

My Library Book

Cheryl



I had never been to a library before. As each day began, my thoughts were about going to the library. (Maureen, my tutor, had encouraged me to borrow a book and enjoy reading it.)

My first and the biggest fear was of filling out the application form to join the library. Also, how I would find the right book for me, and where would I find it?

For days, I put it off. There was always something to do and somewhere to go.

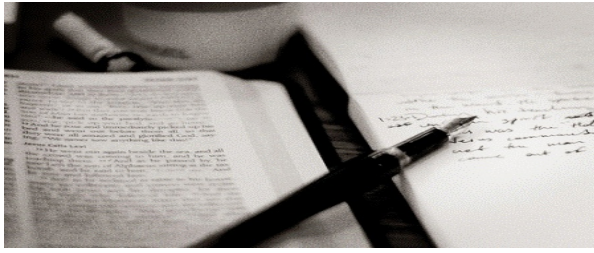
While I was shopping with Tania, I mentioned to her about joining the library. As we were going home after shopping, she stopped the car in front of the library. She said "Come on. We will both join."

When leaving the library, I felt a great sense of achievement and relief. This was something I had wanted to do for years.

Now when I'm waiting for the children, my book goes too. Throughout my day, I often think about sitting for five minutes and reading my book. I carry my library book in my handbag and read it whenever possible.

It feels great to be a member of a library. I would never have thought of even going into a library. I couldn't read very well, so why would I?

With the support of my tutor and friends a whole new world has opened up for me, and I feel so proud when I notice someone looking at me while I read my book.



Activities

Circle your answers:

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| Do you visit your local library? | Yes | No |
| Are you at the library now?! | Yes | No |
| Are you a member of the library? | Yes | No |
| Do you borrow books from your library? | Yes | No |
| Do you enjoy reading? | Yes | No |

Questions: Circle T for True or F for False.

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| This text is written by Cheryl. | T | F |
| Cheryl's tutor's name is Tania. | T | F |
| Cheryl carries a book in her backpack. | T | F |
| She had wanted to join the library for years. | T | F |

When was the last time you remember feeling "a great sense of achievement"?

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How do YOU find "the right book" for you at the library?

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What is the best thing you have ever read?

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Now tell your tutor what you think Cheryl has gained from joining the library.

A long word in this text is 'achievement'. How many short words can you make, from the letters in achievement? Don't use any letter more times than it appears in the word achievement. (You can use up to 3 'e's!)

3-letter words	4-letter words	☆ More than 4 letters ☆



Circle the **correct spelling** of each of these pairs of words from the story:

libarrylibrary

thoughtsthouhgts

releafrelief

grate great

sense..... sence

prowd proud

couldn't could'nt

What was Cheryl's biggest fear and why? Answer by writing a sentence.

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In this text there are five words which are made by **joining two short words together**. Work out *which ending* goes with each beginning, and then write the whole "compound" word, on the lines.

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| through | ever | |
| some | bag | |
| when | thing | |
| some | out | |
| hand | one | |

Here is a question for YOU: Joining the library is something Cheryl had wanted to do for years. **Is there something you have wanted to do for years?** Write a few sentences about what you want to do, *and why*.

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Use the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method, to practise spelling these words.

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| achievement | |
| application | |
| throughout | |