

## Functional Skills Certificate FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Component 1 Reading Level 2

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The three sources that follow are:

- **Source A:** a news report about the Reading Stars Programme
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## Source A

## Frank Lampard kicks off 11th year of Premier League Reading Stars Programme



The National Literacy Trust and the Premier League hosted a celebration of children's reading at Chelsea Football Club on 25th March. Former Chelsea and England star, Frank Lampard, who also has his own series of children's football books, joined in to share his own love of reading.

Frank joined 30 children aged 9 to 11 from local schools, in a football literacy quiz led by children's football author Tom Palmer. The event launched the 11th year of the National Literacy Trust's Premier League Reading Stars Programme, which uses children's passion for football to motivate them to enjoy reading and to improve their reading levels. In the programme each Premier League club selects one of its players to become a Reading Star to talk about their favourite books and set reading challenges via online videos. These challenges form part of a ten-week reading intervention programme undertaken by 30,000 children in 1,000 schools and libraries.

The latest National Literacy Trust research of over 35,000 8 to 16 year olds shows that only one boy in four reads outside of class every day, and almost two thirds of boys prefer watching TV to reading (63%). Premier League Reading Stars has an impact upon this particular issue because of the high appeal that football holds for so many boys.

Frank Lampard said: "Reading should be a pleasure no matter what age you are, and Premier League Reading Stars is a proven way of getting children to enjoy books. It's very easy for young people to get distracted by computer games and television but the importance of getting children to enjoy reading was the inspiration behind my own books. Whether you're reading with your kids or just enjoying a good book on your own, it's a wonderful experience and one of life's great pleasures."

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**Source B**

# Books Change Lives



We've all got books that we haven't read for ages sitting gathering dust – so why not sell them and help Book Aid International send more books to the developing world? Book Aid International increases access to books to support literacy, education and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

## What do we do?

Each year we send 500,000 brand new and carefully selected books to libraries in communities, schools, universities, prisons, cities and refugee camps and more. We work in 12 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Occupied Territories of Palestine. The books we send are all donated by publishers in the UK and cover a whole range of titles.







## Why books?

In sub-Saharan Africa, 151 million people are illiterate; 62% of them are women. 72 million children still do not go to school, and most people simply cannot afford books of their own. But without literacy people are not able to access education or healthcare, take advantage of opportunities for employment, or participate in social, economic and political decisions which affect their lives. Books are vital for quality education; they raise literacy levels, provide information and underpin development.

## How can you help?

Our work relies on the generosity of individuals and groups who support our work. By raising money for us you really are helping to change lives.

Here are some of the ways that the money you raise could be spent:

-  £2 will send one book to sub-Saharan Africa
-  £10 could send five dictionaries to a university library in Tanzania
-  £60 could send 30 books to a refugee camp in Kenya
-  £100 could help purchase 70 HIV/AIDS awareness books for children
-  £380 will send a starter collection of 200 books to a community library
-  £5,000 could help to re-stock a community library in Cameroon.

We believe literacy is a fundamental human right. Our work is vital because books really do change lives.



**Source C**

## Will real books ever become extinct?

*This is an extract from a webpage debate about the merits of real books and e-books*



"The book will live forever," says Sarah. Yes, eBooks are handy when you're commuting or dashing from lecture to lecture and don't want to lug Shakespeare's greatest works around, but they'll never truly replace the traditional book.

Call me old fashioned, but there's a romanticism about loving a book so much that you've worn out the spine because you've read it that many times. They're warm and sentimental: how many of us remember and think fondly of our favourite books from childhood? It's something you can't get from a hard, shiny tablet. People give books as gifts – first editions or collectors' editions, special illustrations – and they're considered to be really thoughtful, personal presents.

In a world where everything seems to be going electronic, we have to keep some things sacred. The faceless, functional purchase of an eBook doesn't begin to touch the experience of wandering around a second hand bookshop on a lazy Sunday afternoon and stumbling upon an old gem. I don't think we'll ever lose the romanticism, nostalgia and physical presence of real books.

With books, I also love the idea that you can pass it on: once you've read a book, you can give it to a charity shop or swap books with people you meet on holiday or on the plane. A book collection at home is a great thing to dip into and it adds your personality to a room. You might say that you don't need books if they're all on your tablet, so then I'm assuming the same goes for your CDs and DVDs too?

Let's not forget that if you lose a book, or spill coffee on it, it's not the end of the world. If you do that with an eBook, then it's not just the book that's lost, it's most likely the life that you keep on your e-reader or tablet.

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