



Task 1. Fill in the gaps in each review with the suitable word combinations.

1. I can't go to sleep at night without some good ...
2. I love reading, I like nothing more than to be....a good book.
3. I rarely read books actually because I'm not really ...
4. I regularly take out books from the library and usually read them in no time ...
5. I think books will survive a digital revolution . I love ... books in a bookshop.
6. ...the protagonist, struggling to find her place in the world in the book "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath.
7. Photographer Terry Richardson is releasing a ... called Lady Gaga featuring more than 350 photos of the singer.

- A. a big reader
- B. I see myself a bit in the character of
- C. from cover to cover
- D. bedtime reading
- E. engrossed in
- F. coffee-table book
- G. flicking through

Task 2. Read Pauline's description of a book, fill the gaps in. Use words from the box.

based on a real page-turner central tells the story of fictional
historical novel put it down came highly recommended

I like reading, especially English novels. It's a great way to improve your vocabulary and there are so many fantastic authors to choose from ... one book that 1) _____ by my teacher was *The Mayor of Casterbridge* ... I was studying at a school in The UK at the time and she said it would give me a picture of what life was like years ago in the area I was living well I have to say I absolutely *loved* it ... it was 2) _____. It's a 3) _____ and the setting was a 4) _____ town called Casterbridge ... but actually it was 5) _____ a town near where I was studying called Dorchester. It had such a great plot. To cut a long story short it 6) _____ the downfall of a man called Henchard, the 7) _____ character who lives during a period of great social change around the time of the industrial revolution. The reason I enjoyed it so much, apart from the great story, it gave me a picture of what life had been like in the place I was studying at the time. I really couldn't 8) _____ a fantastic story ...

Task 3. Complete the gaps while listening to the audio.

Books are a great source of information, entertainment, and inspiration. For those who love to read, books can transport them to new worlds or introduce them to fascinating characters and ideas. Whether you prefer to _____ a novel in a night or be _____ in a memoir for hours, or learn something new from a non-fiction book, reading is a rewarding activity.



Sometimes, a book _____ real events, providing a glimpse into history or a particular time and place. Other times, a book is a work of fiction, but comes _____ by others who have read it and found it captivating. Some books are so gripping that readers_____, staying up all night to read from_____, while others become like_____, with characters

and stories that stay with us long after we finish reading.

A good book can spawn countless imitations and adaptations. In some cases, readers might even see themselves _____ of a book, identifying with their struggles, triumphs, and emotions. A great _____ can transport us to another world, giving us a break from our everyday lives and providing a fresh perspective on our own experiences.

When we encounter someone who we don't know much about, they might seem like a _____, leaving us uncertain and curious about their thoughts and feelings. However, getting to know someone can be a worthwhile experience, just like reading a good book. With time and patience, we might discover a whole new direction of knowledge and friendship.

In a world where technology and social media often dominate our attention, taking the time to read and appreciate the power of the written word is more important than ever. So, whether you're looking to learn something new, escape into a different world, or connect with others through shared stories, _____ a book and discover the magic of reading.

Task 4. Complete the wish sentences about present and past, using the correct form of the verbs.

1. I wish I _____ (can spend) every day curled up with a good book when I was a student.
2. I wish I _____ (have) more time to read, so I _____ (can) discover new authors and genres.
3. I wish I _____ (can) read as fast as I devour my favorite meals.
4. I wish I _____ (be) engrossed in a book, even when the world around me got chaotic.
5. I wish I _____ (have) a photographic memory to remember all the wonderful stories my grandma read to me.
6. I wish I _____ (have) a library as big as Belle's from Beauty and the Beast, filled with endless rows of page-turners.
7. I wish I _____ (can) travel through time and space to visit the worlds and characters from my favorite books.
8. I wish I _____ (can) read every book ever written to gain knowledge from all corners of the world.
9. I wish I _____ (share) my love of reading with everyone I met at the book fair.
10. I wish I _____ (live) in a world where books are valued and cherished.

Task 5. Would you rather have a never-ending supply of bed-time reading tales that transport you to another world or books based on real-life experiences?

