**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Book Smart**

**Voor de docent**

Veel mensen beginnen het nieuwe jaar met goede voornemens. De organisatie Children’s Books Ireland geeft daarvoor een tip: (meer) boeken lezen. Met verschillende overtuigende argumenten waarom dit voornemen je leven leuker en beter kan maken.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan artikelen en verslagen over hedendaagse problemen begrijpen, waarin de schrijvers bepaalde stellingen of standpunten innemen. (LEB2-3a)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*How about making 2025 your year of reading?*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a List 5 or more different kinds of books (genres, formats, etc.).

b Name the 2 kinds of books you like most.

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Have you kicked off 2025 with a bunch of ideas what you will do better this year? Maybe you can add one more idea to your list: make 2025 your year of reading.

[This article gives you some great reasons to get reading](https://www.rte.ie/kids/2024/1230/1488490-books-5-reasons-to-get-reading-in-2025/).

Assignment 2

a Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*benefits* *– the classics* *– compassionate* *– convincing* *– divisive world* *– empathy* *– to excel* *– fallen out of the habit* *– New Year's resolution* *– perspective* *– recommend* *–slippery slope* *– TBR pile* *– tear-jerker*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

1. to be extremely good at something
2. causing a lot of disagreement between people
3. collection of books that you want to read or have to read
4. the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions
5. good effects
6. kind, sympathetic, understanding
7. making you believe something by giving you good reasons
8. the most famous works of literature
9. no longer doing a thing which you used to do regularly
10. particular way of thinking about something
11. situation that is not so good and gets worse with every step
12. story, song, movie, etc., that makes you cry or feel very sad
13. to suggest or advise that you do something
14. thing you want to do differently in the new year

Assignment 3

a Which of the following reasons to get reading are named in the text? Choose all correct answers.

1 It can help you to be better at school.

2 It’s better for the environment than being on your phone.

3 It can help you become more compassionate.

4 It can help you feel less alone.

5 It will make you feel better.

6 It’s great for your future career.

7 It provides a fun escape.

b What is doomscrolling?

1 Being on your phone during class.

2 Criticising others online to get more likes.

3 Endlessly scrolling on your phone or computer.

4 Looking up stories of gloom and doom on your socials.

c How can reading help you to become kinder and have more empathy? Choose all correct answers.

1 By giving you energy to explore feelings and emotions.

2 By helping you to understand lives that are different from your own situation.

3 By letting you face the difficulties in this divisive world.

4 By showing you a different perspective on things.

d Which kinds of books would be suitable for the following people? Write down your answers.

1 ADHD teen

2 Art fan

3 Design lover

4 Gamer