

READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Read the text carefully. Complete the task on the next page.

Four Unique Bookshops

There's something very special about books: that wonderful feel and smell of the paper as you pick up a brand-new book or turn the softer pages of one that's been opened many times before. Let's take a look at four rather unusual bookshops you may like to visit yourself.

The Singing Wind Bookshop near Benson, Arizona

US "Old School" – that's the best way to describe the Singing Wind Bookshop in Arizona. This bookshop really is off the beaten track or, in this case, off a bumpy dirt road just a few kilometres away from the town of Benson, Arizona. It's hidden away, right next to the ranch house, in the middle of the 200-hectare Singing Wind cattle ranch, which Winn Bundy and her husband bought in 1956. The Singing Wind Bookshop really has been a labour of love. Winn Bundy completed a master's degree in library science and opened the bookshop in 1974. To begin with, it housed only 600 books. The focus of the shop has always been to celebrate America's Southwest, an area that's full of fascinating history. While Winn was still alive, visitors to the bookshop had to ring a bell when they were ready to pay, for she would usually be outdoors, working somewhere on the ranch. Nowadays, the Singing Wind Bookshop has 30,000 new and used books covering all genres. Part of its charm is that there's no website, no social media, and no promotion. People hear about the bookshop through word of mouth and, over the years, it's become a famous tourist destination. Book lovers travel to Arizona specially to experience the bookshop. Sadly, Winn Bundy died in 2020, but her daughter, son, and granddaughter are there to carry on her literary legacy.

John K. King Used & Rare Books, Detroit, Michigan

More than a million! That's the incredible number of books at John K. King Used & Rare Books. It therefore comes as no surprise that you're given a map of the shop when you enter to help you to find your way around. King had always been passionate about used books, even as a schoolboy, and in 1965 he made his start in the book business, selling them from his car. He set up his first bookshop in Dearborn, Michigan, in 1971 and then, in 1983, bought the abandoned, four-storey Advanced Glove factory, a famous building in downtown Detroit. The bookshop's website tells the story of how it was "picked up and moved in the late 1940s to make way for the freeway being built nearby". The original floor mat of the glove factory still lies at the entrance. Later, John also bought the building next door, which now houses the Rare Book Room and the bookshop's offices. There are no new books at John K. King Used & Rare Books, but it does have more than a million second-hand books housed on four floors of apparently endless bookshelves.

Honesty Bookshop Hay-on-Wye, Wales, UK

This is a very unusual place to buy a book, as the Honesty Bookshop is not actually a regular bookshop. First, a small history lesson about why this small market town on the Welsh side of the border with England is a famous literary centre in the UK. Richard Booth, the man who made the town famous, was brought up here and educated at Oxford University. Booth always had a great passion for books and felt it was a pity that so many people left the small towns to live in big cities. So, he set out to bring fame to Hay-on-Wye. In 1961, he travelled to the US, where many libraries were closing, bought up their books and returned to Hay with them. In the 1960s, Booth bought the medieval Hay Castle and began selling books there. As more and more bookshops opened, Hay-on-Wye soon became known as the "town of books". In 1976, disappointed by local government, Booth declared himself King of Hay-on-Wye. He decided that the town was independent of Britain and even wore a crown. It was only for publicity, but it brought attention to the town. Today, a series of outdoor bookshelves lean against the ancient walls

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of Hay Castle. There's no one to serve you, and no cash register: to pay, simply put money in one of the "honesty boxes" and take your books with you.

The Last Bookstore 453 South Spring Street, Los Angeles

The Last Bookstore is one of the last remaining bookshops in downtown Los Angeles and one of the largest independent bookshops in the world. It's spread across 2,000 square metres on two floors of a wonderful old bank building. There are more than 300,000 new and second-hand books of all genres on the shelves, as well as thousands of vinyl recordings and an arts and rare-book section. Josh Spencer, the extraordinary owner of the Last Bookstore, has been passionate about books since he was a teenager. He started his own homegrown book business after a serious road accident left him unable to walk at the age of 21. He began by selling books online, and later from his first small bookshop, which he set up in a loft apartment in 2005. In 2009, he took a short-term lease on a store on Main Street and, in 2011, expanded into the current space of the Last Bookstore on South Spring Street. The Last Bookstore is famous around the world for its art displays made of books. These stars of social media include a tunnel of books, a book window, and various book sculptures.

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Task: Based on what you have read in the article, decide whether the following statements refer to the bookshop in Arizona (A), Michigan (M), Wales (W), or Los Angeles (L). In the spaces provided, fill in one of the letters – A, M, W, or L. The statements do not follow in the same order as the information appears in the article.

