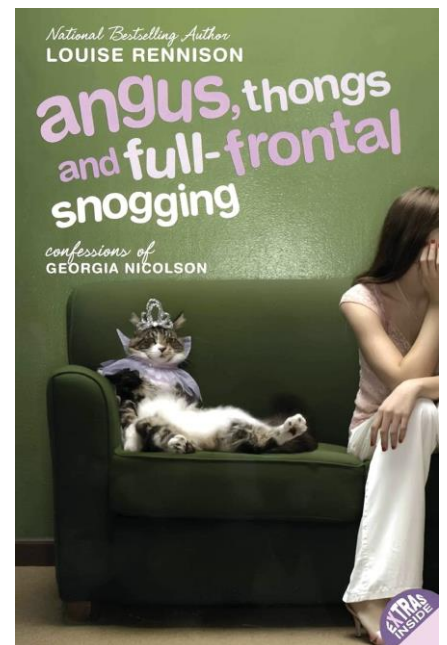
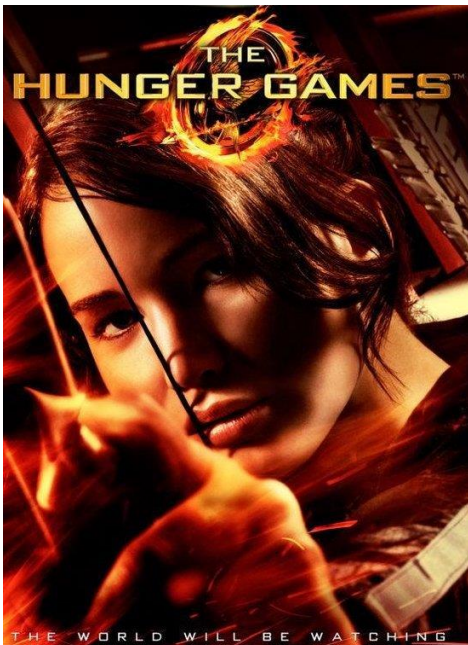
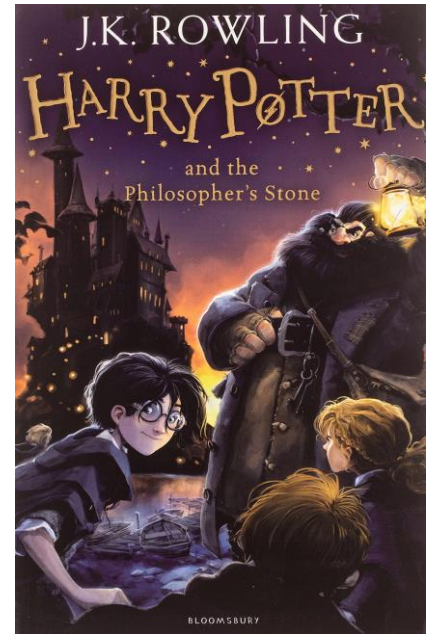


Books and Films



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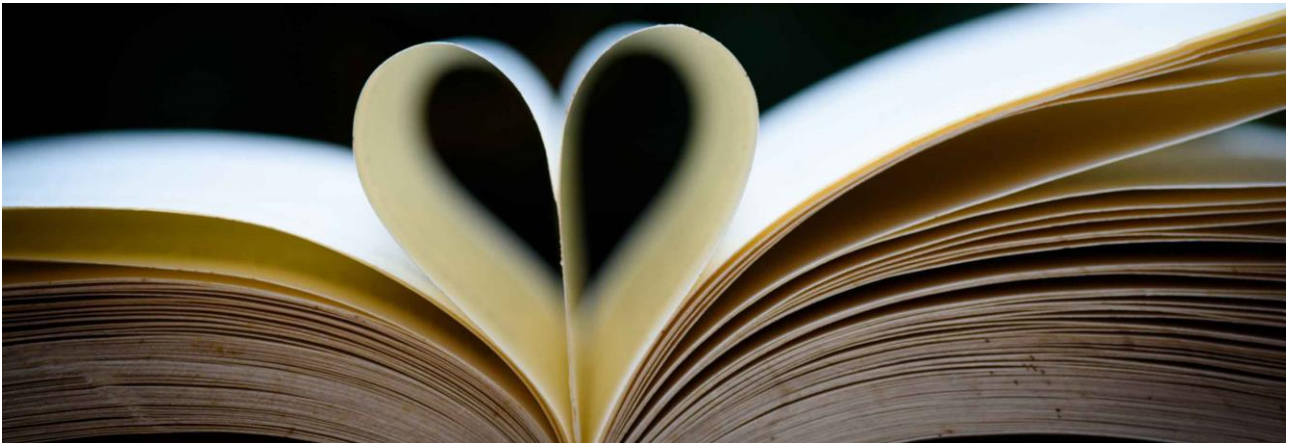
- Le vocabulaire:
 - Des livres
 - Des films

