

## Zeller Speller #19 Fun things to do

The word book can be a noun or a verb.

Noun: (There are more definitions; here are some common ones)

- 1) a written or printed work consisting of pages glued or sewn together along one side and bound in covers. Example: He read a book of selected poems.
- 2) a bound set of blank sheets for writing or keeping records. Example: The store owner kept a set of books of her income and expenses.
- 3) a set of tickets, stamps, matches, checks, samples of cloth, etc., bound together. Example: I need to buy a book of postage stamps.

Verb: (There are more definitions; here are some common ones)

- 1) to reserve a place. Example: We are booked at the hotel. Example: A singer like Taylor Swift is probably booked five years out at least.
- 2) to make an official record of the name and other personal details of a criminal suspect or offender. Example: The detective booked the thief who went to jail.

(from The New Oxford American Dictionary online)

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Fill in the blanks on the story below featuring Willie and Millie. (Hint: only one word works in each blank space; all of the words in the list are nouns.)

“Yippee. We get two whole weeks off from school for our winter break,” Mille said as she skipped down the sidewalk. “What are you going to do? Let me guess. You’re going to study even though you don’t have to.”

“Why did you say that? Are you trying to be mean?” Willie asked.

“Well, it’s just that you’re such a \_\_\_\_\_.”

“I was going to offer to carry your \_\_\_\_\_, but now I’m not.”

“Okay. You’re right. I’m being a brat.”

Just then a neighbor came out of his front door. He knew both of them. “Hi, kids. You’re always walking together like a couple of \_\_\_\_\_.”

“What’s his name?” Willie asked.

“That’s Mr. Sampson. He’s a \_\_\_\_\_ at the local grocery store.”

“I have to admit I wish the \_\_\_\_\_ came to our local park like it does in the summer. If I get too bored during our vacation from school, my dad will take me to the \_\_\_\_\_,” Willie said.

“You should join a \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe start one at school. There’s lots of kids who read sci-fi like you do.”

“Hmmm. That’s a good idea. At the public library they have the rare and special books locked in a \_\_\_\_\_. And one of them is an old sci-fi novel.”

While he was talking, Millie was thinking about what she could get him for the holidays.

“Of course,” she thought to herself. “I’ll get him a \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Does your family have holiday traditions?” Millie inquired.

“A ton of them. I could write a \_\_\_\_\_ about them. See you tomorrow.”

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