

READING COMPREHENSION

A2 | Adults / Teens | Reading + Vocabulary | 20-30 minutes

Topic: Education | Skills: Reading, Vocabulary, Speaking

Read the text carefully. Then answer the questions on Page 2.

The Book Swap

There was a new **notice** at Finn's college: "Bring a book. Take a book." On Wednesday afternoon, students could **exchange** books in the hall. Finn liked reading, but new books were expensive. He decided to go.

At home, he chose a story about a mountain trip. He enjoyed it, but he did not want to read it again. He wrote a short **message** on a card: "This story starts slowly, but the ending is exciting." He put the card inside the book.

At the college, there were three tables with different kinds of books. Finn left his book on the **adventure** table. Then he saw a small book about cooking. He wanted to learn how to make some easy meals, so he chose it.

Before he left, a student picked up his old book and read the card. "This looks good," she said. Finn smiled. His old book had a new reader, and he had something new to try.

Key vocabulary

notice - a written announcement with information for people

exchange - give something and receive something else

message - a short piece of information you write or say

adventure - an exciting experience, often in a new place

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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Answer in complete sentences. Use the text to help you.

1. Where was the book exchange?

2. Why did Finn like the idea of exchanging books?

3. What was Finn's old book about?

4. What did Finn put inside his old book?

5. Which book did Finn choose at the exchange?

6. What did another student do before Finn left?

Discuss with a partner

- What kinds of books do you like?
- What could people exchange at your school or workplace?

ANSWER KEY

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Suggested full-sentence answers. Accept equivalent answers with the same meaning.

1. Where was the book exchange?

The book exchange was in the college hall.

2. Why did Finn like the idea of exchanging books?

Finn liked the idea because he enjoyed reading but new books were expensive.

3. What was Finn's old book about?

Finn's old book was about a mountain trip.

4. What did Finn put inside his old book?

Finn put a card with a short message inside his old book.

5. Which book did Finn choose at the exchange?

Finn chose a small book about cooking.

6. What did another student do before Finn left?

Another student picked up Finn's old book and read the card.

Teaching notes

Read once for the main idea, then reread for evidence. Compare answers before discussing the two open questions.

Language and reading focus: Past simple; reasons with because and purpose with to.

Text: Original fiction. Discussion questions have no fixed answers.