

Date: _____

Name: _____

Book Title and Author: "My Librarian Is a Camel" by Margriet Ruurs

Article Title: *England*

Monday

1: What is the main idea of the text you read? Use key details in your response.

Tuesday:

2) What challenges are faced? How are they overcome? Use details from the text in your response.

3) The people at the Blackpool Library believe that it is important to promote the joy of reading.

In this sentence, promote most likely means:

- a) encourage
- b) decrease
- c) ignore
- d) like

Wednesday

4) What do the illustrations (photographs, maps) tell you? How do they help you to understand the text?
(Please remember to be specific! For example: In one picture I see _____. This helps me understand the text because ____.)

- 5) The definition of a service is: **the action of helping or doing work for someone OR a system supplying a public need such as transport, communications, or utilities such as electricity and water.**

The librarian in the text said: "Libraries are services, not buildings." Why do you think the librarian said that? Explain your thoughts!

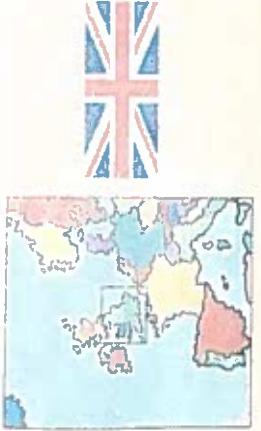
Thursday



6) Why do you think they use a wheelbarrow to deliver the books? Explain your thoughts.

7) This text discusses the importance of reading. What does it tell you about the importance of reading, books, or education? Explain your thinking!

England



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Capital: London
Estimated population: 59,000,000

England is part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom lies off the northwestern coast of Europe. England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland form the United Kingdom. The official language is English, but some people in Wales speak Welsh, and some people in Scotland speak Gaelic.

The Blackpool Beach Library brings books directly to people who are enjoying their summer holiday at the beach. The library is a wheelbarrow!

The Library Wheelbarrow

Two library assistants cart the books up and down the beach. Borrowers do not need to join the Blackpool library. When they finish reading the books, they simply return them to the wheelbarrow when it comes by another day. The people at the Blackpool Library believe that it is important to promote the joy of reading. "Libraries are services, not buildings," says one librarian. So, besides donkey rides and lemonade stands, this beach offers books!



The Blackpool Library distributes the joy of reading from a wheelbarrow on the beach.



Share-a-book

England has other types of mobile libraries as well. Share-a-book is a children's mobile library van in Gloucester, a county in England. A librarian travels with the van to the countryside, where children don't have access to a regular public library. Many children don't have books at home to read and share with their parents.



Share-a-book has special books for children for whom English is a second language. They also offer toddler story times and take part in special celebrations in the area.

