

VOCABULARY

1 Complete the book review with the words below.

character narrator novel plot set in was written

The Outsiders

The Outsiders is a coming-of-age ^o *novel*, which
 1 _____ by S.E. Hinton and
 published in 1967. The novel is 2 _____
 Oklahoma, US, in 1965. The 3 _____
 the main 4 _____, a 14-year-old
 Ponyboy Curtis. The 5 _____
 the boy and his struggles with right and wrong
 in which he believes he is an outsider.

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2 Read the texts and choose the correct answer, A or B.

0 Sam, can you get some milk from the shop when you're out? Thanks!

- A note
B diagram

1 Club Sandwich

Toasted white bread with chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato, egg and mayonnaise

- A flyer
B menu

2 Visit Mexico

History, Culture and Festivities. Experience what Mexico has to offer.

- A message
B brochure

3 For Sale

156 inch laptop, 320 GB, only 1 year old, £150

- A advertisement
B blurb

4 Happy Birthday!

Love, Sasha

- A greetings card
B leaflet

5 Remove the cardboard sleeve and pierce the cellophane lid. Place in the microwave for three minutes.

- A notice
B instructions

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3 Choose the correct answer.

0 I **grew up** / **brought up** with two brothers and three sisters. I had a big family.

1 I was **reading on** / **flicking through** a magazine in the shop while I waited for my friend.

2 The new Suzanne Collins book is fantastic. I can't **put it down** / **read it on**.

3 My grandmother was **grown up** / **brought up** by her on a farm in the countryside.

4 I was **reading on** / **flicking through** the brochure and spotted a nice hotel.

5 I started the third chapter of the book, but I found it hard to **flick through** / **read on** as the plot was so

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Vocabulary total

15

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Alex: Hey, Cara. ^o *Are you reading* (read) that book I lent you last week?

Cara: No, this is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

Alex: ¹ _____ you _____ (have) any plans for this afternoon? There's a book signing in town later.

Cara: I know! It ² _____ (be) at the National Library again, right?

Alex: No, this time it's at a local bookshop. It ³ _____ (start) at 3pm. ⁴ _____ you _____ (think) I should ask Leona to come? She ⁵ _____ (love) this kind of thing.

Cara: Yes, definitely. What ⁶ _____ she _____ (do) at the moment? ⁷ _____

she _____ (revise) in the library?

Alex: No, she ⁸ _____ (eat) in the canteen.

I ⁹ _____ (wait) for her to call me, actually, so I can tell her about it then.

Cara: OK, great. I ¹⁰ _____ (need) to see my teacher now. See you later.

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2 Write questions using the present simple or the present continuous.

- 0 What time / you / usually / study / after school?
What time do you usually study after school?
- 1 you / study / anything interesting at school / at the moment?

- 2 What types of book / your brother / like reading?

- 3 What book / she / read / at the moment?

- 4 How often / your parents / go / to the library?

- 5 Who / your / favourite author / this year?

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3 Correct the mistakes in the use of the present tense.

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

Critics of all time ⁰~~are describing~~ this book as one of the best coming-of-age novels. The story ¹~~is focusing~~ on the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he is expelled from school and ²~~is running away~~ to New York. He ³~~retell~~ the events that happened to him over a three-day period. The author ⁴~~is using~~ lots of popular teenage words and expressions. The novel ⁵~~send out~~ the message that we should all remain hopeful and true to ourselves.

⁰ describe

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

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4 Choose the correct answer.

My new e-book reader ⁰~~is~~ **has been** amazing!
 I ¹~~have already read~~ / **already read** two novels.
 I ²~~get~~ / **'ve got** really interested in crime novels lately too. They're fantastic. I ³~~haven't liked~~ / **don't like** them all, but my favourite is called *Theodore Boone* by John Grisham. I ⁴~~write~~ / **'ve written** a review about it on the book section of my blog. Have a look! But I ⁵~~'ve run~~ / **run** out of books to read now. Anyone got any recommendations?

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5 Complete the conversations with the present perfect simple form and *for* or *since*.

- 0 How long *have you gone* (you / go) to your present school?
 I *have gone* to my present school *for* four years.
- 1 How long _____ (you / have) your favourite piece of clothing?
 I _____ my favourite piece of clothing _____ Christmas.
- 2 How long _____ (your mum / work) at her present job?
 She _____ at her present job _____ two years.
- 3 How long _____ (you / know) your best friend?
 I _____ my best friend _____ I was a child.
- 4 How long _____ (your brother / own) his laptop?
 He _____ his laptop _____ six months.
- 5 How long _____ (you / be able to) speak English?
 I _____ speak English _____ 2010

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6 Write explanations using the present perfect simple and the words in brackets.

- 0 Louise looks excited.
 book her holiday online a moment ago (just)
She's just booked her holiday online a moment ago.
- 1 Jason's hair is really long.
 not have a haircut (yet)

- 2 Hannah knows the good news.
 speak to her sister (already)

- 3 Emma is yawning and looks tired.
 go to bed (yet)

- 4 William doesn't want to see the film.
 saw it last week (already)

- 5 Tom is relaxing on the sofa in front of the TV.
 get back from the gym ten minutes ago (just)

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Grammar total

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Hannah's Book Blog My top summer novels

Are you going on holiday soon and looking for that perfect summer read? Here are some of my recommendations to keep you occupied this summer.

***The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky**

This coming-of-age novel was published in 1999 and is set in Pittsburgh, USA, in the early 90's. The story's narrator is an introverted teenager, Charlie. He describes different life events through letters he sends to a stranger as a form of therapy. The story follows his progression from a shy and socially awkward boy, a wallflower, on his first day of high school, to a social butterfly. Along the way Charlie navigates through the world of first dates, family dramas and new friends. Many teenagers can relate to this rollercoaster ride of growing up.

***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**

Published in 2006, this historical novel has won lots of awards. It's set in Germany in World War II and tells the story of a foster girl, Liesel Meminger, whose parents were taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books and shares them with her foster family and the residents of her street. Both Liesel and her neighbours find themselves being changed by the words in the books and by the terrible events around them. I'm reading this book at the moment – and I'm enjoying it!

***The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle**

This is a must-read for people who love crime novels. The classic story was first published in 1902. It is set in Devon, in England, and tells the story of a mysterious murder that local people fear was by a terrifying supernatural hound. It features well-known detective Sherlock Holmes and his companion Doctor Watson as they investigate the case. A UK poll named it one of the most loved books of all time.

1 Read the blog and find the following information.

- 0 where *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is set
Pittsburg, USA
- 1 the book genre of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

- 2 when *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* was published

- 3 when *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is set

- 4 someone who is shy or socially awkward

- 5 when *The Book Thief* was published

- 6 the major event happening in *The Book Thief*

- 7 the main character in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

- 8 where *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is set

- 9 when *The Hound of the Baskervilles* was published

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2 Read the blog again and decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences.

- 0 Two of the novels Hannah recommends are set in Europe.
True
- 1 *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is the oldest book on Hannah's list.

- 2 *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* deals with everyday teenage difficulties.

- 3 The main character in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* transforms throughout the story.

- 4 *The Book Thief* deals with a real historical event.

- 5 Hannah recommends *The Hound of the Baskervilles* to people who may like science fiction stories.

- 6 *The Hound of the Baskervilles* isn't one of the most popular books.

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Reading total

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