

# 7 TEEN FICTION

## VOCABULARY

### Fiction: adjectives and nouns

1 Complete the table with the words in the box. Some words can go in both columns.

chapter character complex  
illustrations issue major  
minor moving novel opening  
plot predictable stunning role

Nouns	Adjectives

2 Complete the sentences with nouns from Exercise 1.

- The opening \_\_\_\_\_ was so bad that I didn't bother reading any further.
- I knew he had a major \_\_\_\_\_ in the play because his name was the same size as the title on the poster.
- They must have hired a brilliant artist because this book is worth the money for the stunning \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
- There are no surprises in this book because it has such a predictable \_\_\_\_\_.
- The teacher read us a very moving \_\_\_\_\_ about a child who was brought up by wolves.
- The sensitive treatment of a very complex \_\_\_\_\_ is what makes this book so special.
- Peter, the son of the landowner, is only a minor \_\_\_\_\_ in the book. He doesn't appear much.

3 Complete each sentence with an adjective and a noun from Exercise 1.

- Have you read the latest thriller by J.L. Jones? It's terrible – it's got such a *predictable plot*.
- Success came when she was given a \_\_\_\_\_ in a Hollywood film.
- It's unusual for a very young author to attempt to write about such a difficult and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Most authors try to capture the reader's interest in the \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure that they continue reading.
- Nobody thought the writing was very good, but we all agreed that the \_\_\_\_\_ in the book were very colourful and beautiful.
- Every now and again I just have to read a \_\_\_\_\_ that makes me feel strong emotions.
- Although Helen was only a \_\_\_\_\_ in the book, she was one of my favourites.

## READING

1 How many ways can you think of to read a book?

2 Read the opening paragraph in Exercise 3 and the rest of the article on page 29. Do they mention your ways of reading from Exercise 1?

3 Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. You may need to make spelling changes, and you will need to make some words plural.

### Reading in the digital age

Do you read for <sup>①</sup>pleasure or only if you have to, for school? Before the internet, children and teenagers used to read a wide <sup>②</sup>VARY of fiction, from comics, to novels and books of short stories. Maybe one of your older <sup>③</sup>RELATE has told you of the times when the book they were reading was so exciting – and they were so <sup>④</sup>PATIENCE to find out what happens next – that they would read it under the bedclothes at night with a torch. Of course, that was at a time when television and video 'on demand' were <sup>⑤</sup>AVAILABLE. Today most of our <sup>⑥</sup>ENTERTAIN is to be found online, and teens spend time on social media instead of reading books. <sup>⑦</sup>CONSEQUENCE, their ability to concentrate is being affected and young people have a shorter attention span than their parents and grandparents. At least that's what many people believe. However, the <sup>⑧</sup>TRUE is quite different. In fact, modern research <sup>⑨</sup>PROOF exactly the opposite.