

# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

## Video Series

### Vox Pop – Books

#### Before watching

1. Which authors do you think Kathryn, Simon, and Cameron like? Use the names in the box to help you.



JRR Tolkien Emily  
Brontë Andrea  
Levy Harold Pinter  
Douglas Adams

Kathryn	Simon	Cameron

#### While watching

2. Watch the video and check your answers to Activity 1. Write as many of the books mentioned as you can.

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3. Watch the video and choose the correct alternatives that complete the ideas. Who is talking in each statement?

1. My favourite type of books are **political/fantasy** books. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I've **always loved / I would recommend** *1984* because of the interesting and strong political message. \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you **love/like** futuristic and sci-fi novels, you should read this book. \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you like books where you can get really involved with the **characters/plot** (...), then this is the book for you. \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you like *Wuthering Heights*, then I **would recommend other Emily Brontë books / you'll love books by Andrea Levy**. \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRONUNCIATION TIP

Look at the intonation pattern in the sentence and note how the intonation rises and then falls.

*I love mysteries, thrillers, and biographies.*

#### 4. Complete the sentences. Who is talking in each sentence?

1. I was disappointed by a lot of the books I read at school because I was forced to read them, and I found the \_\_\_\_\_ boring and too \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Yes, I have read a disappointing book recently (...) I didn't finish it because the \_\_\_\_\_ were so bad, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was not convincing. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We read some classic novels at school that I found quite boring, especially *The Great Gatsby* because I just \_\_\_\_\_ with the storyline at all. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I recently read a sci-fi novel which was disappointing because the plot wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ as I thought it would be. \_\_\_\_\_
5. And the characters \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

#### PHRASE BANK

My favourite book is ...	If you like books where you can get really involved ...
I've always loved (those types of books).	The plot was not convincing.
I would recommend ... because ...	The characters were so bad.
It gives a really powerful message.	I didn't engage with the storyline.
It is really well-written.	The plot was not as exciting as I thought it would be.
If you like books that ..., then this is the book for you.	The characters weren't believable.
If you like ..., then you'll love ...	I was disappointed by a lot of the books at school.

### Let's Talk About It!

Which types of books do you like or dislike? Make notes about your reading habits including two books you have read. Choose one book you enjoyed and another one you didn't. Prepare a presentation about these books mentioning why you would or wouldn't recommend people read them. Use the language in the Phrase Bank