

Complete the reviews below with the words in the box.

Atmosphere plot series episode chapter comedy novel audiences cast location lead actor

VOCABULARY: media genres

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the gripping and electrifying new ¹ _____ from the incomparable J.K. Rowling. The ² _____ is excellent and the book is full of suspense. It does contain some violent and frightening scenes, but I enjoyed reading every ³ _____.

+ HOSPITAL DRAMA

So far I have found nearly every ⁴ _____ of the hospital drama *ER* to be very moving, with powerful storylines and groundbreaking use of the camera.

Five on a Treasure Island is the first book of the Famous Five Books, the international best-selling series for young adults by Enid Blyton. The first few pages of the ¹ _____ got me completely hooked. It's entertaining and very exciting. I enjoyed reading every ² _____. The dramatic adventure ³ _____ is very gripping. Blyton has presented us with a great story full of heroism, adventure and friendship.

You Can't Take It With You

is an American ⁴ _____ in black and white. The ¹ _____ is New York and it was made in 1938, when ² _____ flocked to films with sound rather than silent films. The ³ _____ is Jean Arthur and the ⁴ _____ includes Lionel Barrymore as Grandpa Vanderhof and James Stewart as Tony Kirby. It was the winner of the Academy Awards' Best Picture.

Radioweek

It's a laugh is an outstanding new radio ⁵ _____, on every Monday evening. Listen out for **Shop Trek**, a hilarious sketch based on shopping in the future.

FILM REVIEW

Another classic horror is released on DVD this week. Hitchcock's *Psycho*, with its brooding dark ⁶ _____ in the house on the hill, and the breathtaking shower scene in the motel, is the perfect example of 'edge-of-your-seat suspense'.

Radioweek

It's a laugh is an outstanding new radio ⁹ _____, on every Monday evening. My favourite sketch of this week's show is 'Shop Trek', a hilarious sketch based on shopping in the future.

FILM REVIEW

Another classic film of the 1940s has been re-released this week. Carol Reed's *The Third Man* is set in Vienna, with its dark brooding ¹⁰ _____. The film tells the story of a man who is looking for his childhood friend. It is the perfect example of 'edge-of-your-seat suspense'.

Listen to three more reviews and match each one with one of the types of media.

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VOCABULARY

A) Each speaker is talking about something from a book, TV show or film. Match one of these words to each description.

character / series / plot / atmosphere / chapter / novel

- 1) The film begins in a scary house and it's really dark. ____
- 2) It's so complicated that after fifteen minutes you don't know who and what is happening. ____
- 3) I've just got one more to read. ____
- 4) This is his best yet. I've read all the others but this is great fiction! ____
- 5) Last week they found out it was his son. What happened this week? I missed it I'm afraid. ____
- 6) I really like her. She's evil but the most interesting person in it. ____

B) Underline the correct adjective.

- 1) It's such a _____ / outstanding piece of music. I cry every time I hear it.
- 2) It's _____ / breathtaking! It must be the funniest show on TV.
- 3) The actor gave an _____ / a classic performance. It was perhaps the only time we'll ever see that play performed so well.
- 4) This _____ / incomparable technology allows them to film deep beneath the oceans.

C) Match the best word in the left column with each category on the right.

1	bestseller	a) music
2	blockbuster	b) work of art
3	critic	c) payment
4	royalty	d) person
5	household name	e) film
6	hit	f) celebrity
7	masterpiece	g) book

D) Complete these sentences with words from the left column in Exercise C.

- 1) One _____ said that he had fallen asleep during it but I really enjoyed it.
- 2) She earned a 15 percent _____ every time the book was sold.
- 3) It's too early to say if that painting will become a _____.
- 4) He's still a _____ even though he's been a recluse for the last ten years.
- 5) It became a _____ and stayed at number one in the charts for ten weeks.
- 6) Harry Potter is the biggest children's _____ this century.
- 7) The trouble with all these _____ movies is that they have lots of special effects and little real acting.

Find adjectives in the reviews that mean the following.

- 1- keeps your attention and interest
- 2- excellent, very good
- 3- very funny
- 4- important and typical of its type
- 5- good enough, but not very good

Look at the words in the box and add them to the word web.

soap -jazz -crime -documentary -thriller -quiz show -action and adventure
current affairs programme -choir -reality -drama series -faulty -classical -animation -
autobiography -Western -opera

