

2 Use of English

- 1** Read the text below and, using the words from the box, fill in each gap (1–3). Write the correct letter (a–f) in each gap. There are three extra words that you do not need to use.

a non-fiction b talked c deal
d asked e spoke f told

Last year, our school organised a literary competition where you could sign a book **1** _____ as a prize. I wanted to take part in this competition, but I didn't know which literature genre would be the best to go in for. After I had **2** _____ to my friends, I decided to write a comic. Indeed, I was already dreaming about publishing a best-seller when the teachers **3** _____ me that they couldn't accept my masterpiece. They said that the same story about the god of thunder, Thor, had already been written! Now, that's what I call a real shame!

- 2** Translate the parts of the sentences (1–6) into English. You must use no more than four words. Do not change any of the words given in English.

- 1 While [*słuchałem*] _____ my audiobook, there was a power cut.
- 2 Somebody [*zjadł*] _____ the whole cake before I even got back home.
- 3 [*Wolę czytać niż*] _____ writing books.
- 4 [*Co myślisz*] _____ of the popular press?
- 5 [*Czy opisałeś*] _____ the main aspects of the plot in your last week's book review?
- 6 [*Czy ona skończyła*] _____ revising before the exam started?

- 3** Complete the sentences (1–6) with the correct form of the words in brackets. Add any other words (eg prepositions, articles) necessary to produce grammatically correct sentences. Do not change the order of the words given. You must use no more than four words, including the words given.

- 1 I (*dream / win*) _____ an Academy Award for the Best Film Director when the teacher asked me a difficult question.
- 2 My sister (*not / like / read*) _____ comics, but she really enjoys poetry.
- 3 Paula (*interested / become*) _____ an interviewer, because she wants to speak to famous people.
- 4 What (*you / think*) _____ of the book when you saw the illustrations?
- 5 Dave (*read*) _____ a lot of poems before he started writing poetry.
- 6 How many books (*you / read*) _____ last year?

- 4** For sentences 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. You must use between two and four words. Do not change any of the words given.

- 1 I reckon that scientific papers are more prestigious than romantic novels.
In _____, scientific papers are more prestigious than romantic novels.
- 2 At the age of 16, Alexandra was already the author of the most popular book for children.
Alexandra _____ the most popular book for children by the time she was 16.
- 3 This book has sold more copies than most other books.
This book _____.
- 4 Hannah is interested in romantic novels.
Hannah _____ romantic novels.
- 5 I like biographies but I enjoy thrillers more.
I _____ to biographies.
- 6 Do you have the same opinion about the book as the author of the review?
Do you _____ the author of the book review?