1. Books can entertain us and excite us. They can make us laugh and cry. They can comfort us and show us new ways.

2. Books help us develop our language and our vocabulary.

3. Books stimulate our imagination and train us in finding inner images.

4. Books can raise new issues which interest us and give us things to think over.

5. Books develop our thinking. They give us conceptions to think with and new ideas; they widen our consciousness and our world.

6. Books give us knowledge about other countries and other ways of life, about nature, technology, history and everything under the sun that we might want to know more about.

7. Books develop our emotions and our capacity to empathise. They train our capacity to put ourselves in the position of others.

8. Books get us to reflect on what's right and wrong, good or bad.

9. Books can explain reality and help us understand how matters are connected.

10. Books can show us that there's not always only one answer to a question, that most things can be seen from different points of view.

11. Books help us understand ourselves. It strengthen our self-confidence to realise that other think and feel as we do.

12. Books help us understand that we are all different. Reading books written by authors from other times and other cultures increases tolerance for other cultures and helps combat prejudice.

13. Books can be company when we're lonely. They are easy to take with you and can be read everywhere. It can be borrowed from the library for free.

14. Books are a part of our cultural inheritance. They give us common reading experiences and common frame of reference.

15. A good children's book can be read out loud so that both young and old enjoy it. It van be a link between generations.

16. Children's books provide work for many people: authors, illustrators, translators, publishers, graphic designers, printers, critics, booksellers, librarians...Children's books contribute to a rich culture. It is also an important article of export, which create a good reputation abroad for our country.

17. The children's book is our first contact with literature, a never-ending world, lasting all our lives.

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