



SÈRIE 2

READERS MAY HAVE TO WAIT TO BORROW A NEW E-BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY

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1. Macmillan has decided to

- a) change how they sell e-books to libraries.

2. How many copies of an e-book can the New York Library System buy in the first 8 weeks after its publication?

- b) 1.

3. Best-selling books

- d) sell most copies during the first 2 months on the market.

4. According to Macmillan,

- b) more and more people borrow e-books from public libraries.

5. The Macmillan publishing company thinks that

- d) libraries must pay more for e-books than individuals.

6. Which of the following best describes librarians' reactions to Macmillan's decision?

- a) They are actively complaining about it.

7. Which of the following is a synonym for the word furious in the sentence "Libraries across the U.S. are furious with one of the country's largest publishing houses"?

- a) angry

8. Which of the following is a synonymous and grammatical rewording of the sentence "Now the issue is not price, but rather access"?

- c) Now the issue is access, as opposed to price.

Please answer the following questions in English. (Please do not copy text but rather answer in your own words; your answers should be between 40 and 60 words in length.)

9. Why does Macmillan's new policy affect people in large cities more than people in small towns?

Because each library system can only buy 1 e-book in the first 8 weeks, and as a result this decision has a bigger impact on library systems of big cities, which serve many people, than on library systems of small towns, which serve many fewer people.

10. Why are libraries protesting Macmillan's new policy? Do you think the company made a good business decision? Why or why not?

Because librarians think that Macmillan's policy limits access to reading material for many people. Students can answer either yes or no to the other part of the question, although they need to provide some sort of reason for their opinion. The point is for them to write an appropriate answer.

In grading questions 9 and 10, grammar and vocabulary are much more important than preciseness of content, although the answers should address the questions.