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DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM

IN 1876, an American librarian and educator named Melvil Dewey invented a decimal system for classifying and cataloging books. The Dewey Decimal System has undergone twenty-two major changes since its invention. This system is used in libraries all around the world.

The main categories of the system are:

- 000 – 099 computers; information, and general reference
- 100 – 199 philosophy and psychology
- 200 – 299 religion and mythology
- 300 – 399 social science
- 400 – 499 language
- 500 – 599 science and mathematics
- 600 – 699 technology
- 700 – 799 arts and recreation
- 800 – 899 literature
- 900 – 999 geography and history



Can you put all the books in the right place? Use the Dewey Decimal System to answer the questions below.

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3. _____ If you had to do a report on the Greek god Zeus, where would you look?
4. _____ What will you find in the section between 800 – 899?
5. _____ The *New York Times* is located where in the library?
6. _____ Go here and you can find the latest techniques in tennis and soccer.
7. _____ Books on how to improve your self-esteem are here.
8. _____ In this section, you may find works by Mark Twain and Emily Brontë.
9. _____ Go here to learn German.
10. _____ What will you find in the section of 000 – 099?
11. _____ Robots are big news in this section.
12. _____ "The First Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals" would be found in this section.
13. _____ You may find a book about the government in this section.
14. _____ Margaret Thatcher and Bill Clinton's life stories would be found in this section.