



Reading a Novel

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

lead character	The main character in a movie, book, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The lead character of that movie really impressed me.</i>

fascinate	To attract or interest someone a lot.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Everything seems to fascinate our new kitten.</i>

overwhelm	To have a strong emotional effect on someone.
[verb]	<i>Ex: After the death of his mother, he became overwhelmed by grief.</i>



curious	Wanting to learn or know more about something.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Cats are well-known for their curious personalities.</i>

bachelor	A man who is not married.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He enjoys his status as a bachelor.</i>

spoiler	Information about the things that happen in a movie, book, etc. which may spoil someone's enjoyment if they have not already seen/read it.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I really don't like to receive spoilers, they always ruin the surprise.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Emily: Hi, Grace. It's nice to see you. How have you been?

Grace: Everything's going well. I am actually really into a novel that I am reading these days.

Emily: What do you mean by that, Grace?

Grace: I mean, I am extremely attached to it. I feel as though I am the lead character.

Emily: Just seeing your facial expressions now, I can see how fascinated you are with it.

Grace: Yeah, I'm really crazy about it. I feel overwhelmed with each page I read.

Emily: So, what's the title of the novel? Maybe I would like to read it, too.

Grace: Well, I don't know exactly what the title of the book is. I found it in my grandmother's room.



Emily: Aren't there covers on that book?

Grace: It is so old that the front page and both covers are missing. So, I couldn't read the title.

Emily: Well, what is it about? Is it a love story, a tragedy, or what? I am so curious.

Grace: Well, it's about a bachelor who had never been in a serious relationship.

Emily: Wow! Can you tell me more about it, Grace?

Grace: He thought he was incapable of love until he met this simple and kind girl. She rejected him at first.

Emily: Wait, don't give me too many spoilers. It sounds like a really nice story. I want to read it.

Grace: Alright, but the way in which he tries to reach out to her really made my heart melt. I'll just say that.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

curious
fascinated
spoilers
lead character
bachelor
overwhelmed

1. Are you a _____? Do you have a wife?
2. If you are _____, you will learn many things in life.
3. Who is the _____ of that story?
4. He is _____ by the stress of his job.
5. The singer's opening act _____ the audience of thousands.
6. Do you love _____? Many people don't.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You ran into a close friend Howard. Tell him about an amazing book that you recently read. The teacher can be Howard.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you enjoy reading novels? Why? Why not?
2. What types of books do you usually read?
3. What kinds of stories are your favorites?
4. Do you have a favorite book character? If so, who is it?
5. What was the last book you read? Would you recommend it? Why or why not?