

# Can You Crack the Dewey Code?



Crack the Dewey code! In the following sentences, replace the three-digit Dewey Decimal Classification number with a word. When you're done, you'll know a little bit more about Alexis O'Neill, the author of *The Efficient, Inventive (Often Annoying) Melvil Dewey*.

HINT: It's OK to use this document to help:

<https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/oclc/dewey/resources/summaries/deweysummaries.pdf>

- 1.) I love to go to libraries to soak up \_\_\_\_\_ **001**.
- 2.) If you find me in the library, you might peek down the following aisles:  
\_\_\_\_\_ **700**, \_\_\_\_\_ **800**, and \_\_\_\_\_ **900**.
- 3.) In junior high, I won a science fair honorable mention medal for my project on  
\_\_\_\_\_ **594**.
- 4.) I'm pretty good using \_\_\_\_\_ **513** to figure out problems, although I struggled a bit with \_\_\_\_\_ **510** in school.
- 5.) All through school, I really loved \_\_\_\_\_ **780**, \_\_\_\_\_ **791**, and art.
- 6.) *Cricket* magazine published two short stories of mine based on Irish \_\_\_\_\_ **398**.
- 7.) I wrote a book about Jacob Riis who, through \_\_\_\_\_ **770**, exposed terrible living conditions in the tenements in 19<sup>th</sup> Century New York City.
- 8.) Melvil Dewey loved \_\_\_\_\_ **413** so much he saved his chore money as a kid and walked ten miles to buy one.
- 9.) David, my husband, is a whiz at all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ **600**.
- 10.) The backyard of our home in California is full of \_\_\_\_\_ **598**.
- 11.) Whenever I want a good laugh, I head for books in \_\_\_\_\_ **817** and I feel happy!

BONUS: What are your favorite Dewey numbers?

Now, make up some sentences about yourself!

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KEY: (1) knowledge; (2) arts; literature; and history/geography/biography; (3) mollusks; (4) arithmetic; mathematics; (5) music; (6) folk literature; (7) photography; (8) dictionaries; (9) technologies; (10) birds (11) humor & satire.