

THE HUNGER GAMES

The Hunger Games is a book by the American author Suzanne Collins. It was published in 2008 and has sold millions of copies. It is the first book for young readers to sell a million electronic books and you can buy it in 26 different languages. The Hunger Games is now a very successful film. It made 152.5 million dollars in its first weekend in North America!

The story is set in the future, after the destruction of North America. The country is called Panem. There are twelve poor districts governed by the rich Capitol. There was a thirteenth district in the past but the Capitol destroyed them because they rebelled.

The Capitol organises the Hunger Games every year to punish the districts. One boy and one girl aged 12 to 18 fight in a battle. Only one person will live. The chosen teenagers are called "tributes". The whole country must watch the games on television.

The story is about Katniss Everdeen, a sixteen-year-old girl. Her father died and now she has to kill animals for her family to eat. Her younger sister, Prim, is chosen to be a "tribute", but Katniss volunteers to go instead. The other "tribute" from District 12 is a boy named Peeta.

I. Answer the following questions.

- 1) Who is the author of the Hunger Games?
- 2) Was it a successful book? Why?
- 3) What is the story about?
- 4) How often does The Capitol organize the games?
- 5) Who fights in the games? How many winners are there?
- 6) Who's the main character?
- 7) Why does Katniss go to the Hunger Games?

II. Watch a movie segment of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, and match the different characters with their descriptions below.



1. (_____) They're not fighters, but brilliant. They're weird and real tech-savvy. They won their game by electrocuting six tributes at once.
2. (_____) They are siblings. They won back-to-back games. They have lots of sponsors. They will be lethal.
3. (_____) She had her teeth filed into fangs so she could rip people's throat out. She's committed. She works with Brutus.
4. (_____) He won his games at 14. He was the youngest ever. He is a peacock. He is the Capitol darling. He's charming, smart and very skilled at combat, especially in water.
5. (_____) She is a master of camouflage. She won her games by hiding until everyone else was dead.
6. (_____) She volunteered for Annie. She was his mentor and basically raised him. She is a wonderful lady.

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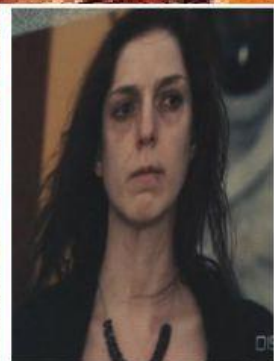
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III. Now combine the sentences and the characters, creating relative clauses. You may select the information you consider most important to come up with the sentences.

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IV. Discuss these questions with a partner. Write your answers.

1. Which of these characters do you consider the hardest one to defeat in the games?
2. Who will be easily defeated? Why?
3. Which of the characters qualities would you like to have? How would those qualities make a difference in your life?