- Des compétences:
 - Résumer un texte anglais
 - Parler de tes livres et films préférés par écrit et oralement
 - Comprendre une bande annonce d'un film en anglais
 - Avoir une discussion à propos du meilleur film que tu aies vu ou du meilleur livre que tu aies lu

- La grammaire:
 - Révision du Past Simple
 - Découverte du Past Continuous

1. Top 10 Benefits of Reading for All Ages

<https://markhampubliclibrary.ca/blogs/post/top-10-benefits-of-reading-for-all-ages/>



Read the following text about the 10 benefits of reading and make a summary of it afterwards.

1. Reading Exercises the Brain

While reading, we have to remember different characters and settings that belong to a given story. Even if you enjoy reading a book in one sitting, you have to remember the details throughout the time you take to read the book. **Therefore**, reading is a workout for your brain that improves memory function.

2. Reading is a Form of (free) Entertainment

Did you know that most of the popular TV shows and movies are based on books? So why not immerse yourself in reading?

3. Reading Improves Concentration and the Ability to Focus

Furthermore, we can all agree that reading cannot happen without focus and in order to fully understand the story, we have to concentrate on each page that we read. In a world where gadgets are only getting faster and shortening our attention span, we need to constantly practice concentration and focus. Reading is one of the few activities that requires your undivided attention, **therefore**, improving your ability to concentrate.

4. Reading Improves Literacy

Have you ever read a book where you came across an unfamiliar word? Books have the power to improve your vocabulary by introducing you to new words. The more you read, the more your vocabulary grows, along with your ability to effectively communicate. Additionally, reading improves writing skills by helping the reader understand and learn different writing styles.

5. Reading Improves Sleep

By creating a bedtime routine that includes reading, you can signal to your body that it is time to sleep. Now, more than ever, we rely on increased screen time to get through the day. Consequently, by setting your phone aside and picking up a book, you are telling your brain that it is time to quiet down. Moreover, since reading helps you de-stress, doing so right before bed helps calm your mind and anxiety and improve the quality of sleep.

6. Reading Increases General Knowledge

Books are always filled with fun and interesting facts. Whether you read fiction or non-fictions, books have the ability to provide us with information we would've otherwise not known. Reading a variety of topics can make you a more knowledgeable person, in turn improving your conversation skills.

7. Reading is Motivational

By reading books about protagonists who have overcome challenges, we are oftentimes encouraged to do the same. That is why the right book can motivate you to never give up and stay positive, regardless of whether it's a romance novel or a self-help book.

8. Reading Reduces Stress

Reading has the power to transport you to another world and away from the monotonous daily routine. By doing so, reading can decrease stress, lower heart rate and reduce blood pressure.

9. Reading Sets a Positive Example

Children are excellent at mimicking the adults around them which means that if you regularly set aside some "me time" for reading, your children will learn to do the same.

10. Reading Teaches Empathy

Books allow us to experience realities outside of our lives. They teach us to relate to others by often putting us in the shoes of the narrator. This simple technique is called empathy. Empathy is defined as the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Reading builds on empathy by constantly presenting us with thoughts and scenarios outside of our perspective.

