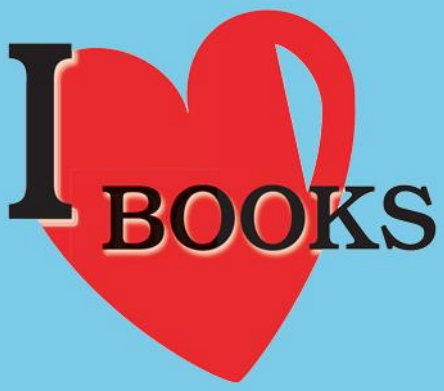


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Huh! Reading's rubbish!
I love stories. You feel like you're really there.
What books have you read? There's a lot to choose from.
Come and see me in the library. Tell me what you like and I'll find something for you to try.
I like joke books. What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a jelly?
The collie-wobbles!
You don't have to read books. Comics are cool too.
I like to find out how to do stuff.


I don't have time to read. I'm too busy!
I read on the bus.
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I read in bed before I go to sleep.
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My stepdad reads in the bath. He's in there for HOURS!
I read when I'm meant to be tidying my room. Don't tell my mum!
I read when I have boring stuff to do, like shopping with my sister.
I read while the dinner's cooking. Sometimes I burn things!


I can't find a book I like.
Ask a librarian! I love helping people choose books. Just tell me what you like.
Ask your friends what they're reading.
You don't have to read books. Comics are cool too. Hang on! I've said that before ... But it's still true.
Do you have a favourite film or show? Try reading a book about it.
Or a favourite sport or hobby? I like ballet dancing – and football!