

Meeting New People



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On the first day, Mary was nervous. She walked into the room slowly. There were people sitting in a circle. Some were talking, some were quiet. Mary found a chair and sat down. A woman with a friendly smile came over. 'Hi, I'm Anna,' she said. 'What's your name?' 'I'm Mary,' she replied. They shook hands and smiled.

'What is your favorite book?' Anna asked. Mary thought for a moment. 'I love many books,' she said. 'But I really like stories about adventures.' Anna nodded. 'I like those too,' she said.

Other people started to introduce themselves. There was John, who liked history. There was Lucy, who loved mysteries. There was Tom, who enjoyed comics. Everyone had a different hobby, but they all loved reading.

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'Thank you, everyone!' Mary said with a big smile. 'See you next week!' The club members waved goodbye. Mary left the club with a new book in her hand and new friends in her heart.

CEFR Level Card

General Level: A2.1

Vocabulary: A1.4

Verb Forms: A1.3

Sentences: A2.0

Vocabulary

adventure NOUN A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a wild and exciting undertaking (not necessarily lawful)

detective NOUN A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a police officer who investigates crimes

n. an investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public

heart NOUN A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. the locus of feelings and intuitions

n. the hollow muscular organ located behind the sternum and between the lungs; its rhythmic contractions move the blood through the body

n. the courage to carry on

n. an inclination or tendency of a certain kind

mystery NOUN B1 x1

Definition (En):

n. something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained

n. a story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie

nervous ADJ A2 x1

Definition (En):

s. easily agitated

a. of or relating to the nervous system

nod VERB B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a sign of assent or salutation or command

n. the act of nodding the head

v. express or signify by nodding

v. lower and raise the head, as to indicate assent or agreement or confirmation

reply VERB A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. the speech act of continuing a conversational exchange

shake VERB A2 x1

Definition (En):

v. move or cause to move back and forth

v. move with or as if with a tremor

v. undermine or cause to waver

v. get rid of

sign NOUN A2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a perceptible indication of something not immediately apparent (as a visible clue that something has happened)

n. a public display of a message

n. (medicine) any objective evidence of the presence of a disorder or disease

n. a gesture that is part of a sign language

wave VERB B1 x1

Definition (En):

n. one of a series of ridges that moves across the surface of a liquid (especially across a large body of water)

n. a movement like that of a sudden occurrence or increase in a specified phenomenon

n. (physics) a movement up and down or back and forth

n. something that rises rapidly

Phrases

PHRASE	COUNT	SENTENCES
in (one's) heart	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary left the club with a new book in her hand and new friends in her heart.
in the books	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They laughed and talked about who the thief was in the book.
shake hands	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They shook hands and smiled.

Reading Comprehension Exercises

True / False

1. Mary did not enjoy reading very much.
2. Mary joined a cooking club.
3. Mary was very calm on her first day at the Book Club.
4. Anna was the first person Mary talked to at the Book Club.
5. Mary only likes books about history.
6. Lucy enjoys reading love stories.
7. John and Mary have the same favorite type of books.
8. Everyone in the Book Club had different reading interests.
9. Mary didn't talk to anyone at the club.
10. The other club members did not want to see Mary again.

Multiple Choice

- 1) Why did Mary want to join the Book Club?
 - A) Because she saw a sign
 - B) Because she loved to read
 - C) Because she wanted to find a new book
 - D) Because she wanted to play sports

- 2) How did Mary feel on the first day of Book Club?
 - A) She was confident
 - B) She could not wait to come back
 - C) She was nervous
 - D) She was angry

- 3) Who did Mary meet first in the Book Club?
 - A) Lucy
 - B) John
 - C) Tom
 - D) Anna

- 4) What type of books does Anna enjoy?
 - A) Comics
 - B) Mysteries
 - C) Adventure stories
 - D) History books

- 5) Who liked history books in the Book Club?
 - A) Mary
 - B) Lucy
 - C) John
 - D) Tom