Write a summary in French of each benefit you get from reading books. Use only 1 line, 2 at most!

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Second benefit:

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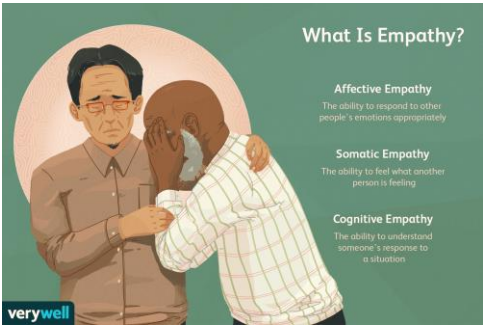
Tenth benefit:

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Vocabulary

English	French
Reading	Lire
The character ➤ The main character	Le personnage ➤ Le personnage principal
The setting	Le cadre (endroit où se passe l'histoire)
The story	L'histoire
To improve	Améliorer
To be based on something	Se baser sur (= "être basé sur")
The focus To focus = To concentrate	La concentration Se concentrer
The ability to do something = The skill to do something	La capacité de faire quelque chose
A writing style	Un style d'écriture
To rely on something	Être dépendant de quelque chose
To set something aside 	Mettre quelque chose de côté ➤ Reste calme et mets ton téléphone de côté pa'ce que ça gâche ton bon moment
Pick up the book! 	Prends le livre!
To help (to) do something	Aider à faire quelque chose

(By) doing so	En faisant ça / En faisant ainsi
General knowledge	La culture générale
To filled up with... 	Être rempli de...
Whether... or... ➤ <i>Whether you like it or not.</i> ➤ <i>"Like it or not" (orally)</i>	Que ... ou... ➤ <i>Que tu le veuilles ou non.</i> ➤ <i>(Version orale raccourcie en anglais)</i>
Fiction	De la fiction
Non-fiction	Ouvrage non-romanesque
Otherwise	Autrement
The topic = The subject	Le sujet
To become a knowledgeable person	Devenir une personne instruite
The protagonist <i>i.e. the main character in a play, book, film or story (Macmillan Dictionary)</i>	Le protagoniste
To overcome challenges	Surmonter des défis
To be encouraged to do the same	Être encouragé à faire la même chose
To never give up	Ne jamais abandonner
To stay positive	Rester positif
A romance	Une romance, une histoire d'amour
A novel	Un roman
Self-help (adj.) ➤ A self-help book	De développement personnel ➤ Un livre de développement personnel

<p>The empathy</p> 	<p>L'empathie</p>
Outside of	À l'extérieur de

Linking words to use in a text:

In turn/Consequently: Ensuite

Therefore/Consequently: Par conséquent

Consequently: 1. Ensuite; 2. Par conséquent

Furthermore: De plus

Moreover: De plus

Additionally: De plus

Along with: Ainsi que

Otherwise: Autrement

Regardless of: Malgré, en dépit de, indépendamment de

Exercise 1

Translate the following sentences into French.

- a) Additionally, reading improves writing skills by helping the reader understand and learn different writing styles.

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- b) Consequently, by setting your phone aside and picking up a book, you are telling your brain that it is time to quiet down.

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- c) That is why the right book can motivate you to never give up and stay positive, regardless of whether it's a romance novel or a self-help book.

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- d) Books allow us to experience realities outside of our lives. They teach us to relate to others by often putting us in the shoes of the narrator.

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Exercise 2

Translate the following sentences into English.

1) Tu deviendras une personne instruite.

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2) Que tu le veuilles ou non, il faut que tu restes positif pour pouvoir surmonter les défis.

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3) Le personnage principal de ce roman a la capacité de voler dans les airs.

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4) L'empathie et la culture générale du protagoniste m'ont touché.

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5) Par conséquent, c'est une romance ainsi qu'un livre de développement personnel. Je l'adore.

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6) Concentre-toi.

