

Exercise 3

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

author plays fiction chapter character title

- 1 The main character in the novel is a young woman called Rosa Smith.
- 2 The _____ of the book is *The Secret*.
- 3 The _____ of the book has written 12 novels.
- 4 I don't read much _____. I prefer books based on fact, such as history books.
- 5 I often read a _____ of my novel before bed.
- 6 She's written six novels and also a number of _____ for the theatre.



Word families



poem ► poet ► poetry

A **poet** is a person who writes poems and **poetry** is poems in general.

novel ► novelist

A **novelist** is a person who writes novels.

Exercise 4

Use the words from the box to complete the phrases.

main Spanish-English love world

- 1 love poems
- 2 a _____ atlas
- 3 the _____ character
- 4 a _____ dictionary

Exercise 5

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

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| 1 I'm afraid I don't read much | a performed. |
| 2 Her mother was a famous | b women. |
| 3 Two hundred years later, the play is still often | c poetry. |
| 4 The main characters in her books are always | d poets. |
| 5 There are some really good recipes in this | e cookbook. |
| 6 It's a beautiful poem, written by one of my favourite | f novelist. |

Talking about books



To ask someone if they have read a book that they liked in the last few weeks, say:

- **Have you read any good books recently?**

To ask what the subject of a book is, say:

- **What's the book about?**

To give someone a general idea of what happens in a novel, say:

- **It tells the story of a young person growing up in a big city.**

To say where the action in a novel happens, say:

- **It's set in Wellington, New Zealand.**

Exercise 6



Put the sentences in the correct order to make a dialogue. Listen and check.

- It's set in New York. It tells the story of a child growing up in a very poor family in the 1920s. The best thing about the book is the main character – a child called Arthur – who is very funny and clever.
- Yes, I've just finished a really good book by Emily Connor, called *Winter*.
- 1 Have you read any good books recently?
- It sounds great. Can I borrow it?
- What's it about?

Use the words you've learned...

Talk or write about a book that you know or have read recently.