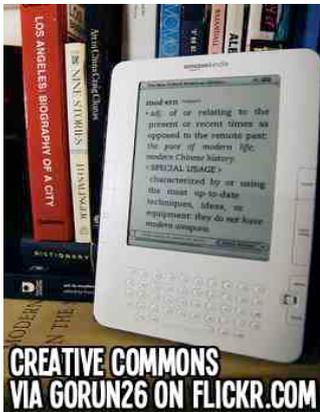


30 million people invited to read books

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The co-founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, has launched what could be the world's largest ever book club. Zuckerberg announced last week that his New Year's resolution was to read a book every other week. He then invited his 30 million followers to join him in his literary pursuit. He

created his own Facebook page called A Year of Books, on which he will announce what his latest read is and ask people to discuss the book with him. He explained the rationale for his initiative in a post, saying: "I'm excited for my reading challenge. I've found reading books very intellectually fulfilling. Books allow you to fully explore a topic and immerse yourself in a deeper way than most media today."

Zuckerberg has already selected his first book, 'The End of Power' by Moises Naim. He explained "It's a book that explores how the world is shifting to give individual people more power that was traditionally only held by large governments, militaries and other organizations. The trend towards giving people more power is one I believe in deeply, and I'm looking forward to reading this book and exploring this in more detail." Zuckerberg takes on a challenge every year as a way to broaden his perspectives and learn more about the world, different cultures, beliefs, histories and technologies. A previous task was to learn to speak Mandarin, which he has managed to do.

Sources: *TIME* / *TechTimes.com* / *Mashable.com*

Writing

Reading is the most important thing to learn at school. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

co-founder / Facebook / book club / resolution / literary / initiative / intellectually / selected / individual / power / looking forward / perspectives / beliefs / previous task

True / False

- Mark Zuckerberg has launched the world's biggest book club. T / F
- Zuckerberg said he would read a book every week for a year. T / F
- People will get the chance to discuss books with Zuckerberg. T / F
- Zuckerberg says reading books is intellectually fulfilling. T / F
- There is a competition to select Zuckerberg's first book. T / F
- Zuckerberg deeply believed individuals should have more power. T / F
- This is the first of many yearly challenges Zuckerberg will take on. T / F
- Zuckerberg previously learned to speak Mandarin. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. launched | a. chosen |
| 2. resolution | b. satisfying |
| 3. pursuit | c. activity |
| 4. fulfilling | d. moving |
| 5. immerse | e. ways of thinking |
| 6. selected | f. started |
| 7. shifting | g. movement |
| 8. trend | h. earlier |
| 9. perspectives | i. absorb |
| 10. previous | j. intention |

Discussion – Student A

- Would you like to read the book Mark Zuckerberg selected?
- If you wrote a book, what would it be about?
- What would you say to someone who doesn't like reading?
- Are there any bad things about reading books?
- What do you think we'll be reading in 100 years from now?
- How often do you think people should read?
- What do you think of this reading challenge?
- What questions would you like to ask Mark Zuckerberg?

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Phrase Match

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| 10. A previous task was to learn | j. the world is shifting |

Discussion – Student B

- How important are books?
- What do you think of reading clubs?
- What do you think of the idea of discussing a book you read?
- What's your favourite book, and why?
- What's your biggest problem with reading?
- Is it better to read a book or an e-reader?
- Do books let you explore more than any other media?
- What books do you find intellectually fulfilling?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. d	8. g	9. e	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Science fiction novels

You think science fiction novels are the best kind of books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their books aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance novels, biographies or encyclopaedia.

Role B – Romance novels

You think romance novels are the best kind of books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their books aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science fiction novels, biographies or encyclopaedia.

Role C – Biographies

You think biographies are the best kind of books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their books aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance novels, science fiction novels or encyclopaedia.

Role D – Encyclopaedia

You think encyclopaedia are the best kind of books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their books aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): romance novels, biographies or science fiction novels.

Speaking – Genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best literary genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- fantasy
- contemporary life
- spy drama
- biography
- science fiction
- historical fiction
- mystery and suspense
- romance

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.