


## Give details about literature

- 1 Do you like reading books in your free time? Would you rather read about an adult or someone your age? Why?
- 2  092 **Read and listen** Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.
  - 1 Fiction used to be only for adults.
  - 2 YA is written by 12- to 18-year-olds.
  - 3 A YA book is usually written in the third person (*he, she*).
  - 4 The stories always have a happy ending.

### YA—fiction for us!

Before a certain boy wizard first appeared in bookstores, fiction was often divided into adult novels and children's books. But with the popularity of the Harry Potter series, another category of fiction became more popular with readers. Today, Young Adult (YA) fiction, which is aimed at 12- to 18-year-olds, is the hottest trend in the literary world!



#### So, what are some common characteristics of a YA book nowadays?

- ★ The characters, **who** are usually emotional, intense, and impulsive, are teenagers. The main character, **whose** eyes we see the story through, usually tells the story in the first person (using *I* and *me*).
- ★ The plot, **which** is more important than the style of the language, usually involves characters overcoming obstacles and growing as people.
- ★ The book often includes some dark, difficult themes, and may even be set in a future "dystopia," **where** everything in society has become bad.
- ★ The story probably doesn't have a traditional happy ending, but there is usually a small message of hope at the end.

- 3 Complete the rules with the **highlighted** words in the text.

#### Non-defining relative clauses

Non-defining relative clauses come after a noun and give extra information about the person, place, or thing we are talking about. Use:

- 1  for people.
- 2  for things and animals.
- 3  for places.
- 4  to indicate possession.

#### Think

Choose the correct alternatives.

Non-defining relative clauses are always separated from the main sentence with **'semi-colons / commas'**.

<sup>2</sup>**Do use / don't use** *that* in non-defining relative clauses.

*The book, that came out in 2009, was a success.*

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- 4 Complete the sentences with relative pronouns.

The writer, **who** comes from South Africa, has published a lot of young adult literature.

- 1 His favorite author is Gabriel García Márquez,  books have always inspired him.
- 2 The book,  won a major prize last year, has sold millions of copies.
- 3 Her books are set in Lima,  she lives.
- 4 The main character,  parents work for the government, becomes a spy.
- 5 The movie,  was based on a popular novel, was the biggest hit of the summer.

- 5 Rewrite these sentences as a single sentence.

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- 1 I loved the story. It's set in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 2 He moved to a remote island. He wrote his best books there.
- 3 The Michael L. Printz Award is a prize for YA books. It began in 2000.
- 4 Valeria Luiselli's family is from Mexico. She has lived in the U.S., Costa Rica, South Korea, South Africa, India, Spain, and France.

- 6 **Pairwork** Describe a novel you have read. Who are the main characters? Where is it set? What happens?

Leo and Anna, who are brother and sister, try ...

#### Challenge

Write a YA-style short story in 100–150 words. Think about the characters, the plot, the challenges, and the message at the end of the story.

