Books

Complete the digital exercises below while listening to four speakers discussing literary works and screen adaptations.

1 Exercise 1: Warm-Up

Select your response for each question before you listen:

1. Do you prefer reading an original novel before watching its screen adaptation?
   - Novel first
   - Film first
2. Would you rather read a fast-paced thriller or a classic romantic drama?
   - Fast-paced thriller
   - Romantic drama
3. 'Books with unexpected cliffhangers are always more engaging than character-driven stories.'
   - Agree
   - Disagree

2 Exercise 2: Introductory B2 Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary item from the reviews (1-5) with its correct definition (A-E):

Word / Phrase	Definition
1. **prejudice** (noun)	A. An ending to an episode or chapter that leaves the audience in suspense
2. **impending doom** (collocation)	B. An unreasonable, preconceived opinion formed without knowledge or reason
3. **pioneering** (adjective)	C. A book that is so exciting and gripping that you cannot put it down
4. **cliffhanger** (noun)	D. Involving new ideas or technical methods that have never been used before
5. **page-turner** (noun)	E. A strong feeling that an unavoidable catastrophe or disaster is imminent

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Exercise 3: Listening Strategy & Comprehension Check

Listening Strategy Tip:

Tracking Key Details When evaluating True/False statements, watch out for qualifiers such as never, solely, always, or only. Speakers often use moderate or qualifying phrases (quite old, a kind of warning) that make an absolute statement false.



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Part 3B: True or False

Listen and decide whether each statement is True or False according to what the speakers say:

1. Amy describes the book she reviewed as humorous as well as romantic.

   True False

2. Lucas mentions that the superhero narrative is set during the Second World War.

   True False

3. Martina notes that the film she discusses warns against over-reliance on technology.

   True False

4. Martina explains that the visual special effects in the film were copied from earlier cinema.

   True False

5. Adam reveals that the main murder mystery starts when a body is discovered in the Louvre.

   True False

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Exercise 4:
Targeted Fill-in-the-Gaps

Gap-Fill Listening Tip:

Grammatical Prediction Check whether the missing word functions as a descriptive adjective, a noun forming a collocation, or an adverb modifying an emotion before confirming your answer.



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Listen and complete the sentences with one or two words directly from the recording:

1. Amy highlights that the story centres on overcoming prejudice and learning to [1] _____ *(verb phrase)* people for who they are.

2. She particularly enjoys the witty dialogue between Elizabeth and Darcy, noting that both figures are secretly [2] _____ *(prepositional phrase / idiom)* despite their pride.

3. Lucas recommends the superhero title as a proper thriller offering fast-paced action alongside impressive [3] _____ *(plural noun)*.

4. Martina comments that the film was regarded as [4] _____ *(adjective)* cinema because its visual techniques had never been seen before.

5. She further observes that the director's distinctive use of [5] _____ *(noun)* produced an exceptional on-screen atmosphere.

6. Adam describes the novel as an undeniable [6] _____ *(hyphenated noun)* because virtually every chapter concludes on a cliffhanger.

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