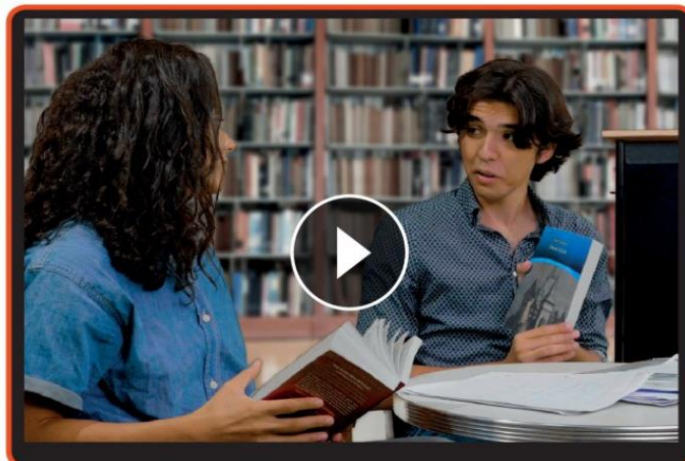


Giving opinions and adding emphasis

- 1 What are your favorite books? Have any of these been made into movies?

Speaking strategy

We often use intensifiers such as "so," "such," and "really" to emphasize our interest or enthusiasm about the point we are making. Compare "It's *so* exciting!" and "It's *exciting*!" Make sure to emphasize the intensifier when you speak.



- 2 090 **Watch, listen, or read** What books are Isela and Zac reading at school?

Zac What are you reading?

Isela It's *The Da Vinci Code*.

Zac Who's it by?

Isela Dan Brown.

Zac Is it good?

Isela I love it! The plot is so exciting!

Zac I think I've seen the movie of it. Aren't there secret messages hidden in Leonardo da Vinci's paintings?

Isela Yes! They lead to a discovery of a secret religion.

Zac And aren't there a lot of historical inaccuracies in it?

Isela There are, but it is such an original idea for a story!

Zac I thought the movie was pretty good.

Isela In my opinion, it's always better to read the book before watching the movie.

Zac Really? Personally, I think that watching the movie can help you understand the book better!

Isela Well, we'll have to agree to disagree, then! What are you reading in English?

Zac *Dracula*. It's very interesting! I didn't know it was a novel!

Isela I wonder why they've chosen such scary books this term!

Zac I don't know, but if you ask me, it's made English class much more interesting!

- 3 **Pairwork** Practice the dialogue in exercise 2.

- 4 091 **Real English** Complete the phrases from the dialogue. Then listen, check, and repeat.

Expressing personal opinions

my opinion, it's always better to read the book before watching the movie.

, I think that watching the movie can help you understand the book better.

We'll have to to disagree, then!

If you me, it's made English class much more interesting!

Adding emphasis to opinions

The plot's exciting!

It's an original idea for a story!

It's interesting!

They've chosen scary books this term!



Look!

so + adjective / adverb

such a / an (+ adjective) + singular noun

such (+ adjective) + plural noun / noncount noun

5 Complete the sentences with *so*, *such*, or *such a(n)*.

- 1 This is incredible story!
- 2 They're sad poems!
- 3 The plot is complicated!
- 4 She's good writer!
- 5 The writer included strange information!
- 6 That play was confusing!



Beat the clock

How many other adjectives can you remember that are used to express an interest in something? In three minutes make an alphabetical list of them. Add them to the mind map.

Adjectives



6 Pairwork Give an opinion on something connected to a topic in the box. Use *so* or *such* and an adjective in the box or your own ideas. Does your partner agree?

art and literature school subjects
singers and bands food and drink
sports and teams movies and TV

amazing annoying exciting boring
great weird interesting terrible
delicious disgusting

Art is such an important subject.

Personally, I think it's a bit boring.

History is such an interesting subject!

I don't agree. If you ask me, it's boring!



Link it!

Pairwork Give an opinion on one of the topics listed below (or some of your own). Practise a dialogue with your partner expressing your opinions. Remember to use phrases from *Real English*.

- 1 Wearing school uniform is a good idea.
- 2 Street art makes a place look better.
- 3 University education should be free.
- 4 Climate change is the most important issue we face.

