

Grammar

1 Rewrite the dialogue in reported speech.

- A: Did you see the film on Channel 4 last night?
B: No, I didn't, but I recorded it. Is it good?
A: I think it's excellent. I'm sure the actress will get an award for it.
B: I can't wait to see it!

- 1 Dave asked Grant on Channel 4 the previous night.
2 Grant said that he hadn't, but that it.
3 He asked good.
4 Dave said that excellent.
5 He added that he was sure the actress an award for it.

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2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.

I have been trying to learn Spanish because I want to travel in South America during my gap year and my friend Simon suggested (1) to watch/watching Spanish TV. I found a channel that allows you to download programmes for free, so I've been doing that once a week and it really helps. My mum offered (2) buying/to buy me a subscription to a Spanish newspaper as well, but I (3) said/told her that I can read it online just as easily. I try to do that for about half an hour every day. My friend's brother went to Chile last year, so I asked him if we (4) would/could meet up to talk about what he did there. We were supposed to meet up last week, but he cancelled at the last minute. He apologised for (5) let/letting me down and we're going to try again this week because my departure date is getting closer and I need to make some proper plans now.

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3 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

been • had • have • that • this • was
would

The screenwriter Michael Hodges has been speaking about his adaptation of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, which is being released in cinemas on Friday. He explained (1) it had taken some time to condense the novel's plot into one 90-minute feature film and he expected some people to be unhappy with his version. He said it wasn't just a question of what to include and what to leave out, but that he had also (2) to write new scenes to help the story flow. He admitted that it had (3) a challenging project, with two changes of director, but said he (4) delighted with the final result. He added that the stars of the film had done extremely well and he hoped that they (5) get the recognition they deserved during the award season.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

feedback • outcome • plot • roles • scenes
screenplay • stream

The Arrival – writers wanted.

Can you write two pages to be part of a feature film (1) ? We're looking for (2) showing people awaiting the arrival on Earth of a spaceship from another galaxy. Send us your first draft and get (3) before the competition closes at the end of the month. You can submit as many drafts as you like before the deadline, but remember to keep the (4) simple. Our selection panel will choose the 50 best entries and inform you of the (5) by the end of February. Filmmakers around the country will then shoot the film, which will be released in April. Get involved and be part of something amazing!

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5 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the email.

Hi Craig,
How was your weekend? I tried calling, but your mobile just went to voicemail every time.
Anyway, do you remember that book you gave me last year for my birthday? It was a real (1) *page-turner/blockbuster* and I couldn't put it down. Well, it's been made into a film and I saw it with Joe on Saturday. The (2) *star/role* of the film wasn't very well-known – I can't even remember his name – and to be honest the (3) *lighting/acting* was terrible. I loved the (4) *soundtrack/stage* though. I don't often make online (5) *file-sharing/purchases*, but I bought it as soon as I got home and I can't stop listening to it. I think you'll like it. I'll play it for you next time you come round.
See you soon.
Tom

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6 Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

My friend Katy is a really good singer and (1) (write). She writes all her own music and lyrics. Last weekend she had her first gig and we got a group of friends together to go and support her. There was a really good (2) (out) and the place was packed. We could tell that she was nervous at first, but after a while she relaxed and gave a great (3) (perform). The only (4) (back) was that the venue was quite small and uncomfortable. She's going to record an album soon and it will be available to (5) (load) from her website.

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Reading

7 Read the article about World Book Day. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

World Book Day

Where were you on Saturday 23rd April, in the UK? (1) As part of World Book Day, a campaign to raise interest in and promote the reading of books resulted in an enormous book giveaway. One million books were given away by ordinary people, or 'donors' as they were called.

The way it worked was this. (2) There was even a 'chicklit' book on the list. That is, one of those wonderfully witty, up-to-date books written for today's women's market. Then, people from all over the UK applied to be a 'donor'. They had to say on their application form which book from the list they would like to give away and why. If their application was accepted, the 'donors' were sent 48 copies of the book that they had chosen. (3) These donors were from all sections of society. There were teachers, factory workers, police officers, business people and many more, all united by one thing: a love of books and a desire to encourage others to share that pleasure. The people they chose to give the books to could be people they knew or people they simply met on the night. The idea was also that the recipients would then pass on the free book to others after reading it.

