

Word of the Month: FASHIONABLE

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I The adjectives below can be used to describe plays, books and films.

Write each one next to the correct definition.

interesting fashionable boring contemporary outdated classic

- a. modern, written in recent times _____
- b. a timeless piece of work that never becomes irrelevant _____
- c. not entertaining or of interest _____
- d. very popular at the moment, with lots of people _____
- e. something that people want to watch or read because it holds their attention

- f. no longer relevant to modern times _____

2 Complete the newspaper cuttings for the opening night of Hamlet.

a. **A modern adaptation of an old _____.**

b. **A rather _____ performance from Phil Jones. What a disappointment!**

c. **The trendy people were all out tonight to see this _____ adaptation of one of Shakespeare's best loved plays.**

d. **Can this play still satisfy _____ audiences? Based on tonight's performance, the answer is no.**

e. **Great performance from all the cast- and the unexpected and _____ alternative ending was a real winner.**

f. **Is this the end for Shakespeare? Are his scripts too _____ for young theatre-goers**

3. Write a review of a book that you have read or a play/film you've seen recently.

Use these prompts to help you.

The last book I read / film/play I saw was

It was basically about

The main characters were

I would/ wouldn't recommend this book/ film/ play because ...

4. Present your review to the rest of the class.

Teachers Notes

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1 Write to the correct definition

- a. contemporary
- b. classic
- c. boring
- d. fashionable
- e. interesting
- f. outdated

2 Complete the newspaper cuttings for the opening night of Hamlet.

- a. classic
- b. boring
- c. fashionable
- d. contemporary
- e. interesting
- f. outdated

4 Present your review to the rest of the class

Bring students up to the front in groups of six. Set an online timer with a one minute countdown so that the next student starts as soon as the previous one stops talking. This means that you won't waste time between presentations and even with a large class you should get through them all.