

1 Read Texts 1 and 2 quickly. Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?

One of the texts suggests that dystopian novels such as *The Hunger Games* are not as popular as they were in the past. ☐

2 Read Text 1 and Text 2 again and choose the correct answers A–D.

1 Text 1

- A recommends a selection of dystopian novels.
- B attempts to explain the appeal of dystopian novels.
- C is critical of dystopian novels.
- D reviews a well-known dystopian novel.

2 Text 1 suggests that dystopian novels

- A are unsuitable for teenagers because they are too violent.
- B are often scarier than novels about vampires or werewolves.
- C can help teenage readers to put the problems of adolescence into perspective.
- D are an escape from the realities of teenage life.

3 The author mentions the character Katniss Everdeen as an example of

- A a new kind of female heroine.
- B a traditional female character.
- C a passive, well-behaved heroine.
- D a unique character in young adult fiction.

4 In Text 2, the quote 'Teenagers write stuff that is way darker and more hopeless than some of the published stories anyway' was intended as

- A a criticism of teenage authors.
- B an example of possible negative effects of reading dystopian novels.
- C praise for current teenage authors.
- D justification of the dark nature of dystopian novels intended for teenagers.

5 In both texts, it is suggested that

- A old taboos are being broken in new young adult fiction.
- B certain subjects are unsuitable for teenage readers.
- C realism is an important aspect of successful young adult fiction.
- D dystopian novels will eventually become unfashionable.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the REMEMBER BETTER table.

The government is planning to nationalise the postal system using taxpayers' money.

- 1 Here we see the _____ Chinese gymnastics team – the new Olympic champions and the pride of their nation.
- 2 Jane is absolutely _____ to her job. She is the most creative and caring teacher I know.
- 3 Successful retailers are _____ to customers' desires. They identify needs and try to meet them as quickly as possible.
- 4 Aid workers treating Ebola patients must wear masks, gloves and full _____ clothing at all times.
- 5 My uncle has always been very _____. He can't stand losing at anything, but especially cards.

REMEMBER BETTER

When you are reading authentic texts, such as the novels mentioned in the article above, look out for typical endings used to form nouns and adjectives. Try to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words using context and your knowledge of common patterns of word formation.

Complete the table with the correct forms.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
nation	<u>nationalise</u>	national
nationalist		
nationalism		
competition	compete	competitive
competitiveness		
1 _____		
darkness	2 _____	dark
3 _____	respond	responsive
responsibility		
triumph	triumph	4 _____
protection	protect	protective
protector		
5 _____		
6 _____	dedicate	dedicated

VOCABULARY PRACTICE | Physical actions

4 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 2.4 in the Student's Book. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

crouch down flicker across flinch
give a wave grimace grip hesitate
let out a groan manipulate swallow

I chewed my food slowly and then swallowed it.

- 1 I _____ to speak to the little boy so my face would be at the same level as his.
- 2 He _____ at the thought of having so much work to do before the exam.
- 3 After I hurt my hand, I found it hard to _____ objects firmly, and especially hard to _____ a computer mouse.
- 4 I wasn't sure what to say, so I _____ before speaking. 'Hello,' I finally whispered.
- 5 Simone knew they were too far away to hear her, so instead she _____ with her hand.
- 6 When the teacher gave us extra homework, we all _____. We weren't pleased at all!
- 7 Mike was thinking about being on holiday, so he _____ when the alarm bell went off.
- 8 A smile _____ Josh's face, but he managed not to laugh.

WORD STORE 2E | Ways of looking

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

(gaze glance glimpse peep peer stare)

Starting high school is hard, but changing to a new school when everyone else has already been there for a year is even harder. I walked behind the headmaster. He opened the classroom door a little and I peeped inside. When we walked in, everyone 1 _____ at me for what seemed like forever. I could feel all thirty teenagers looking at me. I kept my eyes on the floor. 'Sit here, Max,' the teacher said. Quickly I 2 _____ up and then looked down again as I walked to the desk. When the other students had gone back to work, I 3 _____ at the board, but I was feeling so stressed that I just couldn't concentrate – and I definitely wasn't going to explain that to the teacher. I 4 _____ out of the window when I suddenly saw some hockey players outside. I only 5 _____ them for a second as they walked round the corner of the building, but it was enough. If there was a hockey team, school was going to be fine.