

The British Library (London). Using the Reading Rooms

Language Awareness Exercises by MF (2017) + Reading (Aloud), Listening

Source <http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrooms/stp/getting-started-at-bl/index.html>

Explain why you think I highlighted these items and find uses for them in sentences you might use in your everyday life – for your List of Useful Language, relating it both to C1 items and to overcoming fossilized mistakes (List of Mistakes, LoM). Watch the video & tell us what you learned/learnt.

Here's a quick guide to getting started in the Reading Rooms.

The British Library is home to some of the **rarest** and most valuable materials from history and they're not hidden behind glass cases, but available for you to use.

Many are **priceless** and irreplaceable so we're a little strict and have certain rules and regulations that you **might** not **expect** in a normal library.

You can **access our collections** through the Reading Rooms. There is more than one; each is linked to a subject or type of material and in them you'll find experts in that field. They're there to help you navigate and **get the most** out of the Library's **facilities**. Oh, and answer any questions too.

So... how do you get inside?

Firstly, you need a Reader Pass. Please, show it at the security desk **as you enter** a Reading Room.

We **don't allow** large bags **into** the reading rooms, so nothing bigger than a laptop case. You can leave it downstairs in the lockers or cloakroom, **along with** your coat.

You **can't bring** pens **into** the Reading Room. Bring a pencil if you want to make notes and to **prevent** accidents. Please, no food or drinks.

The Reading Rooms are for quiet working, so please **help people to concentrate by putting your mobile phone and computer on silent mode** and **keeping the volume down** if you're using headphones. If you need to talk, please **do so** quietly or pop outside.

Take great care of the collections and obviously do not mark them in any way... It's our job to **preserve** them for the future. You are **responsible for** the items **loaned to you** and remember that **nothing must be removed** from the Reading Rooms or **lent** to another person.

There are computers to **view** our electronic collections and **search our catalogues**. You can use your laptop to work or **make notes**, and there's free wifi.

You can copy some items using the library's photocopiers, but please respect copyright laws... **If in** doubt, ask.

We hope you understand our need for a few rules. **With your help we'll successfully preserve** our wonderful collections for future generations.

The British Library is at St Pancras

Admission is free.

About free admission to museums in London, listen to Martyn Lowe, a true Londoner (and a cockney!) (3'26")

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCF_HDCvUsU

Building opening times

Monday-Thursday	09:30 - 20:00	
Friday	09:30 - 18:00	Sunday
Saturday	09:30 - 17:00	11:00 - 17:00