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7) Mets ton téléphone de côté et montre-lui (à ton ami) de l'empathie car il est désespéré (desperate).

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Exercise 3 – Writing about your favourite book



Contexte: Les élèves de l'Ashbourne High School de Londres nous demande des conseils de lecture en français. Ton professeur d'anglais te confie cette tâche.

Tâche : Écris un texte en anglais décrivant le meilleur livre que tu aies jamais lu en 7 lignes maximum.

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2. Films



Types of film

Match the pictures with the types of film

- Action film
- Animated film
- Disaster film
- Science fiction film
- Historical drama
- Horror film
- Musical
- Romantic comedy
- War film
- Thriller
- Western
- Adventure film
- Crime/gangster film
- Silent film
- Comedy



EO: My favourite type of movie

What is your favourite type of film/movie?

Explain why.

READING

1) Read the text and put the sentences below (a-e) in the correct spot of the text (1-5).

- a) Will our hero win?
- b) Apart from righteous warriors, there also need to be victims to be saved.
- c) What would an action movie be without a thrilling chase, whether in cars, spaceships or through a forest on foot?
- d) As for the villain, well you've guessed it: the more despicable the better.
- e) To enable this, it's also going to need special effects.

How to make an action movie

The plots of action movies can be complex or simple but they generally share the same basic elements. Most importantly, the movie needs a hero and a villain. The hero needs to be likable, perhaps unconventional and good-looking. Of course, it also helps if they have the full lips and defined bone structure of a fashion model.

(1)_____In some movies, the heroes and villains are entire groups of people. It can confuse the viewers somewhat, but it allows the movie studios to increase their benefits - why include just one superhero when *The Avengers* had five? (2)_____The victims can be a hero's innocent loved one or an entire planet of people who are unaware that some villain is about to blow them all up. Speaking of blowing people up, any well-made action movie is going to need explosions. Lots of them.



(3)_____Unless, of course, it's directed by a more old-school type of director who rejects computer graphics in favour of stunt performers jumping out of burning cars. A good director will also make sure not to blow up the car until the end of a long pursuit. (4)_____And at the end of it all, let's not forget the inevitable fight, the archetypical battle of good versus evil. (5)_____Usually, yes, but that doesn't stop the audience from biting their nails as well as their popcorn.


2) What are the characteristics of an action movie?
Sum them up in English and in French.

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Vocabulary

English	French
Righteous	Juste, droit
The warrior	Le guerrier
A <i>thrilling</i> chase	Une course poursuite <i>palpitante</i>
Whether ... or ...	Que ce soit ... ou ...
A spaceship	Un
Through	À travers
The villain	Le méchant

Despicable	Ignoble, méprisable
To enable something	Rendre qqch possible
As for...	Quant à...
The special effects	Les effets spéciaux
The plot	L'intrigue, l'histoire
The hero	Le héros
To be likable	Être aimable
Perhaps	Peut-être
Unconventional	Peu conventionnel
Good-looking	Beau, séduisant
The viewer	Le spectateur
The loved one 	L'être cher
Unless ➤ <i>Let's eat out. Unless you have a better idea?</i>	À moins que ➤ <i>Allons au restaurant. À moins que tu n'aies une meilleure idée?</i>
To blow up something 	Faire exploser quelque chose
Computer graphics	Des images de synthèse

The stunt performer	Le cascadeur
	
The pursuit /pəˈrʃu:t/	La poursuite
<i>The archetypical battle of good versus evil</i>	<i>La bataille archetype du bien contre le mal</i>
The audience	Le public

