

## VOCABULARY

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 The film was really dull and lasted over four hours.  
I was bored out of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The play was OK, but not half as good as all the critics had claimed. It didn't live up to all the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Clara was so upset when the heroine died near the end of the film that she burst into \_\_\_\_\_, and couldn't stop crying.
- 4 The comedian was so funny that we were all on the floor in \_\_\_\_\_. We couldn't stop laughing.
- 5 I have never felt so embarrassed in public. I didn't want to be there. I wanted the ground to open up and \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 6 Henry was so young when he died. At his funeral, his friends and family were inconsolable. They were in \_\_\_\_\_ of tears.
- 7 Her outrageous behaviour at the party caused a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_. Everybody there was shocked.
- 8 Graham is so \_\_\_\_\_ of himself that he thinks everything he says is really interesting, and, believe me, it isn't!

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### 4 Complete the sentences with words in the box.

bored mortified awkward  
overwhelmed yawning

- 1 At the farewell party, Kingsley was \_\_\_\_\_ by all the kind words his colleagues said. He was both proud and moved.
- 2 The speaker went on and on and we all felt horribly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I realised that I had reversed my car into my boss' car in the car park.
- 4 I bumped into my ex-boyfriend at a party last week.  
We both felt quite \_\_\_\_\_. We didn't know what to say to each other.
- 5 We were so tired that we couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_.  
We just wanted to go to bed.

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**7 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.**

- 1 The novel's main \_\_\_\_\_ is a young man who has lost his job and his direction in life.  
a star                      b representative    c protagonist
- 2 The story is told in the \_\_\_\_\_ person by the narrator.  
a first                      b major                      c main
- 3 The novel \_\_\_\_\_ important themes of identity and personal crisis.  
a treats                      b revolves                      c deals with
- 4 The film is \_\_\_\_\_ on a novel of the same name, and more or less follows the plot of the novel.  
a set                      b based                      c rooted
- 5 The novel is, by \_\_\_\_\_, both funny and moving.  
a goes                      b moves                      c turns

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**Type in the correct word.**

**Choose the best option to complete the sentences.**

- 1 Vikram Chandra weaves a complex ..... in his novel *Sacred Games*.  
a plot                      b argument                      c speech
- 2 The novel ..... the history of the war.  
a carries                      b finds                      c traces
- 3 *Angela's Ashes* is an astonishing ..... of a poverty-stricken childhood.  
a memory                      b memorial                      c memoir
- 4 The story tells of a young boy's ..... to overcome dyslexia.  
a struggle                      b conflict                      c combat
- 5 The dialogue between the six main ..... in the novel is hilarious at times.  
a narrators                      b protagonists                      c commentators
- 6 The book ..... some sensitive issues, such as drug addiction and abuse.  
a sorts                      b tackles                      c discovers

**Add the missing prepositions.**

- 1 The book revolves ..... the lives of four women living in a small Irish village.
- 2 A historical novel, it is set ..... the 1800s.
- 3 McCall Smith has a wonderful talent for bringing his characters ..... life.
- 4 The plot is ..... turns tragic and funny.
- 5 The story is told ..... the first person.
- 6 The murder ..... which the book is based took place in 1860.

Fill in the missing words

1. He is struggling to \_\_\_\_\_ this troubled relationship
2. He remains \_\_\_\_\_ likeable despite his flaws
3. I can't recommend it \_\_\_\_\_ enough
4. It's a real-page \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If you believe love \_\_\_\_\_ all and enjoy stories \_\_\_\_\_ in the past this tale is may well be for you
6. That is so frequently laugh-out-\_\_\_\_\_ funny novel
7. You would be \_\_\_\_\_ apart
8. I had my heart \_\_\_\_\_ out from my chest
9. It Definitely opened up my eyes \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of different things
10. The book is \_\_\_\_\_ with twists and \_\_\_\_\_.
11. It's a bit hard to get \_\_\_\_\_ at times
12. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ of emotions