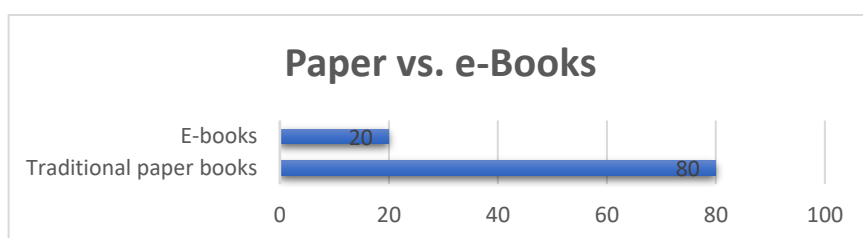
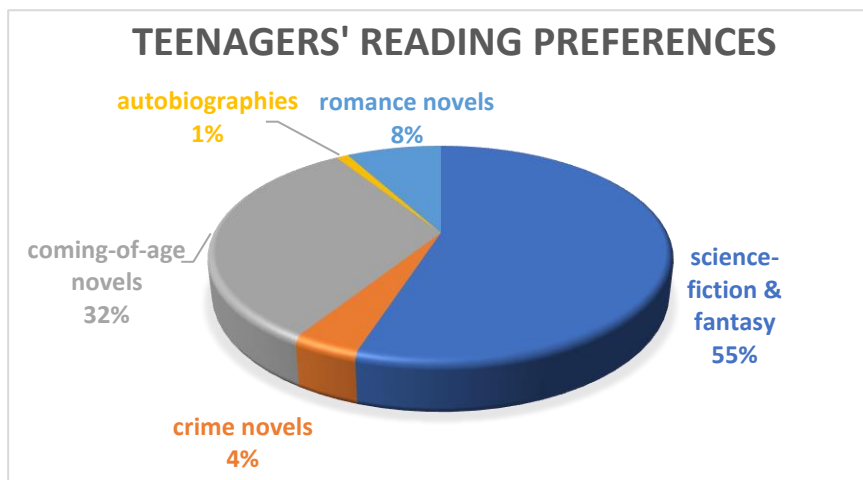


## REPORT

Write a report to the principal of your school about students' reading preferences.

In your report:

- Analyse the findings
- Give reasons for students' preferences
- Give recommendations for your school librarian



### YOUNG PEOPLE STILL ENJOY READING TRADITIONAL BOOKS

This report aims to present the results of a survey conducted in our school to explore the reading preferences of students in our school. It is based on interviews with 250 students organised in January 2024 concerning their reading preferences. The report covers five literary genres: science-fiction and fantasy novels, romance novels, autobiographies, crime stories and coming-of-age novels.

#### Findings: Surprising positive

A vast majority of students enjoy reading books. Moreover, 80 percent of them prefer traditional paper books over e-books (only one in five). For over 50 percent of our students science-fiction and fantasy novels are a preferred genre, and more than a third of them chose coming-of-age novels. Surprisingly, only 4 per cent of readers prefer crime stories, and 8 percent of young people in our school read romance novels. The least preferred genre among young people is autobiographies.

#### Explanations: Why students like fantasy and science fiction

There may be a wide range of reasons why young people prefer science fiction and fantasy novels over other genres, but the main one seems to be escapism. Young people want to escape into imaginative worlds where they can experience new

adventures beyond reality. It well balances the stress and challenges of their everyday life. On the other hand, coming-of-age novels, which are the second most popular genre among young people, are deeply rooted in reality. It is because young people can relate to the characters of these books who, in the process of growing from their teenage years to adulthood, face similar problems, dilemmas and challenges as theirs.

### **Recommendation for school library**

The results of the survey were unambiguous. Based on the findings it is recommended that the school library enlarges its collection of books in the genres that are popular with young people. It may significantly improve the students' reading habits. Moreover, the report will facilitate the decision-making process for teachers who are responsible for educating young people and for choosing books that will not only inspire but also entertain their readers.

### **Summing up**

To sum up, this report has provided insights into the reading habits of the students in our school. The pie chart above clearly illustrates their reading preferences. Indicating that science-fiction, fantasy and coming-of-age novels are the preferred genre (87%). Although we live in a digitized world, traditional paper books are more popular than e-books. With the right choice of book purchases, parents, as well as teachers, can foster reading among young people and significantly improve their literacy levels.