In recent years, books have had to compete with TV and film as a form of entertainment and today many people are concerned that the value of a book is no longer appreciated as much as it used to be. (4) Certainly those interviewed on the night were very enthusiastic about the idea. As one donor said, 'Many people think that reading books is an intellectual activity and is generally boring. Too many of us have the memory of being forced to read heavy classics at school, probably at far too early an age to really appreciate them. (5) In reality, reading can be a fascinating activity which is both escapist and informative. For me, a book opens up a whole new world. I'd really like to pass that pleasure on.'

There were definitely a lot of happy people around on World Book Night. We saw many of them on television at a special event held in Trafalgar Square, London, where some of the authors of the books on the giveaway list gave interviews, talks and readings to an enthusiastic crowd. (6) They said that people should realise that the cost of a book reflected the work of the author, and prices of books should be raised rather than cut, as they have been in recent years in competition wars between supermarkets and book stores. They believed that this project would not help those bookshops which were trying to survive in today's economic climate. However, the critics were in the minority and the book night has proved to be a great success. Don't forget that if you did receive a free book, read it and then pass it on!

- A It was hoped that World Book Night would introduce books to a wider range of people.
- B People do not read enough these days, and that is a great shame.
- C Firstly, a team compiled a list of 25 books, including examples of all genres of fiction from thrillers to classics.
- D A few critics of the project complained that by giving away books for free it could undermine the value of books rather than increase it.
- E If you were out and about then it's quite possible that you were the lucky recipient of a free book!
- F On Saturday 23rd April, these people all gave away their copies of the book to whoever they wanted.
- G This can put you off reading for life!

8 Read the article again and choose the best answers (A, B or C).

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| <p>1 The aim of World Book Day is to A give away books. B promote book sales. C encourage people to read.</p> <p>2 Potential donors all A come from similar backgrounds. B want to inspire others. C disliked reading at school.</p> <p>3 Some people fear that books are no longer appreciated because A there are more popular forms of entertainment. B they are not very well-written. C reading is too difficult.</p> | <p>4 The donor interviewed in paragraph 3 thinks books can be A too realistic. B too heavy to carry. C a distraction from real life.</p> <p>5 People at the World Book Night event were A generally positive. B critical of the campaign. C happy to be on television.</p> <p>6 People who received a free book at the event should read it then A take it back to a book shop. B give it to someone else. C write a review.</p> |
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Use of English

9 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

- 1 'What are you watching, Petra?' asked Frank.
WAS
Frank asked Petra watching.
- 2 'Where is the cinema going to be built?' asked David.
KNOW
David wanted to going to be built.
- 3 'I'm really sorry I was late for dinner,' said Mark.
FOR
Mark for dinner.
- 4 'Turn right at the garage and the ticket office is on your left,' said Gary.
HOW
Gary explained the ticket office.
- 5 'You got a good result, Mary. Well done,' said Ronnie.
CONGRATULATED
Ronnie a good result.
- 6 'Can I borrow this DVD?' Tom asked Anna.
WHETHER
Tom asked her DVD.
- 7 'Let's go to the cinema tomorrow night,' Lucy said.
SUGGESTED
Lucy the following evening.
- 8 'I'll buy you a ticket for that gig as a birthday present,' said John.
PROMISED
John for the gig as a birthday present.

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Listening

10 Listen to a woman talking about her reasons for choosing a career. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

The speaker, who is now a(n) (1), used to enjoy dressing up as a child and often (2) on plays to perform with her friends. She now thinks that she was probably quite a bossy child. She was often chosen for end-of-term (3) at school because she was good at imitating accents. One of the things she found difficult later was learning all the (4), but she joined the drama club and participated in many shows. As a professional today, she occasionally suffers from nerves and says that another downside to her work is that sometimes she doesn't have a (5), but overall she feels that she is fortunate to have achieved her childhood ambition.

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Speaking

13 Work with a partner. Discuss this statement.

Improvements in technology mean that more people watch films at home and this will inevitably lead to the end of cinema.

You should:

- think about whether you agree or disagree with the discussion question.
- discuss the topic with your partner.
- explain your opinion clearly.
- give examples to support your argument.

Use some of these phrases:

- You have to remember that ...
- I really do think that ... / I'm totally convinced that ...
- You can't deny that ...
- For instance, ... / Take ... for example ... / A good example of this is ...
- What about the case of ...?

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