



ENGLISH

Chapter 2 Session A

5th
SECONDARY

LITERATURE

Past Tenses Review




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SPEAKING

Talking About Literary Experiences

- 1  13 James and Rachel are in a bookstore. Listen to the first part of their conversation and complete the dialogue.

Hi, Rachel. Good to see you.

Hi! Good to see you, too.
a _____ you b _____
to buy the book for the literature project, too?



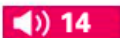
No, not really. I c _____ a book for my birthday, but I d _____ the summary on the back cover and e _____ it. It's not the kind of genre I like, so I f _____ of exchanging it for another one.

What g _____ you
h _____ in mind?

Nothing in particular ...
what do you recommend?

Well, I i _____ a look at the new Jojo Moyes book when you j _____. I k _____ really l _____ forward to reading it.

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Listen to the second part of the conversation. What book did James decide to get?



FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Asking for and Giving Opinions

I simply love ...

To be honest, I think ...

I prefer ... to ...

What about ...?

If you ask me, ...



Speaking Task

Prepare a dialogue between you and a friend.

Step 1

Think about these genres. Do you like them?
Why / why not?



Science fiction



Crime



Romance

Step 2

Think about which type of book you want to ask your friend about.

What do you think of comics?

Don't you agree that crime stories are really interesting?

Think about how you would respond. Try to use different adjectives.

I reckon they're really boring. I prefer fantasy stories.

If you ask me, they're brilliant / fantastic / exciting / terrifying / amazing.

Step 3

Work in pairs. Practice your dialogue.



Famous Nigerian Writers

CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE

(1977-)

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a Nigerian novelist, short story and non-fiction writer. Her books have been translated into over thirty languages. Her most famous works include her first novel *Purple Hibiscus*, *Half of a Yellow Sun*, *Americanah*, the short story collection *The Thing Around Your Neck*, and the essay *We Should All Be Feminists*.



OTOSIRIEZE OBI-YOUNG

(1994-)

Otosirize Obi-Young is a writer, literary journalist, and blogger. He is also the editor of the African literary culture website *Brittle Paper*, which has published the works of many Nigerian authors. He has written a collection of short stories called *You Sing of a Longing* and has been nominated for several literary prizes.

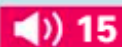


CHINUA ACHEBE (1930-2013)

Chinua Achebe was a Nigerian novelist, poet, professor, and critic. His first novel, *Things Fall Apart*, was published in 1958 and is still one of the most popular books in African literature. It was translated into more than 45 languages and sold over 10 million copies all over the world. Some of his other books include *No Longer at Ease*, *Arrow of God*, and *A Man of the People*.



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Read and listen. Then answer the questions.

- a Which author has been popular for over 50 years? _____
- b Which author has written about feminism? _____
- c Which author writes for online platforms? _____



2 Have you heard of any of these authors? Have you read any of their books?

3 Who are your favorite authors?

5 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

Last night Dave **a** was sitting (sit) at home in front of the TV. He **b** _____ (not watch) it because he **c** _____ (send) a text message on his cell phone. The presenter **d** _____ (read) the news but Dave **e** _____ (not pay) attention. Suddenly he **f** _____ (hear) the name 'Jason McDermot.' He immediately **g** _____ (look) up and **h** _____ (see) his friend Jason.

'Jason McDermot **i** _____ (stop) two thieves today outside Alpha Bank on 21st Avenue,' the presenter said. 'How exactly **j** _____ (you stop) them, Jason?' 'I **k** _____ (not do) anything special,' Jason answered.

- 5 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

'I **l** _____ (ride) my bike on the sidewalk outside the bank when two men **m** _____ (run) out of it. They **n** _____ (wear) masks and they **o** _____ (run) very fast. But I **p** _____ (not know) they were bank robbers so I **q** _____ (try) to stop. You see, I **r** _____ (not want) to hit them but I **s** _____ (can not stop). I **t** _____ (hit) them with my bike and we all **u** _____ (fall) on the ground. Then a police car **v** _____ (arrive) and they **w** _____ (arrest) the two men.'

'What did the police say to you, Jason?' the presenter asked.

'They **x** _____ (be) very angry with me because I **y** _____ (cycle) on the sidewalk. In fact, they **z** _____ (make) me pay a fine of \$20.'

6 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.



As a child, J.K. Rowling, author of the *Harry Potter* books, **a** wrote (write) fantasy stories and **b** _____ (read) them to her younger sister. But she **c** _____ (not become) a professional writer for a long time. She first **d** _____ (work) as a secretary for some years and then as a teacher before she **e** _____ (become) a famous writer. She **f** _____ (get) her idea for *Harry Potter* while she **g** _____ (sit) on a train. The journey **h** _____ (take) a very long time because of problems with the train so Rowling **i** _____ (start) to make up characters for a book. But because she **j** _____ (be) very busy at work, she **k** _____ (not have) time to work seriously on the book.

6 Complete the text with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.



In 1992 she **l** _____ (go) to Portugal and **m** _____ (teach) English. She **n** _____ (spend) every evening working on her book. She **o** _____ (get) married and **p** _____ (have) a daughter. When the marriage **q** _____ (end) in divorce, Rowling **r** _____ (move) back to Britain with her baby and **s** _____ (begin) to write seriously. She always **t** _____ (work) on her book in a café while her daughter **u** _____ (sleep) in a stroller next to her. It **v** _____ (take) Rowling a whole year to finish the book because she **w** _____ (need) to earn some money by teaching. In fact, she **x** _____ (not need) to worry about money so much. Her books soon **y** _____ (become) very successful and today she is one of the richest women in the UK.