

(21) FIRST CHAPTERS

ACTIVITY 1: Match the **EXTRACTS** with the names of the books

- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling
- *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov
- *Little Red Riding Hood* by Charles Perrault
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir

EXTRACT 1	
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Once upon a time there lived a little country girl, the prettiest creature who was ever seen. Her mother had a little red riding hood made for her. Everybody called her Little Red Riding Hood. One day her mother said to her: "Go my dear, and see how your **grandmother** is doing, for I hear she has been very ill."

EXTRACT 2	
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*I'm pretty much fucked. That's my considered opinion. Fucked. Six days into what should be one of the greatest two months of my life, and it's turned into a **nightmare**. I don't even know who'll read this. I guess someone will find it eventually. Maybe a hundred years from now. For the record...I didn't die on Sol 6. Certainly the rest of the crew thought I did, and I can't blame them. Maybe there'll be a day of national mourning for me, and my Wikipedia page will say, "Mark Watney is the only human being to have died on Mars."*

EXTRACT 3	
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My fingers stretch out, seeking Prim's warmth but finding only the rough canvas cover of the mattress. She must have had bad dreams and climbed in with our mother. Of course, she did. This is the day of the **reaping**.

EXTRACT 4	
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Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were **proud** to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much. They were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious, because they just didn't hold with such nonsense.

EXTRACT 5	
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'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good **fortune**, must be in want of a wife.'

EXTRACT 6	
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Many years ago, when I was a little pig, my mother and the other **sows** used to sing an old song of which they knew only the tune and the first three words. I had known that tune in my infancy, but it had long since passed out of my mind. Last night, however, it came back to me in my dream.

EXTRACT 7	
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I'd spent three days at U. S. Robots and might as well have spent them at home with the Encyclopedia Tellurica. Susan Calvin had been born in the year 1982, they said, which made her seventy-five now. Everyone knew that. Appropriately enough, U. S. **Robot** and Mechanical Men, Inc.

ACTIVITY 2: Write the definitions of the words in bold in each extract. Only use Defining Relative Clauses.

grandmother	
nightmare	
reaping	
proud	
fortune	
sow	
robot	

ACTIVITY 3: Answer these personal questions

1. Have you read any of the books mentioned?

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2. If yes, what did you think of them? / If not, would you like to read any of them?

3. What was the last book you read?

4. What did you think of it?