

LESSON 1B VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

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Books - written in:

1868: *Little Women

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LESSON 3B VOCABULARY literature

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- It was a completely different kind of story. **original**

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LESSON 4B GRAMMAR

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- When people want to buy or sell something like a famous painting, they usually do it at **a**.
a. an auction b. a museum c. a festival
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3 • Complete the sentences with the correct forms of get.

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- Match each use of get in Exercise 3 to the meanings a-d.
a. arrive **2** b. become **3**
c. buy **1** d. receive **4**
- Write four sentences with get, each using a different meaning of get: arrive, become, buy and receive. I got a new video game from my dad yesterday.

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1 Where is the oldest painting in the world?

2 What's the longest running play in the world?

3 Was he more successful than his brother as an author?

4 Is he as tall as the other actor?

5 Is this famous painting older than the other painting on display?

6 What is the worst book ever written?

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6 ★★ Use the words to complete the text with one word in each gap.

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6 None of the students are as talented as Emily. **MOST**

Emily is the most talented student.

8 Compare two of your favourite books. Write at least five sentences using different adjectives and comparisons.

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2 ★ Complete the sentences with words connected to books.

- 1 *A Star is Made* – My mum loved this novel. It was about friendship, but it was very sad. My mum cried at the end.
- 2 There are a lot of detective books like *Sherlock Holmes*.
- 3 This book was a comedy. It was very funny.
- 4 He is a very famous author. He writes a lot of very exciting mystery books. The ending is always surprising.
- 5 In my opinion, the plot of this book is very predictable, but the characters are excellent. Kareem was a good man.
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YOUNG

I'm not young enough to climb a mountain.

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SLOW

I couldn't finish the test.

I was too slow

3 The laptop I wanted wasn't cheap enough.

EXPENSIVE

The laptop I

wanted was too expensive

4 The actors are too quiet and I can't hear them.

LOUD

The actors aren't loud enough and I can't hear them.

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BIG

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6 The old museum is too cold and people don't like going there.

WARM

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Pronunciation *Asia Al-qatawneh*

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6 6.13 Look at the words.

Tick the ones which we pronounce with the /dʒ/ sound. Listen, check and repeat.

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| 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gym | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> yoghurt |
| 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biology | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gender |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> magazine | |
| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> village | |



