

# Dip into Dewey

## Ten Main classes

The Dewey Decimal system is used in libraries around the world. It divides information into classes by using numbers and letters to help group similar books, on similar subjects together. This means that they are easier to find on a library's shelves.

The Dewey Decimal System is divided into ten main classes:

- 000 Computer science & encyclopaedia
- 100 Philosophy & psychology (Ethics)
- 200 Religion (The Bible, Saints)
- 300 Social Sciences – (Energy, Environment, Conservation)
- 400 Language – (Dictionaries)
- 500 Science – (Mathematics, Plants, Animals)
- 600 Technology – (Health, Food)
- 700 Arts & recreation - (Painting, Photography, Sport)
- 800 Literature – (Quotations, Poetry, Plays)
- 900 History & Geography

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## Past the decimal point

The ten main classes are broken down into smaller topics ... the bigger the number the more detail about that subject or class you can find in a book.

**For example:**

On this spine label the 994 ... tells us the book is about Australian history

The 65 beyond the decimal point says that it is a book about Launceston.

But you do not have to worry about what they mean ... just use the number to find the book you are after on the library shelves.