

UNIT 8 STORYTELLING 1

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first:

Joe would rather go scuba diving than play tennis.

Joe prefers _____.

I was rude to her, so I said sorry to her. **(apologize)**

I _____.

She didn't contact us for a month.

We didn't _____.

Cyclists can get hurt in accidents but a helmet can protect them.

A helmet can protect _____.

She was successful and got a place at a top university.

She succeeded _____.

Do you think that ghosts exist? **(believe)**

_____.

My children are planning on entering the school talent show. **(part)**

My children are planning on _____.

We spent 200 dollars on the groceries yesterday.

We paid _____.

I think you need to pay attention to the teacher's instructions.

I think you need to concentrate _____.

Laura's son didn't understand the map. She gave him information about it.

She explained _____.

"Did your husband pass my message on to you?" Laura asked me.

Laura wanted to know _____.

"Why did they put off the wedding?" Tom asked.

Tom wondered _____.

2. Complete the book reviews using the words in box A (adjectives) and box B (book genres).
Use the words/ descriptions in the brackets to guess the adjectives.

A
action and adventure, thriller, horror, spy story, science fiction, historical fiction, real- life story, crime fiction

B
brilliant, complicated, frightening, realistic, mysterious, disappointing, imaginative, descriptive, enjoyable, amusing, serious

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling – This _____ story is absolutely (excellent) _____, with a fast-paced and (exciting) _____ plot. The world-building is incredibly (detailed) _____, making you feel like you are right there with Harry as he discovers the magical world of Hogwarts for the first time.

"The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown – This _____ is full of mysterious twists and turns that keep you guessing. The story is (difficult to understand) _____, with codes, symbols, and conspiracy theories, but the writing is so (seeming to exist) _____ that you can't stop reading. The ending, however, was a bit (not as good as you expected) _____ for me because it didn't feel as exciting as the rest of the book.

"Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley – One of the most famous _____ stories, this novel is deeply (scary) _____ and filled with an eerie atmosphere. The writing makes the terror feel real as Victor Frankenstein's creation turns from an innocent being into a terrifying monster.

"Casino Royale" by Ian Fleming – This classic _____ is a novel about the secret agent James Bond as he takes on a high-stakes mission against a powerful enemy. The plot is filled with danger, intelligence, and action, making it a thrilling read.

"The War of the Worlds" by H.G. Wells – A masterpiece of _____, this novel is both (showing new ideas) _____ and (needing thought) _____, exploring what might happen if aliens invaded Earth. The detailed world-building is incredibly descriptive, making the Martian invasion feel terrifyingly real.

"Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" – This _____ novel is beautifully written and deeply moving. The perspective of a young girl hiding from the Nazis is brilliant and the story is emotionally powerful, showing the reality of life during World War II.

"Becoming" by Michelle Obama – This _____ details the struggles and achievements of a woman who became the First Lady of the United States. Her journey from a working-class neighborhood to the White House is very (encouraging you to do something) _____, showing how determination and education can change lives.

"Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Arthur Conan Doyle – A gripping _____ novel, this book is full of (strange) _____ and dark secrets. The investigative journey is thrilling, and the characters are well-developed, especially the brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes, who solves a murder mystery involving a legendary beast.

3. Read and choose the correct answer:

My sister _____ ten books this summer.

- a. read b. has read c. has been reading

Wow, you _____ your room. It looks so tidy now.

- a.** have cleaned **b.** are cleaning **c.** has been cleaning

We _____ each other since we were in high school.

- a. have known b. have been knowing c. know

_____ your friend _____ yet?

- a. Have... been arriving b. Had...arrived c. Have...arrived

Laura _____ three main ways our company can reduce costs.

- a. had found b. has found c. has been finding

You've got mud all over you. What _____ you _____?

- a. were...doing** **b. have...done** **c. have...been doing**

I _____ about buying a new phone for a while, but I _____ which one to get.

- a. have thought- haven't decided b. have been thinking- haven't decided c. have thought- haven't been deciding

_____ your sister always _____ herbs?

- a. Have...hated** **b. Has...been hating** **c. Has...hated**

Carol, _____ you _____ the news about the new desalination plant?

- a. Have...heard** **b. Have...been hearing** **c. Has...heard**

Mom, I _____ my homework. Can I play video games now?

- a. have been finishing b. has finished c. have finished

I _____ John an email. I hope he will reply to me soon.

- a. have written b. have been writing c. had written

Rosie _____ an article for *The New York Times*. I don't think she will be able to see us tonight.

- a. has written b. had written c. has been writing

The grass looks wet. _____ it _____?

- a. Has...been raining** **b. Was...raining** **c. Has...rained**

We _____ this game three times.

- a.** have...played **b.** have been playing **c.** had played

We _____ this game all day.

- a. have...played b. have been playing c. had played