

## 1 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

complex issues   major role   minor characters   moving novel opening  
chapter   ~~predictable plot~~ —stunning illustrations

- 1 This book had a very .....*predictable plot*....., so I managed to figure out who the murderer was pretty quickly.
- 2 We saw a medieval book which had some ..... in bright colours on every page.
- 3 A lot of modern teenage fiction deals with ..... such as religion and politics.
- 4 The girl who has the ..... in this film is a very likeable character.
- 5 There are two ..... in this series that I think are very entertaining.
- 6 If you want to read a dramatic ....., then try this book which is non-stop action.

## 2 Complete the text with the phrases from Exercise 1. You may need to make some nouns plural.

Children are spoilt for choice when it comes to reading. Many children's books offer 1.....*stunning illustrations*..... alongside entertaining stories. Then there are the books like *Harry Potter* with brilliant 2..... that suck you into a whole new world in the first few pages. There are great characters like Katniss and Percy Jackson who play a 3..... in stories. However, there are also smaller 4..... that provide good entertainment as well, like *The Maze Runner* teenagers. Teenage fiction authors such as Benjamin Zephaniah touch on 5..... such as politics in books like *Terror Kid*. By contrast, 6..... such as *Goodbye Days* will make you cry. Gone are the days of simple stories and 7..... in which the ending is obvious, today there is something for everyone.

## 3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box and the correct prepositions.

~~addicted~~   annoyed   disappointed   furious   keen   nervous   suitable   surprised

- 1 My brother and I are .....*addicted to*..... reading books by Marjorie Blackman.
- 2 The teacher was ..... my behaviour because I'm normally quiet in class.
- 3 My sister is very ..... any Manga comics. They're her favourite type of books.
- 4 Were you ..... us because we didn't pass the exam? We should have done better.

5 Do you get ..... fans always asking you for your autograph or a selfie?

6 The story was so well written that I got ..... whether the lead character would die.

7 I was ..... my brother when he took my phone without asking. I shouted at him!

8 Do you think this book is ..... children under 12?

4 **Find and correct the mistakes in some of the sentences. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.**

1 She was surprised in the number of pages I'd written. ....at.....

2 What are you nervous with? Have you got an exam today? .....

3 Is anyone furious with the president's latest decision? .....

4 My little sister is keen with science fiction so she'd like a Terry Pratchett book. ....

5 Mum is addicted to reading murder mystery stories. ....

6 Dad gets very annoyed for us when we interrupt him while he's writing.  
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7 Were you disappointed with the new Marjorie Blackman novel?  
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8 I don't think this book is suitable to your class, there's too much violence.  
.....

5 **Choose the correct options.**

**A:** What are you reading?

**B:** A book called Am I Normal Yet? It deals with some very (1) *complex issues* / *major rules* / *moving novels*, such as mental health and feminism, but it's funny too. You should read it.

**A:** I don't know. I'm not that (2) *keen about* / *keen in* / *keen on* books about everyday stuff. I prefer science fiction. But, I was rather disappointed (3) *with* / *at* / *for* the last book I read. Despite a great (4) *opening chapter* / *stunning illustration* / *moving novel*, it turned out to have a very (5) *minor character* / *predictable plot* / *stunning illustration*. Perhaps it's time for a change.

**B:** I've nearly finished this and it's (6) *so good a book* / *too good a book* / *such a good book* that you should give it a go.

**A:** OK, I will. By the way, BTS have (7) *toured the world* / *released a track* / *gone solo*. Have you heard it?

**B:** Yes! It's brilliant.

**A:** I love it. We need to (8) *go for* / *figure out* / *join in* how we can get tickets to their next concert!