



LIBRARIES

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. How often do you go to the Library?
I go to the library....
2. Are there enough libraries where you live?
Yes, there are... / No, there aren't...
3. Do you like the atmosphere of libraries?
Yes, I do... / No, I don't...
4. What's the best library you've ever been to?
The best Library I've been to is...
5. Do you think libraries have changed over the years?
Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...

Extended Questions

1. **Would you like to work in a library?**
Yes, I would... / No, I wouldn't...
2. **Have you ever borrowed a book from a library and not returned it?**
Yes, I have... / No, I never...
3. **How can your government encourage people to use libraries more often?**
Government should...
4. **How will the Internet change the function of libraries?**
I think the Internet will...
5. **What things about libraries don't you like?**
The things that I don't like are...

VOCABULARY

1. Check out

(verb) To borrow something from the library; to take something home with you from the library.

Ex.: You will need to show a student ID card or other photo ID to check out.

2. Circulation Desk

(noun) The desk in the library where you can check out books, magazines, videos, and other items.

Ex.: Please proceed to the circulation desk for your check out request.

3. Librarian /lɪˈbrerēən/

(noun) A person who works in the library; a specialist in the library and information field.

Ex.: If you are having difficulty finding what you need, you can ask a librarian for help.

4. Library /lɪb(ə)rē/

(noun) A place where you can borrow books, videos, magazines, etc.; a place where can get help finding information for your classes.

Ex.: Students sometimes confuse library with book store.

5. Periodical /pɪrēˈädək(ə)l/

(noun) A publication (usually a collection of articles) that is issued at regular intervals.

Ex.: Magazines, journals, and newspapers are all periodicals.

6. Reference Books

(noun) Books such as encyclopedias and dictionaries that may only be used in the library.

Ex.: We will need some reference books for our research.

Useful expressions

1. a closed book - something that you accept has completely ended

Ex.: As far as she is concerned, her marriage is a closed book.

2. an open book - something or someone that is easy to know about because nothing is kept secret

Ex.: Her life is an open book.

3. read someone like a book - to be able to understand easily what someone is thinking or feeling

Ex.: I know what you're thinking – I can read you like a book.

4. bring someone to book - to punish someone, or to make them explain their behavior publicly when they have done something wrong

Ex.: If policemen have lied, then they must be brought to book.

5. by the book - correctly, following all the rules or systems for doing something in a strict way

Ex.: He always tried to do everything by the book.

Most famous Libraries in the World

1. Royal Library, Denmark



2. British Library, London England



3. Stuttgart City Library, Germany



4. Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt



5. Library of Parliament, Canada

