

Writing Genres Vocabulary

Word	Transcription	Description
audiobook	ˌaɪdɪəʊ bʊk	A voice recording of a book, where you listen rather than read
autobiography	ˌaʊtəbaɪɒɡrəfi	A book somebody writes about their own life
biography	baɪɒɡrəfi	A book somebody writes about another person's life
brochure	brəʊʃə	A short informational leaflet
catalogue	kætəlɒɡ	A list of something, typically in a systematic order
classical literature	ˌklæsɪkəl lɪtərɪʃə	Old masterpieces, typically from Greece and Rome
comic	kɒmɪk	Images with text presented in speech bubbles
cookbook	kʊkbʊk	A book with recipes for meals
detective book	dɪtɛktɪv bʊk	A detective aims to solve a crime through the book
diary	ˈdaɪəri	Personal regular entries about daily life into a notebook
dictionary	ˈdɪkʃənri	An alphabetical book with definitions and explanations of words
directory	ˈdɪrɛktəri	A book listing people or companies, typically in a systematic order
encyclopaedia	ˌɛnsaɪkləʊpiːdjə	An alphabetical set of books with detailed information about a topic
essay	ˈɛseɪ	A short piece of writing on a particular topic
fable	ˈfeɪbəl	A short story with a moral to the story

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fairy tale	fɛəri teɪl	<i>A children's story about imaginary characters and scenarios</i>
fantasy	fæntəsi	<i>A book based on fictional places that stem from mythology</i>
fiction	fɪkʃən	<i>Imaginary</i>
graphic novel	græfɪk nɒvəl	<i>Similar to a comic, images with text presented in speech bubbles. However, these are individualised and not part of a series (like comics).</i>
guidebook	gaɪdbʊk	<i>A travel book with information for tourists about a certain area</i>
historical fiction	hɪstɒrɪkəl fɪkʃən	<i>An imaginary story that takes place in a true historical time period</i>
horror	hɒrə	<i>A book that tries to scare the viewer</i>
manual	mænjuəl	<i>A book of instructions and additional information</i>
memoir	mɛmwaɪ	<i>A book written about events based on a person's memory of said event</i>
non-fiction	nɒn-fɪkʃən	<i>Real-life</i>
novel	nɒvəl	<i>A long, narrative, fictional book</i>
picture book	pɪktʃə bʊk	<i>A book with only images</i>
pocket book	pɒkɪt bʊk	<i>A small paperback book that could fit in your pocket</i>
poem	pəʊɪm	<i>A short piece of writing where the author expresses an idea, thoughts and feelings</i>
reference book	rɛfrəns bʊk	<i>A book with information that can be used to consult upon</i>

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romance	rəʊmæns	<i>A book with a love story</i>
sci-fi	saɪ-faɪ	<i>A book with imaginary situations as a result of science or technology</i>
self-help book	sɛlf-hɛlp bʊk	<i>A book to help readers solve their own life problems</i>
short story	ʃɔːt stɔːri	<i>A very short book with a developed story</i>
speech	spiːtʃ	<i>A formal address given to an audience</i>
suspense	səspɛns	<i>A book that creates a feeling of excitement and anxiety, with the reader wanting to find out what happens next</i>
textbook	tɛkstbʊk	<i>An educational book with information about a certain area of study</i>
thesaurus	θɪzɔːrəs	<i>A book with synonyms and antonyms of a word</i>
true crime	truː kraɪm	<i>A book based on a real-life crime story.</i>