



Books versus Films



Adapted from: <http://www.thetoptens.com/reasons-why-books-are-better-than-movies/>

"Books are better than films because..."

a You can imagine the characters, setting and events exactly as you wish – as though you have a cinema in your head.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

b Books are more detailed and they provide more background information.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

c Books last longer.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

d Characters in books cannot be ruined by bad acting.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

e Movies have limited story-telling time.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

f Books are totally portable.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

g Reading is usually cheaper.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

h Movie producers want to make money, which means they compromise on quality.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

i Books improve your vocabulary.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

j Reading a story makes it stay in your mind for a longer period.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Activities

1 Oral activity: For each question, stand under the placards around the room showing each of the five options provided above (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral...). Give reasons for your point of view when asked to do so. Here are some sentence starters that will help you:

In my experience, ... | I appreciate above all... | In my opinion, ...
It seems to me that... | Although I find that... | Even though books are...,
One advantage of films over books is that... | A drawback of films is that...

2 Write 5-10 statements similar to those above in which you argue that films are better than books. Consider these questions: What do films offer us in contrast to books? What makes films, at least for some people or in some respects, more enjoyable than books?