textbook

text·book [textbooks] noun, adjective BrE ['tekstbuk] NAmE ['tekstbuk]

noun (NAmE also text)

a book that teaches a particular subject and that is used especially in schools and colleges

• a school/medical /history, etc. textbook



Example Bank:

- Do you have the standard textbook on the subject?
- I would not recommend it as a classroom textbook.
- a school/medical/history textbook

adjective only before noun used to describe sth that is done exactly as it should be done, in the best possible way

• a **textbook example** of how the game should be played

See also: [†]text

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I. text book¹ /'tekstbok / BrE AmE noun [countable]

a book that contains information about a subject that people study, especially at school or college:

- a biology textbook
- ⇒ [†]coursebook

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types of book

• novel noun [countable] a book about imaginary people and events: The film is based on Nick Hornby's best-selling novel. | a historical novel

- fiction noun [uncountable] books that describe imaginary people and events: She reads a lot of romantic fiction.
- **literature** *noun* [uncountable] novels and plays that are considered to be important works of art: I'm studying American literature at university.
- non-fiction noun [uncountable] books that describe real people and events: Men tend to prefer non-fiction.
- science fiction noun [uncountable] books about imaginary events in the future or space travel
- reference book noun [countable] a book such as a dictionary or encyclopedia, which you look at to find information
- textbook noun [countable] a book about a particular subject that you use in a classroom
- set book British English, course book British English noun [countable] a book that you have to study as part of your course
- guidebook noun [countable] a book telling visitors about a city or country
- picture book noun [countable] a book for children with many pictures in it
- hardcover/hardback noun [countable] a book that has a hard stiff cover
- paperback noun [countable] a book that has a paper cover
- biography noun [countable] a book about a real person's life, written by another person
- autobiography noun [countable] a book that someone has written about their own life

• recipe book/cookery book British English (also cookbook American English) noun [countable] a book that tells you how to cook different meals

- **II. textbook**² *BrE AmE adjective* [only before noun]
 - used to describe something that is done exactly as it should be done, or happens exactly as it should happen textbook case/example
 - The advertising campaign was a textbook example of how to sell a product.

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