



When you drop me on the floor
I get stepped on - my sides are sore;

Torn-out pages make me groan;
I feel dizzy if I'm thrown;

Every mark and every stain
On my covers gives me pain;

Please don't bend me, if you do
I don't want to talk to you;

But we will both be friends together,
If you protect me from the weather

And keep me clean so that I look
A tidy, neat and happy book.



- **sore** : If a body part is 'sore', it hurts when you touch it or move it.
- **groan** : make a sound that shows pain, unhappiness.

Things to do :

1. List the things that make a book unhappy. Example : Dropping the book on the floor.
2. What do we have to do to make friends with a book ?
3. Read the following and decide what the book will like ☒ or dislike ☐ .
 - * Folding corners of pages ☐ * Using a book mark ☐
 - * Wetting your fingers with spittle when you turn the pages ☐
 - * Putting an open book face downwards. ☐