1. The bookshop owner purchased loads of books in a different country.
2. The bookshop honours the history of this specific part of the country.
3. In the bookshop, readers can find a sound-storage medium which was
popular in the recent past.
4. The bookshop owner proclaimed the city's independence from the rest of the country.
5. The bookshop owner's field of study relates to organizing and managing books.
6. The owner established their first bookshop in a flat with very few internal walls.
7. The bookshop owner started their bookshop business at a young age in an original
way.
8. The bookshop owner's descendants continue to develop their cultural heritage.
9. The bookshop's marketing is done through spoken communication.
10. A logo symbolizing the history of the bookshop has been placed on the floor of the
bookshop.

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Task 1: In the text below, decide which word or phrase (a, b, c, or d) best fits the gap. Then underline the correct word or phrase.

A Choir Director

Open Voices is a community choir based in the town of Kingston, in Canada. It was founded 9 years ago by a man called Andy Rush, an accomplished musician with a 16-year (1) record as a choir director. Andy began by researching the way other community choirs work before deciding on the (2) he wished to use for his own choir. He then advertised for people to come and try out the choir. The purpose of the trial session was to give people the opportunity to sing in a choir and get a (3) for the experience before making any decision.

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| 1. (a) course | (b) track | (c) path | (d) line |
| 2. (a) guide | (b) sample | (c) pattern | (d) model |
| 3. (a) touch | (b) mood | (c) feel | (d) sense |

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Task 2: Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word given at the end of the corresponding line in capital letters.

Kelly Reichardt

Kelly Reichardt is an independent American (4) whose movies have given her a small but (5) fan base. Her latest film, *Showing Up*, will delight her fans for the way it presents the ordinary life of Lizzy (Michelle Williams), a lonely..... (6) with a full-time office job. She lives in an artists' colony with her cat and is trying to prepare a small exhibition of her recent work. Lizzy struggles with an (7) brother and (8) divorced parents. The hot water in her apartment is not working and the other artists in the colony seem to be having a lot more fun than she is. Like much of Reichardt's work, *Showing Up* is about (9) lives lived at the edge of society. It's Reichardt's special talent that draws us into (10) of the continuum of the daily ups and downs that makes up most of existence.

FILM**FAITH****SCULPTURE****STABILITY****SELF****SPECTACLE****ACCEPT**

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GRAMMAR

Task 1: Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word, which has only a grammatical function in the text.

Benefits of Walking from My Perspective

EXAMPLE: (0) *a*

Walking is (0) pace and movement suited (1) the human frame and temperament, giving one opportunity to think while at the same time offering a type of physical exercise many of us seek (2) neglect. It has (3) benefits than aspirin and encourages the deepest and healthiest of sleep. Another advantage of putting one foot in front of the other is a financial (4) : walking is an inexpensive method of moving around in our cities. It can be a prelude to and reason (5) adventure, and I feel there is a sense of achievement that riding a mechanical vehicle will never offer (6) moving from A to B.

When writing this book, I thought seriously about the progress maintained (7) other sets of legs – such as (8) belonging to the horse, camel, mule, and elephant, plus, perhaps, the bicycle, on (9) one's own legs are used as (10) means of propulsion. I finally came down on the side of simple walking, (11) this is a way preferred by the readers of my travel books. It is my hope that many of my readers wish to follow my example and (12) , perhaps, my footsteps.

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Task 2: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. Do not change the word given and use between three and five words, including the word given.

13. George would only speak to the head of the department.

ON

George to the head of department.

14. When we arrive isn't really important as long as we get there.

MATTER

It really time we arrive, as long as we get there.

15. Flooding after a heavy storm was responsible for the damage to the bridge.

CAUSED

The damage to the bridge after a heavy storm.

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LISTENING**MARISA HUSTON – PODCASTER**

You will hear Marisa Huston, a podcaster, talking about her job. Fill in the missing words in the sentences below which summarize her experience. Use only words you have heard, or the word forms derived from them. (The number of missing words is given in brackets).

1. Marisa is a/an and of her own
podcast called *Live Blissed Out*. (2 words)
2. Besides coaches, business owners, and writers, Marisa invites
..... to talk on her podcast. (1 word)
3. In their common business, Marisa and her husband manufacture
handmade, presents. (1 word)
4. As a college student, Marisa focused on
..... (2 words)
5. Her job includes and
her podcast on social media. (2 words)
6. The time devoted to editing depends on the experience of her
..... (1 word)
7. Marisa works with unique software to ensure access for the
..... (2 words)
8. After all the information to her website, Marisa
informs her fans about the next episode. (1 word)
9. In her second job, Marisa and her husband manufacture the
..... by processing wood. (1 word)
10. Marisa thinks people are glad after getting a/an
present from them. (1 word)

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