

1 Complete the text with a word or phrase from the box. Put the verbs in the correct form.

- do • ever • have • amazing • buy • sell
- not leave • most exciting • scratch • just
- yet • wash • start

John Edwards and Jack Watson ¹started to make money when they were eleven! So, what ² _____ they ³ _____? They ⁴ _____ people's cars! Now, at just eighteen, they are successful businessmen and they ⁵ _____ school ⁶ _____. Since last year, they ⁷ _____ and selling electrical equipment. 'We buy stuff that people ⁸ _____ or damaged,' said John 'and then sell it.' This year, they ⁹ _____ already ¹⁰ _____ 800 TVs to a company in Spain and an English university has ¹¹ _____ bought 1,000 from them, too. 'It's the ¹² _____ thing we've ¹³ _____ done,' they said. If you think that's ¹⁴ _____, why not ¹⁵ _____ a go yourself?

3 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Do you want your own website? Have you got an idea ¹which is going to make you rich? Well ²h _____ on! We're here to give you advice. We have ³b _____ working in web design ⁴f _____ more than twenty years. ⁵C _____ on us for reliable advice! We have more than 100 articles about starting a business, ⁶w _____ is more than any other website. We have experts, ⁷w _____ advice is easy to read and always useful. You will find special sections ⁸w _____ you can see what your designs will look like. If you are already a member, ⁹l _____ on with your username and password below. People ¹⁰w _____ aren't members can join by clicking here.

2 Complete the questions with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 What's ^{the} *best* (good) film you've ever seen?
- 2 How long _____ (you/wait)?
- 3 How many James Bond films _____ (you/see)?
- 4 How much money _____ (your brother/save) for his holiday?
- 5 _____ (you/listen) to the CD yet?
- 6 _____ (you/ever/read) any books by George Orwell?
- 7 How long _____ (you/know) William?
- 8 What's ^{the} *worst* (bad) meal you've ever eaten?
- 9 _____ (you/work) here long?
- 10 How long _____ (she/have) that bag?

4 Complete the texts with one letter in each gap.

Amanda Ghost, ¹w h o s e real name is Amanda Louisa Gosein, is a ²s ____ g w ____ t _____. She has ³w ____ t ____ lots of great songs. She writes the music and the ⁴i ____ i _____. She has also been singing ⁵s ____ c ____ the year 2000. Beyoncé, Shakira and Jordin Sparks are just three singers who have ⁶s ____ her songs.

PJ Harvey is a British singer and musician. She has an amazing ⁷v ____ e. She has been ⁸p ____ y ____ music for over twenty-five years and she has ⁹w ____ many awards. Her albums, ¹⁰w ____ c ____ are all brilliant, don't get to number one in the ¹¹c ____ r ____ s, but they all sell a lot of copies and usually get to about number ten.

Skills practice

Read

1 Read the letter and write the names of the books and the authors.

1 *Animal Farm* by ...

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the Year 9 English Literature study books for next year will be *Animal Farm* and *Journey to the River Sea*.

We have chosen these books for a number of reasons. *Animal Farm* is an important book in the history of English literature. I'm sure many students have read it already. George Orwell, who wrote many important books, used the idea of animals taking over a farm to discuss the real world. Students can read and enjoy it as a simple story about animals. During the school year, they will learn about the message behind the story.

Journey to the River Sea, which is an exciting story that both boys and girls will enjoy, was written by Eva Ibbotson in 2001. It is set in 1910 and will give students useful historical information about that time. What's more, the story includes excellent descriptions of journeys and different countries, which will help students with their own writing.

We are sure that both you and your child will be happy with the choice of books. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at the school.

Yours,

Connor Robertson

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2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 The letter is to parents of children **already in Year 9 / in Year 9 next year**.
- 2 *Animal Farm* is **difficult / easy** to understand.
- 3 The students will learn more about the **real meaning of the book / the animals in the book**.
- 4 *Journey to the River Sea* was written in **2001 / 1910**.
- 5 *Journey to the River Sea* could be useful for **students' writing skills / students who want to travel**.
- 6 The writer of the letter **wants ideas for books for the students / is happy to explain why he has chosen these books**.

Listen

3  Listen to an English teacher talking to a class and choose the correct options.

- 1 Book this term: **Framed / Animal Farm**
- 2 It was the author's **first / second** book.
- 3 The book is set in **Liverpool / Wales**
- 4 The hero of the book is **Manod / Dylan**.

4  Listen again and complete the information.

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce

- 1 Born: In Liverpool in **1959**.
- 2 Number of books written: _____
- 3 Number of awards won: _____
- 4 He wrote *Framed* in _____.
- 5 Dylan's parents own a _____.
- 6 Dylan follows some _____ which drive through the town.
- 7 The author got the idea from a story he read in a _____.

Write

5 Rewrite the sentences using the linking words in brackets.

- 1 We have to read a Shakespeare play and a book by Dickens this year. (as well as)
As well as reading a Shakespeare play, we have to read a book by Dickens this year.
- 2 These books are interesting and useful for our own writing. (not only ... but also)

- 3 I've read all Shakespeare's plays and I've seen five of them at the theatre. (what's more)

- 4 We're reading three books in English this year and learning how to write poetry. (as well as)