- 6) What did Mary do with Lucy at the Book Club?
 - A) They shook hands
 - B) They laughed and talked about a detective story
 - C) They waved goodbye
 - D) They read comics

- 7) How did Mary leave the Book Club on the first day?
 - A) With a big frown
 - B) Without saying goodbye
 - C) With a new book and new friends
 - D) Because she wanted to play sports

Short Answer

1. Why did Mary join the Book Club?
2. How did Mary feel on her first day at the Book Club?
3. What did Mary say when Anna asked about her favorite book?
4. Who in the Book Club liked history books?
5. What kind of books did Lucy enjoy?
6. What did Mary take with her when she left the Book Club?
7. What did Mary and Lucy talk about during their conversation?

Multiple Choice Cloze

Mary loved to ___1___. She read every day. One day, she saw a sign. It said, 'Join our Book Club!' Mary was very ___2___. She wanted to meet people who ___3___ books too.

On the ___4___ day, Mary was nervous. She walked into the room slowly. There ___5___ people sitting in a circle. Some were talking, some were quiet. Mary ___6___ a chair and sat down. A woman with a friendly smile came over. 'Hi, I'm Anna,' she said. 'What's your name?' 'I'm Mary,' she replied. They shook hands and smiled.

'What is your favorite book?' Anna asked. Mary thought for a ___7___. 'I ___8___ many books,' she said. 'But I really like stories about adventures.' Anna nodded. 'I like those too,' she said.

Other people started to ___9___ themselves. There was John, who liked history. There was Lucy, who loved mysteries. There was Tom, who enjoyed comics. Everyone had a different hobby, but they all loved reading.

Mary had a good conversation with Lucy about a detective story. They laughed and talked about who the thief was in the book. Time flew by quickly. Soon, it was time to go home. Mary felt happy and ___10___. She could not wait to come back next week.

'Thank you, everyone!' Mary said with a big smile. 'See you next week!' The club members waved goodbye. Mary left the club with a new book in her hand and new friends in her heart.

1) A. read B. writes C. spoke D. played

2) A. sad B. angry C. happy D. tired

3) A. hated B. loved C. ignored D. forgot

4) A. last B. next C. first D. second

5) A. are B. was C. were D. is

6) A. found B. searched C. looked D. made

7) A. second B. hour C. moment D. day

- 8) A. hate B. love C. see D. have
- 9) A. thank B. introduce C. join D. invite
- 10) A. excited B. worried C. bored D. upset

Exercise Answers

True / False Answers

1. False

Explanation: The text says that Mary loved to read and she read every day, which means she enjoyed reading a lot.

("Mary loved to read. She read every day.")

2. False

Explanation: The text indicates that Mary saw a sign for a Book Club, not a cooking club.

("Join our Book Club!" Mary was very happy.)

3. False

Explanation: The text states that Mary was nervous, which is the opposite of being very calm.

("On the first day, Mary was nervous.")

4. True

Explanation: According to the text, Anna approached Mary and they introduced themselves.

("A woman with a friendly smile came over. 'Hi, I'm Anna,' she said.")

5. False

Explanation: Mary mentioned she likes many books, especially those about adventures, not just history books.

("I love many books,' she said. 'But I really like stories about adventures.'")

6. False

Explanation: The text specifies that Lucy loved mysteries, not love stories.

("There was Lucy, who loved mysteries.")

7. False

Explanation: John liked history books while Mary preferred adventure stories.

("There was John, who liked history.")

8. True

Explanation: The text clearly states that everyone had a different hobby (interest in books).

("Everyone had a different hobby, but they all loved reading.")

9. False

Explanation: Mary did have a conversation with Lucy, proving she talked to someone at the club.

("Mary had a good conversation with Lucy about a detective story.")

10. False

Explanation: The club members waved goodbye, suggesting they were happy and likely wanted to see Mary again.

("Thank you, everyone!" Mary said with a big smile. 'See you next week!' The club members waved goodbye.")

