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Vocabulary: Reading 词汇: 阅读

What do you read when you are travelling by train or bus?

What are other passengers reading? Perhaps a woman sitting near you is reading a **trashy romantic novel**. A man is reading a **serious biography** about a politician. And there's a student reading an English **textbook**.



Is she really reading her book?

What do their **choices say about them**? Do you **judge** them by what they are reading?

I have got to tell you that your **impressions** of them are probably completely wrong. The woman reading the romantic novel could be a lawyer. She just wants a **light read to take her mind off work**.

The man reading the biography wants you to think that he is an **intellectual**, but he is just **showing off**. The student reading the textbook isn't a student at all. She's an English teacher.

Publishers know that some people are **self-conscious** about what they read on public transport and so they put out different **versions** of a **cover**. For example, books about Harry Potter have an **original** cover for young readers and then another more serious version for adults.

So next time you are on a train, look around and see what other people are reading, but **don't jump to any conclusions**. You will probably be wrong.

Here is a situation where you could say, "**Don't judge a book by its cover**".

词汇表

trashy	无价值的
a romantic novel	浪漫小说, 言情小说
serious	严肃的
a biography	自传
a textbook	课本
a choice	选择
to say about them	对他们的印象
to judge	判断
an impression	印象
a light read	文笔轻松, 欢快的小说
to take one's mind off work	不再思考工作
an intellectual	知识分子
to show off	炫耀
a publisher	出版商
self-conscious	自我意识
a version	版本, 说法
a cover	封面
an original	原版、原创
don't jump to any conclusions	不要轻率下结论
don't judge a book by its cover	不要以貌取人

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Is the woman on the train reading a serious book?
2. What is the topic of the biography that the man is reading?
3. Why is the person reading an English textbook?
4. True or false? *Our impressions of people are always correct.*
5. What do you call a person or company that produces books?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I read fewer _____ than I used to.

biography	impressions	trash	novels
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2. This biography is _____.

interestingly	interested	interesting	interest
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3. I am _____ with this book.

boringly	bored	boring	bore
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4. That author is an _____.

intelligent	intelligently	intellectual	intellectually
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5. He keeps telling everybody how great he is. I'm fed up with his showing _____!

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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Is the woman on the train reading a serious novel?

No, it's a light read.

2. What is the topic of the biography that the man is reading?

A politician's life story.

3. Why is the person reading an English textbook?

She is an English teacher. Perhaps she is preparing for a lesson.

4. True or false? *Our impressions of people are always correct.*

False. They are often incorrect.

5. What do you call a person or company that produces books?

A publisher.

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1. I read fewer **novels** than I used to.

2. This biography is **interesting**.

3. I am **bored** with this book.

4. That author is an **intellectual**.

5. He keeps telling everybody how great he is. I'm fed up with his showing **off**!