

Unit 19 Turning points

Expressions with words related to books and reading

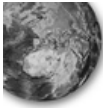
Learn the expressions

1 This unit deals with vocabulary about books and reading. There are many expressions with *book* and *read* in English that describe actions or mental states. Let's look at some of them. Match the expressions with the definitions. Check your answers in the answer key on this page.

1. be a bookworm _____	a. follow strict rules
2. read someone's mind _____	b. think something means more than it does
3. do something by the book _____	c. be easy to understand
4. don't judge a book by its cover _____	d. be very familiar with something or someone
5. read between the lines _____	e. see things in a similar way
6. read too much into something _____	f. understand the message behind what someone says
7. be an open book _____	g. read a lot
8. know something or someone like a book _____	h. avoid basing your opinion on appearances
9. be on the same page _____	i. guess what someone is thinking

Answer Key

1. g; 2. i; 3. a; 4. h; 5. f; 6. b; 7. c; 8. d; 9. e



Use the expression

2 Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the expressions in the box.

be on the same page	read someone's mind	judge a book by its cover
do things by the book	be an open book	read between the lines
be a bookworm	read too much into (something/it)	
know (something/someone/it) like a book		

1. Our boss handed out a list of 25 rules on our very first day of work. She's very strict. We're expected to _____ and she says she'll fire us if we don't.
2. Ali is really _____. I just need to look at his face to know what he's thinking.
3. I don't know why you're angry at me. If I did something wrong, you'll have to tell me what it was. I can't _____.
4. We're trying hard not to _____, but the new supervisor has been here for three days and he seems really disorganized and not very smart.
5. Most of the time, Wendy and I _____, but lately we can't seem to agree on anything.
6. Yes, I know Jason smiled at you and said hello, but don't _____ the situation. That doesn't mean he wants to go out with you!
7. With John, you really have to pay attention and _____ when he talks because his message is not always clear.
8. My brother _____. If he's not at the library, then he's at the bookstore.
9. Ivana would never do anything to hurt anyone. Believe me: We've been friends for almost 10 years and I _____.

Make the expressions your own

3 Answer the questions with information that is true for you. Explain your answers.

Can you think of one occasion in which you . . .

1. decided not to do things by the book?
2. read too much into something someone said to you? (or someone read too much into something you said)
3. were able to read someone's mind?
4. were not on the same page with someone at home or at work?