

VOCABULARY

Words about books

- 1 Read the texts again and underline the words from the box. Then, match them to the definitions.

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BOOKS TO MAKE YOU laugh this summer

We asked three readers to tell us about a funny book they enjoyed – here's what they told us.

A NATALIE



My mum bought this for me for my birthday and I knew from the picture on the front and the title that I was going to love it. I read it in just two days and I was really sad when I got to the end. The story is about a girl who has to help her family by getting back some stolen paintings – I found it really exciting! I'm now a huge fan of the author, Ally Carter – I have all her other books on my shelf ready for the summer.



B HEIDI

In my opinion, this is one of the funniest books ever written for teenagers. It's about a 15-year-old boy who wants to start a rock band, but the adults in his life all try to stop him. Nothing goes right for him until the very end of the story. The writer is also an artist and the clever drawings on each page help the story along. Unfortunately, the cover makes it look like it's for little kids, which is a shame as it might stop some teenagers from picking it up.

C DAVINA

I got this book for a great price in my local store. It's a funny story about a terrible girl who has to learn to be a better person. It's the first time I've tried this kind of book, but I really enjoyed it. Of course, it's not perfect – I wasn't happy with what happens in the last few pages. But it was a lot of fun, and I think I'll probably read more like it in the future.



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- 1 This is the last part of the book.
- 2 The words and pictures on this help you decide if you want to read it.
- 3 This is the name the writer gives to the book.
- 4 These pictures are done with a pen or pencil.
- 5 You can put your books on this.
- 6 You turn these as you read.
- 7 This person writes books.
- 8 This is what you think or believe about something.

- 2 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

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- 1 Do you listen to other people's _____ when you choose a book to read?
- 2 Do you think books with _____ in them are just for little kids?
- 3 Have you ever chosen a book because you think the _____ or _____ look interesting?
- 4 Do you like books with hundreds of _____ or do you prefer shorter ones?
- 5 Have you ever got to the _____ of a book and felt sad that it was finished?

LISTENING

-  1 Listen to the teacher talking to his class. Which of these is he talking about?

☐ a new book ☐ a competition ☐ a website ☐ a writer





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2 Read the sentences. Then, listen again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 If you're under 12, you can enter the competition.
- 2 To win, you need to read more books than anyone else.
- 3 If you enter, you'll have to buy lots of books.
- 4 The teacher will give the students all the instructions they need.
- 5 One of the prizes is a writing course.
- 6 You can see people's opinions of books on the competition website.
- 7 You might save money if you buy a book from the website.
- 8 The website blog is written by teenagers who like writing stories.

3 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 How many books do you usually read in the long school holiday?
- 2 Would you like to enter a competition like this?



LISTENING

 **1** Listen to a conversation about books and choose the correct answers.

- 1 Where is the conversation happening?
A in a library **B** in a bookshop
- 2 Which person is having this conversation at work?
A the man **B** the girl

 **2** Listen again and write one word or number for each answer.

- 1 The girl and her _____ are going to South Africa.
- 2 The travel book shelves are next to the _____.
- 3 Today, one book will be cheaper if you get _____ books.
- 4 The girl doesn't know the _____ of the book for her sister.
- 5 The girl will find *Pictures for Life* on the _____ floor.
- 6 There is bigger bookshop on _____ Street.