Talking about books

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each book word with its meaning.

1 plot ____	**a** a person in a story
2 character ____	**b** the person who wrote a book
3 author ____	**c** the events that happen in a story
4 chapter ____	**d** a section of a book
5 page-turner ____	**e** a very exciting book that is hard to put down
6 genre ____	**f** a type or category of book, like romance or crime
7 bestseller ____	**g** a very popular, best-selling book
8 ending ____	**h** the final part of the story
9 gripping ____	**i** exciting and holding your attention
10 cover ____	**j** the outside front of a book

2 Choose the correct form.

1 I'm reading / read a great book.
2 The main character / characters is called Anna.
3 This book was written / wrote by a famous author.
4 The story has an exciting plot / story-plot.
5 It's a real page-turner / page-turn.
6 I love this genre / gender of book.
7 The ending / end was surprising.
8 This novel became a bestseller / best-sell.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

author | bestseller | chapter | character | ending | genre | gripping | plot

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Book A: The main 1 _____ is a young detective. The
2 _____ follows her as she solves a mystery, and every
3 _____ ends with a surprising twist.
Book B: Written by a famous 4 _____, this novel quickly became a
5 _____. It belongs to the crime 6 _____ and has a truly
7 _____ story. The 8 _____ left readers speechless.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 gripping ____	**a** boring
2 well-written ____	**b** poorly written
3 exciting ____	**c** dull
4 famous ____	**d** unknown
5 clear ____	**e** confusing
6 realistic ____	**f** unrealistic
7 short ____	**g** long
8 popular ____	**h** unpopular

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

My favourite book

My favourite book is a mystery novel by a well-known author. The main character is a clever detective who solves difficult cases. The plot is gripping from the first chapter, and I found it hard to put down. It quickly became a bestseller after it was published. The ending was surprising, and I didn't expect it at all.

1 The book is a mystery novel. T / F

2 The author is unknown. T / F

3 The main character is a detective. T / F

4 The plot was boring. T / F

5 The book became a bestseller. T / F

6 The ending was predictable. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (by, in, of, into).

1 This book was written _____ a famous author.

2 The story is set _____ Paris.

3 It's a story _____ friendship and loss.

4 I got _____ the book immediately.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of your favourite book or a book you'd like to read. Include the genre, the main character and why you like it.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and positive.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Book words

1 c 2 a 3 b 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 reading 2 character 3 written 4 plot 5 page-turner 6 genre 7 ending 8 bestseller

3 Descriptions

1 character 2 plot 3 chapter 4 author 5 bestseller 6 genre 7 gripping 8 ending

4 Opposites

1 c 2 b 3 a 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - well-known.
3 T
4 F - it was gripping.
5 T
6 F - it was surprising.

6 Prepositions

1 by 2 in 3 of 4 into

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and positive wording.