Multiple Choice Answers

1. B

Explanation: Mary wanted to join the Book Club to meet other people who loved books, as indicated by how happy she was to see the invite to join other book lovers.

("She read every day. One day, she saw a sign. It said, 'Join our Book Club!' Mary was very happy. She wanted to meet people who loved books too.")

2. C

Explanation: The text clearly states that Mary was nervous on the first day of the Book Club.

("On the first day, Mary was nervous.")

3. D

Explanation: Mary first met Anna, who came over with a friendly smile and introduced herself.

("A woman with a friendly smile came over. 'Hi, I'm Anna,' she said.")

4. C

Explanation: Mary mentioned she likes adventure stories and Anna agreed with her, indicating that she also enjoys the same type of books.

("'I love many books,' she said. 'But I really like stories about adventures.' Anna nodded. 'I like those too,' she said.")

5. C

Explanation: The text states that there was a person named John who liked history books.

("There was John, who liked history.")

6. B

Explanation: Mary and Lucy conversed and laughed about a detective story, discussing the thief in the book.

("Mary had a good conversation with Lucy about a detective story. They laughed and talked about who the thief was in the book.")

7. C

Explanation: The text describes Mary leaving the club with a new book and feeling that she has made new friends in her heart.

("Mary left the club with a new book in her hand and new friends in her heart.")

Short Answer Answers

1. She wanted to meet people who loved books too.

Explanation: The text indicates that Mary joined the Book Club because she was very happy at the opportunity to meet others who shared her interest in books.

("She wanted to meet people who loved books too.")

2. Mary was nervous.

Explanation: The text describes Mary's first day at the Book Club as one where she was nervous.

("On the first day, Mary was nervous.")

3. I love many books, but i really like stories about adventures.

Explanation: The text shows Mary's response to Anna about her favorite books; she enjoys adventure stories.

("But I really like stories about adventures.")

4. John.

Explanation: The text specifically mentions that John liked history books.

("There was John, who liked history.")

5. Lucy loved mysteries.

Explanation: Lucy's preference for mysteries is explicitly stated in the text.

("There was Lucy, who loved mysteries.")

6. A new book.

Explanation: The text tells us that Mary left with a new book in her hand.

("Mary left the club with a new book in her hand.")

7. A detective story.

Explanation: Mary and Lucy's conversation about a detective story is mentioned in the text.

("Mary had a good conversation with Lucy about a detective story.")

Multiple Choice Cloze Answers

1. A

Explanation: The text says 'She read every day', so the correct verb is 'read'.

2. C

Explanation: Mary was 'very happy' when she saw the Book Club sign.

3. B

Explanation: Mary wanted to meet people who 'loved' books too.

4. C

Explanation: 'On the first day' indicates the beginning of her time at the club.

5. C

Explanation: 'There were people' is correct because 'people' is plural.

6. A

Explanation: Mary 'found' a chair and sat down.

7. C

Explanation: Mary 'thought for a moment' before answering.

8. B

Explanation: Mary says, 'I love many books!'. So 'love' is the correct verb.

9. B

Explanation: People 'introduced' themselves, which means they said their names and interests.

10. A

Explanation: Mary felt 'happy and excited'.

How to create your own reading lesson?


It's as simple as providing Cathoven with:

- the reading level
- the length of the reading
- the topic
- the vocabulary to study

And you're done. It will be automatically generated.

READING GENERATOR (BETA)

What kind of reading would you like?

CEFR level	B2	Generate  -2
Approx. length <small>(Rec. 300-450)</small>	350 words	Clear
Topic	year of the dragon	Ignore keywords when calculating difficulty
Genre	<i>(optional) e.g. sci-fi</i>	Off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On
Keywords & key phrases <small>Specify POS</small>	zodiac, dragon, lunar calendar, cycle, fortune, tradition, suspicious	
Grammatical structures <small>Select from a list</small>	Past simple, Noun clause	View history