

# World Book Day

## What Is World Book Day?

World Book Day is a special day to celebrate books, authors, illustrators and reading. In the UK, it is held every year on the first Thursday in March so the date is often different.



## How Is World Book Day Celebrated?

In schools, children and teachers sometimes dress up as their favourite book character. Have you ever dressed up as a book character? There are many fantastic events held across the country and online to mark this day and celebrate reading. In the past, famous authors such as Jacqueline Wilson and David Walliams have taken part in World Book Day events.

## Brilliant World Book Day Tokens

Book tokens worth £1 are given to children in the UK to use in bookshops. Children can swap their tokens for one of 12 books that are specially written for World Book Day. Some of these books are even written by great authors such as Tom Gates and Julia Donaldson. Children can also use the token to get £1 off another book if they prefer.

### Who Celebrates World Book Day?

Anyone who loves books can take part in World Book Day. World Book Day is celebrated in over 100 countries all over the world. World Book Day is celebrated in some countries on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April instead of in March.

### Why Is World Book Day Important?

World Book Day is a day to help people remember how important reading is. Reading is an important skill that people use throughout their lives. It can also be an important day to help to raise money for charity.



### Did You Know...?

World Book Day began in April 1995. It was started by a group called UNESCO. They are a group that helps to give everyone around the world the chance to learn.

# Questions

1. What does World Book Day celebrate? Tick **two**.

- books
- authors
- food

2. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Children and teachers...	take part in World Book Day events.
Book tokens worth £1...	sometimes dress up as their favourite book characters.
Famous authors...	are given to children in the UK to use in bookshops.

3. Find and copy one word that shows that the events held to mark World Book Day are really good.

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4. Fill in the missing word.

World Book Day is a \_\_\_\_\_ day to celebrate books, authors, illustrators and reading.

5. What can children swap their book tokens for?

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6. Who would you like to dress up as for World Book Day? Explain why.

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