



1//Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Survey: Reading habits

Some interesting facts came out in a recent survey of young people's reading habits. More than 90 percent said that *The Hunger Games* (1).....(be) their favourite novel. At least 30 percent said that they always (2).....(buy) e-books because they preferred them to 'real' books. Two people said that they (3).....(not be) planning to read any books at all this year. They both said that they never (4).....(have) time to read these days because they always (5).....(spend) their free time playing computer games. About 40 percent said that they (6).....(read) a horror book at the moment. However, one person said that on a recent holiday a horror story (7).....(give) her terrible dreams. She said that unfortunately she (8).....(can't) stop reading it because it was so exciting. And she said that in the end she (9).....(throw) the book into the sea. She said she (10).....(be) more careful in future about choosing holiday books.

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2 // Complete the questions in reported speech.

My cousin James dreamt that he met JK Rowling and, in his dream, she asked him lots of questions.

- 1 First she asked him('Do you want to be a writer?')
- 2 Then she asked him('Have you ever written any science fiction?')
- 3 And she also asked him('When will you start writing your first novel?')
- 4 After that she asked him('Can you remember the full title of my first book?')
- 5 Finally she asked him('Why did my books become so popular?')

3// Complete the article with one word in each gap.

Graphic success for twins

Sixteen-year-old twins at Kingswood School have won a prize for a graphic novel about Julius Caesar. We met Max and Alma Wood and asked them how they (1).....got the idea to write it. This is what they said.

Alma: 'One day Max complained that there (2).....no good graphic novels about the Romans in any of the libraries or bookshops. So I suggested (3).....a graphic novel ourselves about Julius Caesar. I reminded (4).....that our dad taught ancient history at London University and (5).....therefore help us a bit. And I also offered to (6).....some research during the holidays.'

Max: 'It was Alma's idea, really, and she was always very positive. And also our father was incredibly helpful and always very keen on the idea. He advised (7).....to include the story of Cleopatra. He said, rightly, I think, that people have always loved a good love story. Then Alma tried to persuade him (8).....take us to Egypt to do research on Cleopatra. It was a joke really and, of course, he didn't agree to organise(9).....a big trip for us. But he really liked the idea of a research trip and he insisted (10).....paying for the three of us to spend a week in Rome.'