Colloquial English Books

1 LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

Fill in the blanks to complete the conversations.

- 1 A Which book have you enjoyed reading recently?
 - B The Hunger Games. A<u>lright</u>, it was written for teenagers, but I really liked it.
- 2 A How do you like that e-reader I gave you?
 - B I was worried I wouldn't use it but,
 - a_____, it's very handy.
- 3 A Do you know anything about Ken Follett's books?
 - B I think they're s_____ o___ thrillers, aren't they?
- 4 A Have you ever read a Charles Dickens novel in English?
 - B No way! I m_____, it would be too hard, wouldn't it?
- 5 A Did you enjoy Crime and Punishment?
 - B Yes, although it was a little bit, y_____, depressing in places.
- 6 A What do you think of the writer Dan Brown?
 - B W_____, he's not a great writer, but I enjoy his books.

2 VOCABULARY FROM THE INTERVIEW

Complete the sentences from the interview with Marion Pomeranc with a verb from the list.

| b | rought flow go rules take | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | The words, the made-up words, the way the words flow together and sound. | | | | | | |
| 2 | It just me to a different place. | | | | | | |
| 3 | Kids like to back, they like to become familiar with a character in the story. | | | | | | |
| 4 | a trip to a publishing house. | | | | | | |
| 5 | Youth dominates, and kind of the worl a little bit. | d | | | | | |

3 THE CONVERSATION

Complete the sentences with two possible words or phrases from the list.



| 11 | mean | kind of (x2) | like | sort of (x2) | stuff | things |
|----|------------------|--|------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| 1 | | an just <u>kind o</u> s imaginary w | | / sort of | los | se yourse |
| | | science fiction | | fantasy and _ | | / |
| 3 | lt's ju up wi | st something th. | I | /_ | | grev |
| 4 | would | / d recommend | | , it's som | | that I |

4 VOCABULARY FROM THE CONVERSATION

Replace the *italic* words with a word or phrase from the list.

| a clue | huge | key to | out of it | tough | | | | |
|--------|--|---------------------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 lt's | really di | fficult. <u>t</u> i | ough | | | | | |
| 2 I do | I don't have any idea. | | | | | | | |
| 3 Ife | I feel a little bit disconnected. | | | | | | | |
| 4 It's | so big. | | | | | | | |
| 5 Tha | That's the critical thing about any good book. | | | | | | | |

Can you remember...? 1-3

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

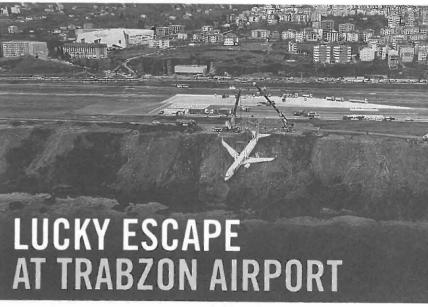
- a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **bold** word.
 - 1 I don't agree with my brother's ____ views. He refuses to listen to other people's opinions. MIND
 - 2 Your wrist is very ______ I think you might have sprained it. **SWELL**
 - 3 Andrea is taking antibiotics because she has a nasty throat ______. **INFECT**
 - 4 Matt was ______ relieved when he found out he'd passed his driver's test.

 INCREDIBLE
 - 5 My shoulders got sunburned because I was wearing a _____ dress. **SLEEVE**
 - 6 She tends to wear clothes that are practical rather than _____. **FASHION**
 - 7 There was a long line at ______ because only one of the scanning machines was working. **SECURE**
 - 8 My dad's picking me up from the airport he said he'd wait for me in _____.

 ARRIVE
 - 9 We had some shelves _____ made for the space between the cabinet and the window. SPECIAL
 - 10 Living on my own felt strange at first, but I'm ______ getting used to it. GRADUAL



b Read the article. Circle a, b, or c.



Can you imagine how 1____ if you were on a plane that slid off the runway when it landed? This is exactly what happened on a domestic flight in Turkey one evening in January 2019. The plane had 2____ without incident from the capital, Ankara, and the flight had continued as usual. However, the pilot had difficulties as he ___ in Trabzon, in the northeastern part of the country. Freezing temperatures in the area 4____ a thick layer of ice to form on the runway. The ice was 5_____ slippery that when the Boeing 737-800 landed, the wheels began to slide. The pilot tried to correct the mistake, but he 6____. The plane slid off the tarmac and started going towards the cliffs above the Black Sea. 7____, the wheels got stuck in the mud on the side of the cliffs, and the plane stopped before it reached the water. At the time, there were 168 people on board: 162 passengers, two pilots, and four cabin 8____. Fortunately, they only had to wait 20 minutes for emergency services to arrive and help them get off. 9____ were taken directly to the hospital, but they were all sent home within a very short time. Psychologists say it may take time for some of the passengers to 10 ____ the shock.

- 1 a did you feel
- 2 a dropped off
- 3 a landed
- 4 a caused
- 5 **a** so
- 6 a couldn't
- 7 a Ideally
- 8 a staff
- 9 a Injured
- 10 a come around

- b you would feel
- **b** picked up
- **b** had landed
- **b** had caused
- **b** so much
- **b** hadn't
- **b** Luckily
- b Luckily
- **b** attendants
- **b** People injured
- **b** get over

- c would you feel
- c taken off
- c was landing
- c had been causing
- c such
- c wasn't
- c Obviously
- **c** crew
- c The injured
- c pass out