2&3 Colloquial English Talking about...books

1 LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

Complete the 'fillers' in the conversations.

1 A Which book have you enjoyed reading recently?
B *The Hunger Games*. *All right*, it was written for teenagers, but I really liked it.

2 A How are you getting on with that e-reader I gave you?
B I was a bit worried I wouldn't use it but, a_____, it's very handy.

3 A Do you know anything about Ken Follett's books?
B I think they're s_____ o_____ thrillers, aren't they?

4 A Have you ever read a Charles Dickens novel in English?
B No way! I m_____, it would be too hard, wouldn't it?

5 A Did you enjoy *Crime and Punishment*?
B Yes, although it was a bit, y_____ kn_____, depressing in places.

6 A What do you think of the writer Dan Brown?
B W_____, he's not a great writer, but I quite enjoy his books.

2 VOCABULARY FROM THE INTERVIEW

Complete the sentences from the interview with Julia Eccleshare with a verb from the list.

carve put reflect ~~takes~~ think

1 There is a special thing about reading a book that you loved as a child. It *takes* you back to that time.
2 If I _____ back to it, my husband did more reading aloud than I did.
3 Films don't _____ people off reading the book.
4 It's a story that you can _____ on.
5 As you get older, it's harder to _____ out time to read.

3 THE CONVERSATION

Complete the sentences with two possible words or phrases from the list.



I mean kind of (x2) like sort of (x2) stuff things

1 You can just *kind of* / *sort of* lose yourself in this imaginary world.
2 I like science fiction and fantasy and _____ / _____ like that.
3 It's just something I _____ / _____ grew up with.
4 _____ / _____, it's something that I would recommend to my friends and family.

4 VOCABULARY FROM THE CONVERSATION

Replace the *italic* words with a word or phrase from the list.

a clue huge key to out of it ~~tough~~

1 It's really *difficult*. *tough*
2 I haven't got *any idea*. _____
3 I feel a little *bit disconnected*. _____
4 It's *so big*. _____
5 That's the *critical thing about* any good book. _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Can you remember...? 1–3

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **bold** word.

1 I don't agree with my brother's _____ views. He refuses to listen to other people's opinions. **MIND**
2 Your wrist is quite _____ – I think you might have sprained it. **SWELL**
3 Andrea is taking antibiotics because she has a nasty throat _____. **INFECT**
4 Matt was _____ relieved when he found out he'd passed his driving test. **INCREDIBLE**
5 My shoulders got sunburnt because I was wearing a _____ dress. **SLEEVE**
6 She tends to wear clothes that are practical rather than _____. **FASHION**
7 There was a long queue at _____ because only one of the scanning machines was working. **SECURE**
8 My dad's picking me up from the airport – he said he'd wait for me in _____. **ARRIVE**
9 We had some shelves _____ made for the space between the cupboard and the window. **SPECIAL**
10 Living on my own felt strange to start with, but I'm _____ getting used to it. **GRADUAL**



b Read the article. Circle a, b, or c.



LUCKY ESCAPE AT TRABZON AIRPORT

Can you imagine how [1]____ if you were on a plane that slid off the runway when it landed? This is exactly what happened on a domestic flight in Turkey one evening in January 2019. The plane had [2]____ without incident from the capital, Ankara, and the flight had continued as normal. However, the pilot got into difficulties as he [3]____ in Trabzon, in the north-east of the country. Freezing temperatures in the area [4]____ a thick layer of ice to form on the runway. The ice was [5]____ slippery that when the Boeing 737-800 landed, the wheels began to slide. The pilot tried to correct the mistake, but he [6]____. The plane slid off the tarmac and started going towards the cliffs above the Black Sea. [7]____, the wheels got stuck in the mud on the side of the cliffs, and the plane stopped before it reached the water. At the time, there were 168 people on board: 162 passengers, two pilots, and four cabin [8]____. Fortunately, they only had to wait 20 minutes for the emergency services to arrive and help them get off. [9]____ were taken directly to hospital, but they were all sent home within a very short time. Psychologists say it may take time for some of the passengers to [10]____ the shock.

1	**a** did you feel	**b** you would feel	**c** would you feel
2	**a** dropped off	**b** picked up	**c** taken off
3	**a** landed	**b** had landed	**c** was landing
4	**a** caused	**b** had caused	**c** had been causing
5	**a** so	**b** so much	**c** such
6	**a** couldn't	**b** hadn't	**c** wasn't
7	**a** Ideally	**b** Luckily	**c** Obviously
8	**a** staff	**b** attendants	**c** crew
9	**a** Injured	**b** People injured	**c** The injured
10	**a** come round	**b** get over	**c** pass out

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