

Section 1 / Vocabulary

1. Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.

Amanda's favourite books

Amanda really enjoys reading (0) b stories because she thinks they are exciting. During her (1) _____ when she was about 10 or 11 years old, she read more than 100 stories like these! When her mother (2) _____ how many books she was reading every week, she started buying her more books. Every night after she finished her homework, Amanda (3) _____ from the living room and read a book in her bedroom. She never thought (4) _____ playing with friends or watching TV. She only wanted to (5) _____ the amazing adventures that were in her books.

Amanda's favourite stories are the Harry Potter books. The characters go to (6) _____ and exciting lands. She has all of these books. She asked (7) _____ one every birthday. She also really likes the book Alice in Wonderland. Some of the characters in that book are quite funny and it makes her (8) _____ every time she reads it.

She doesn't like (9) _____ stories because she thinks aliens and spaceships are boring. Last week, Amanda read a ghost story, but for a week after she was (10) _____ that there were ghosts in her bedroom!

0. a school	b adventure	c fiction
1. a distance	b teenager	c childhood
2. a noticed	b looked	c worried
3. a appeared	b disappeared	c hid
4. a for	b about	c in
5. a look	b watch	c discover
6. a damp	b strange	c faint
7. a to	b with	c for
8. a laugh	b shine	c sing
9. a science fiction	b ghost	c love
10. a funny	b terrible	c worried

2. Choose the correct word.

0. Did you talk **to / at** Simon about the books?
1. Is that the new adventure story you were talking **for / about**?
2. The boy hid when he saw a strange man in the **distance / map**.
3. A lot of science fiction books have stories about **spaceships / ghosts**.
4. Wendy screamed when she saw somebody **looking / hiding in the garden**.
5. Did you talk **at / to** your teacher about visiting the library?
6. Clare was laughing **at / in** Harry's joke when she fell.
7. The ghost **disappeared / replied** through the wall into the next room.
8. She was looking **at / to** some old photos when the phone rang.

3. Complete the text with the words from the box

fiction	tale	published	chapters	novel	publication
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The Hobbit, or There and Back Again is a fantasy _____ by J. R. R. Tolkien, written in the tradition of a fairy _____. The story is told in the form of an episodic quest: most _____ introduce a specific creature of Tolkien's Wilderland.

Tolkien wrote the story in the early 1930s to amuse his three sons. It was _____ on 21 September, 1937 and was awarded a prize from *the New York Herald Tribune* for best juvenile _____. More recently, *The Hobbit* has been recognised as the «Most Important 20th-century Novel» by a children's book magazine. It has sold about 100 million copies of the book worldwide since the first _____.

Section 2 / Grammar

4. Transform the sentences in the Passive Voice

1) A young writer wrote this detective story.

2) They founded America's first college, Harvard, in 1636.

3) My son draws nice pictures.

4) They pay her good money for her detective stories.
