

Mixed Practice — Story

This text is about a girl who finds a mysterious letter hidden in a book.

Jas was a bookworm. She spent every second she could with her nose in a book. So when she came across an old book lying mysteriously on top of a wall near her house, nothing was going to stop her from picking it up. As she did, a letter fell out, labelled 'to the finder of this book'.

"I guess that's me!" Jas thought, tearing eagerly at the envelope.

*Dear Finder,
I assume you're a book lover, as you've picked up this book. Go to the town library, section 090, shelf 090.56 and you'll find something you might enjoy.*

Jas glanced at her phone. If she hurried, she'd just make it before closing time. She dashed to the library, but stopped short just inside the door; it was a vast old building, and she'd never been to the 090 section before. She was reluctant to ask a librarian though — how would she explain why she wanted that section? After some careful searching, she eventually found it. At first glance, the shelf seemed identical to the others in the section, but when she looked closer, she spotted a red leather book lying out of place on top of the others. Eagerly, she grasped it and flicked to the first page. It began:

There was a faraway world full of magic, ghosts and spirits — a mysterious world where witches flew in the air, ghosts haunted people and spirits lived in trees. But this mystical land could only be accessed by those who believed.

As she read, the book began to shimmer, and she felt herself being sucked towards the pages. The book was drawing her in, words flashing and pages flying before her eyes...

1 She spent every second she could with her nose in a book. What does this tell you about how much Jas likes reading?

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1 mark

2 Why did Jas pick up the book lying on the wall?

Tick **one** box.

Because someone had lost it. Because it was litter.

Because she was a bookworm. Because it was old.

1 mark

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3 Find and copy a word from the text that shows it was odd that there was a book on top of the wall.

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1 mark

4 Read each sentence and tick **one** box to show whether it is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Jas found a book inside her house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jas didn't know who wrote the letter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jas had lots of time to get to the library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jas asked a librarian where the 090 section was.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

5 Give **two** things that can be found in the world described by the red book.

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 2.

1 mark

6 What do you think happens next in the story? Explain your answer using information from the text.

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2 marks