



Lesson 99: Reading a Novel

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

lead character	(N)	the main character in a movie, book, etc.	The lead character of that movie really impressed me with everything he did for his loved ones.
fascinate	(V)	to attract or interest someone a lot	Everything seems to fascinate our new kitten.
overwhelm	(V)	to have a strong emotional effect on someone	After the death of his mother, he became overwhelmed by grief.
curious	(ADJ)	wanting to learn or know more about something	Cats are well-known for their curious personalities.
confident	(ADJ)	feeling sure that you have the abilities to do something well	They are confident businessmen.
bachelor	(N)	a man who is not married	He is the most eligible bachelor in Seattle, so everyone wants to know him.
spoiler	(N)	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	I really don't like to receive spoilers . They always ruin the surprise when I am reading a book.



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Hannah bumps into Grace while she is walking towards the cafeteria.



Hannah

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



Hannah

You must be really crazy about it. Just seeing your facial expressions now, I can see how fascinated you are with it. 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, and it was so old that the front page and both covers were missing. So, I couldn't read the title. But I feel overwhelmed with each page I read.



Hannah

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. He thought he was incapable of love until he met this simple and kind girl. She rejected him at first, but eventually they fell in love. The way that he tries to reach out to her really made my heart melt.



Hannah

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



Check your understanding:

- What is Grace reading?
- What is the story about?
- What is the title of the book?

Exercise 03**Role Play**

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You run into a close friend.
- Tell him/her about an amazing book that you recently read.
- Your teacher will play the role of your friend.

Exercise 04**Discussion**

- 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?

