

Section 1 / Vocabulary

1. Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.

Amanda's favourite books

Amanda really enjoys reading (0) b stories because she thinks they are exciting. During her (1) _____ when she was about 10 or 11 years old, she read more than 100 stories like these! When her mother (2) _____ how many books she was reading every week, she started buying her more books. Every night after she finished her homework, Amanda (3) _____ from the living room and read a book in her bedroom. She never thought (4) _____ playing with friends or watching TV. She only wanted to (5) _____ the amazing adventures that were in her books.

Amanda's favourite stories are the Harry Potter books. The characters go to (6) _____ and exciting lands. She has all of these books. She asked (7) _____ one every birthday. She also really likes the book Alice in Wonderland. Some of the characters in that book are quite funny and it makes her (8) _____ every time she reads it.

She doesn't like (9) _____ stories because she thinks aliens and spaceships are boring. Last week, Amanda read a ghost story, but for a week after she was (10) _____ that there were ghosts in her bedroom!

0. a school	b adventure	c fiction
1. a distance	b teenager	c childhood
2. a noticed	b looked	c worried
3. a appeared	b disappeared	c hid
4. a for	b about	c in
5. a look	b watch	c discover
6. a damp	b strange	c faint
7. a to	b with	c for
8. a laugh	b shine	c sing
9. a science fiction	b ghost	c love
10. a funny	b terrible	c worried

2. Choose the correct word.

0. Did you talk **to** / **at** Simon about the books?
1. Is that the new adventure story you were talking **for** / **about**?
2. The boy hid when he saw a strange man in the **distance** / **map**.
3. A lot of science fiction books have stories about **spaceships** / **ghosts**.
4. Wendy screamed when she saw somebody **looking** / **hiding** in the garden.
5. Did you talk **at** / **to** your teacher about visiting the library?
6. Clare was laughing **at** / **in** Harry's joke when she fell.
7. The ghost **disappeared** / **replied** through the wall into the next room.
8. She was looking **at** / **to** some old photos when the phone rang.

Section 2 / Grammar

3. Put the verbs into the past simple or past continuous to complete the text.

Ben's ghost

Something terrible (0) happened (happen) to Ben one cold, rainy night. He (1) _____ (watch) TV in the living room when he heard a sound. He (2) _____ (get) up from his chair and went to look. When he looked into his bedroom, he (3) _____ (not/see) anything strange – it was the same as always. But while he (4) _____ (look) into the room, he noticed a face in the window. It was the face of a young girl.
What (5) _____ (she/do) out there in the cold? He (6) _____ (start) to walk towards the window. Suddenly, the girl (7) _____ (disappear). Ben (8) _____ (leave) his bedroom right away, thinking he saw a ghost. While he was in the living room, he (9) _____ (discover) two small damp places on the floor. Then he realized something horrible. The young girl (10) _____ (not/stand) outside anymore. She was inside the house!

4. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Love story

Paula (0) was quite sad yesterday. She (1) _____ reading a love story when she came to a part in which something terrible happened. The man told the woman that he (2) _____ not love her anymore. He loved someone else. The woman started (3) _____ cry loudly. (4) _____ Paula continued reading the story this morning, she discovered the reason. Doctors told the man that he was very ill. He didn't tell the woman (5) _____ he didn't want her to be sad.