



# Dewey Decimal Classification System



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The Dewey Decimal Classification system is used in many libraries. The system divides the world's knowledge into 10 main classes. Each class is then broken down into more specific categories. Below is the list of the 10 main classes.

## **000 GENERAL WORKS**

020 Library and Information Science  
030 General Encyclopedias  
050 General Periodicals  
060 General Organizations

## **100 PHILOSOPHY**

110 Metaphysics  
130 Psychology, occultism  
140 Philosophy  
150 Psychology  
160 Logic

## **200 RELIGION**

220 The Bible  
230 Christian Doctrine  
290 Comparative and Other Religions

## **300 SOCIAL SCIENCES**

310 Statistics  
320 Political Science  
330 Economics  
340 Law  
350 Public Administration  
360 Social Welfare  
370 Education  
380 Public Service  
390 Customs and Folklore

## **400 LANGUAGE**

410 Comparative Linguistics  
420 English and Anglo Saxon  
430 German Language  
440 French  
450 Italian, Rumanian  
460 Spanish, Portuguese  
470 Latin and Other Italic Languages  
480 Classical and Modern Greek  
490 Other Languages

## **500 SCIENCE**

510 Mathematics  
520 Astronomy  
530 Physics  
540 Chemistry  
550 Earth Sciences  
560 Paleontology  
570 Life Sciences  
580 Botanical Sciences  
590 Zoological Sciences

## **600 TECHNOLOGY (APPLIED SCIENCES)**

610 Medical Sciences  
620 Engineering  
630 Agriculture  
640 Domestic Sciences  
650 Business and Management  
660 Chemical Technology  
670 Manufacturers  
690 Building Construction

## **700 THE ARTS**

710 Landscape and Civic Art  
720 Architecture  
730 Sculpture, Plastics  
740 Drawing, Decorative Arts  
750 Painting  
760 Prints and Print Making  
770 Photography  
780 Music  
790 Recreation, Performing Arts

## **800 LITERATURE**

810 American Literature  
820 English Literature  
830 German Literature  
840 French Literature  
850 Italian, Rumanian Literature  
860 Spanish, Portuguese Literature  
870 Latin and Other Italic Literatures  
880 Classical and Modern Greek Literature  
890 Other Literature

## **900 HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY**

910 Geography, Travel  
920 Biography, Genealogy  
930 Ancient History  
940 Europe  
950 Asia  
960 Africa  
970 North America  
980 South America  
990 Pacific Ocean Islands  
991 Indonesia  
993 New Zealand and Melanesia  
994 Australia  
995 New Guinea (Papua)  
996 Polynesia  
997 Atlantic Ocean Islands  
998 Arctic Region  
999 Antarctic Regions



# What do the Numbers Mean?

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Books are arranged on the shelf using the Dewey Decimal Classification scheme. This system divides all knowledge into 10 broad classes and subdivides them into more specific subject groups as follows:

## **000-099**

### **General Works**

Computer Science 004 Internet 004.678  
Computer Programming 005.1 Library Science 020

## **100-199**

### **Philosophy**

Psychology 150 Logic 160 Ethics 170

## **200-299**

### **Religion**

## **300-399**

### **Social Sciences**

Legislation 328 Economics 330 Industrial Relations  
331.1 Real Estate 333.33 Travel & Tourism 338.4791  
Law 340 Occupational Health & Safety 363.11

## **400-499**

### **Language**

Auslan 419 English 420 English Dictionaries 423  
English Graded Readers 428 German 430 French 440  
Italian 450 Spanish 460 Chinese 495.1 Japanese  
495.6 Indonesian 449.223

## **500-599**

### **Science**

## **600-699**

### **Applied Science and Technology**

Business 650 Office Administration 651 Records  
Management 651.5 Accounting 657 Management  
658 Marketing 658.8 Advertising 659.1

## **700-799**

### **The Arts**

Fine Art History 709 Sculpture 730 Ceramics 738  
Jewellery 739.27 Drawing 740 Design and  
Decoration 745 Painting 750 Printmaking 760  
Photography 770 Cinema, Radio, Television 791.4

## **800-899**

### **Literature**

Communication & Writing Skills 808.066 English  
Literature 820 Australian Literature 829

## **900-999**

### **History, Travel, Biography**

World history 909 Asia - travel 915 Africa - travel  
916 North America - travel 917 Australia -travel 919  
Biography 920 History of Australia 994