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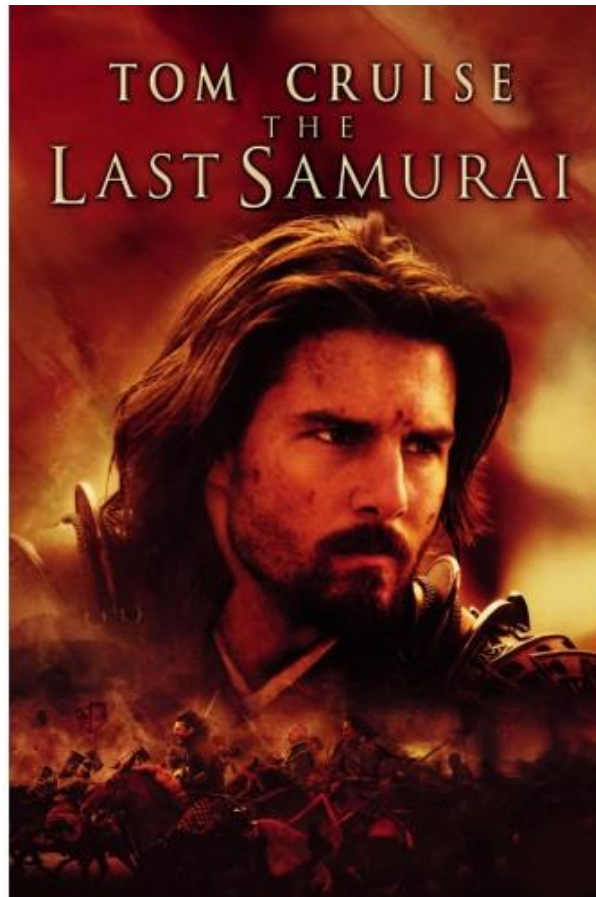
Unless: À moins que

As well as: ainsi que

Listening

Watch the trailer of *The Last Samurai* and answer the questions below in French. 3'18" long, end at 2'40".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T50_qHEOahQ&ab_channel=Movieclips



1. Qui est le personnage principal?

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2. Quel est son métier?

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3. Dans quel pays va-t-il?

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4. Quelle est sa mission? Donne autant de détails que possible.

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5. Combien d'agent lui promet-on pour cette mission?

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6. Va-t-il réussir sa mission? Explique pourquoi et ce qui se passe.

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Discuss with your classmate(s):

- Look back at the text entitled 'How to make an action movie'. How many elements from the text were included in this trailer?
- Would this trailer convince you to see the movie? Explain.

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WRITING

1) Warm-up exercise: Choose the correct form of the adjectives in bold in the following article

I judge a book by its cover. If the cover looks **interesting/interested**, I buy the book. Sometimes I'm lucky and the book is good, and sometimes I'm **disappointing/disappointed**.

I always read books reviews in newspapers and magazines and when I read about a book that sounds **interesting/interested**, I write it down in my diary.

I don't take any risks. I always read books by authors I know. I get really exciting/excited when one of my favourite authors brings out a new book and I buy it immediately. This way, I'm never **disappointing/disappointed**.

I read the first page and if it's **boring/bored**, I don't buy the book. If I want to turn over the page and carry on reading, I buy the book.

It's easy. I never read fiction but I'm **fascinating/fascinated** by biographies of famous people. I find strong women in history particularly inspiring/inspired.

I tend to choose books written by women. They have a better feeling for characters and the relationships between them, that's what I find **interesting/interested** in a book. Having said that, I've just finished a book by a man and it was brilliant.

2) Time to write: Explain how you choose a movie

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SPEAKING

Think about a film you watched or a book you read. You are going to tell your partner about it.

- You can get inspiration from the questions list below.
 - At least 10 lines each.
 - Use the right tenses of the past and use as many new vocabulary words as possible.
 - You can only take a few notes here.
 - Do not write whole sentences.
 - Only write key words.
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- Where did you see the film? / When did you read this book?
 - When did you see it? / When did you read it?
 - Why did you choose this film/book?
 - What did you know about it beforehand?
 - Who did you see it with?
 - Film: Do you know who directed it?
 - Book: Who wrote it? Did you know the author before?
 - Who were the actors? Who was/were the main character(s)?
 - What type of film/book was it?
 - What was the main story?
 - Did it have a happy ending?
 - Did you enjoy the film more or less than you expected?
 - Would you recommend this film/book?