

# Unit 1: A great read, Lesson B

## Before you watch

**A** Read the book genres below. Circle the one that is your favorite. What books have you read from that genre? What books would you like to read but haven't read yet? Write a few sentences about books in your favorite genre.

biographies

fiction

poetry

science fiction

classics

nonfiction

romance

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## While you watch

**A** Watch the video. Then, put the questions in the correct order (1–6).

- \_\_\_ What are you reading right now?
- \_\_\_ What classic literature have you read?
- \_\_\_ What did you read most recently?
- \_\_\_ Is it important to read classic literature?
- \_\_\_ Who's your favorite author?
- \_\_\_ What's your favorite piece of literature?



Sydney



Patricio



Ashley

**B** Watch the video. Check (✓) true or false.

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| 1. Sydney's favorite author is Emily Dickinson.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. Sydney has read every book that her favorite author has ever written.        | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. Sydney found Shakespeare easy to understand in high school.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. Sydney thinks that Shakespeare's plots and characters aren't relevant today. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. Patricio's favorite piece of literature is a poem.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. Patricio likes to read poems out loud.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 7. Patricio doesn't enjoy reading nonfiction.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

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- 8. Patricio doesn't see the point of reading stories that are just made up.  True  False
- 9. Ashley thinks that classic literature is important.  True  False
- 10. The books that stick in Ashley's mind are cheap romance novels.  True  False
- 11. Ashley reads all the time.  True  False
- 12. Ashley listens to the radio and a lot of podcasts.  True  False

## After you watch

**A** Think about the experiences you have had with reading. Then, answer the questions below. Try to use the idioms in the box if appropriate.

come to grips with it	It's on the tip of my tongue.
comes to mind	learn it by heart
get something out of it	lose my train of thought
get your head around it	off the top of my head
I can't make heads or tails of . . .	see the point
It's beyond me.	stick in my mind

1. Do you like classic literature? Why or why not?

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2. What book are you looking forward to reading? Why?

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3. What was your favorite book when you were young? Why was it your favorite?

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**B** Children are encouraged to read all the time. However, adults don't often take the time out of their busy schedules to read books. Do you think it is important for adults to spend time reading books? Why? What do books give us that we can't get from other forms of media? Write a paragraph about adult reading.

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