

UNIT 7: LANGUAGE TEST A

GRAMMAR

Task 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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Task 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.

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

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VOCABULARY

Task 1

Complete the text with these words. There is one extra word which you do not need to use.

e-book ending novel paperback passage print
publisher review

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee's (16) *To Kill A Mockingbird* came out in 1960 and was an immediate success. I recently found my mother's old (17) on a shelf, but some of the pages had fallen out so I downloaded the (18) onto my mobile. It's a story about growing up in a small town in Alabama where there is a lot of racial injustice. Probably the most famous (19) in the book is where Miss Maudie says that to kill a mockingbird is evil because these birds 'sing their hearts out for us'. The (20) is not sad, but it isn't happy either because a man is dead and a child is hurt. When the book first came out, the (21) told Lee it would not be very successful. In fact, they decided to (22) only 5,000 copies. So far, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has sold more than forty million copies!

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Task 2

Complete the text with the correct words. The first letter of each word is given.

Film review

Nobody could say that the film *Inception* has a (23) w storyline. On the contrary, it has an unbelievably (24) c plot and is full of (25) u twists. Dominick Cobb, the (26) m character, is played by Leonardo DiCaprio. The (27) s effects, especially some of the fight scenes, are amazing. Cobb meets up with his children again in the (28) f scene. Has the film got a (29) h ending? Probably. Cobb has stopped dreaming, we think! The movie had (30) r reviews all around the world when it opened, and in the first weekend, it made sixty-three million dollars.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Graphic novels

You probably know that 'graphic novels' are books which are (31) to comics. (32) to librarians and booksellers, graphic novels are now the most popular books on their shelves. Publishers are aware (33) this fact and are producing more graphic novels every year. At a (34), one of the main reasons for their popularity could be that they are quick and easy to read. Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, (35) instance, only has sixty-four pages as a graphic novel, but 1,440 pages as a normal novel. If you are (36) of the age group 16–25, you probably have a few graphic novels on your bookshelf or in your e-reader. And if you don't have your own graphic novels, for (37) you have borrowed them sometimes from the library or from friends. Perhaps some of you prefer conventional books and are (38) by the popularity of this type of literature. And perhaps you feel (39) of friends who have never read a 'real' book. Relax! In (40), readers of graphic novels usually start reading real books too as they get older.

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| 31 A like | B similar | C same | D as |
| 32 A According | B Being | C Listening | D Writing |
| 33 A in | B around | C of | D about |
| 34 A thought | B theory | C guess | D suspicion |
| 35 A on | B with | C to | D for |
| 36 A normal | B usual | C typical | D likely |
| 37 A sure | B probable | C secure | D real |
| 38 A unhappy | B sad | C anxious | D horrified |
| 39 A ashamed | B concerned | C surprised | D unenthusiastic |
| 40 A progress | B general | C times | D length |

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Task 2

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 (41) got the idea to write it. This is what they said.

Alma: 'One day Max complained that there (42) no good graphic novels about the Romans in any of the libraries or bookshops. So I suggested (43) a graphic novel ourselves about Julius Caesar. I reminded (44) that our dad taught ancient history at London University and (45) therefore help us a bit. And I also offered to (46) 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 (47) 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 (48) take us to Egypt to do research on Cleopatra. It was a joke really and, of course, he didn't agree to organise (49) a big trip for us. But he really liked the idea of a research trip and he insisted (50) paying for the three of us to spend a week in Rome.'

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Total: 50