

6B | Actor! Author!

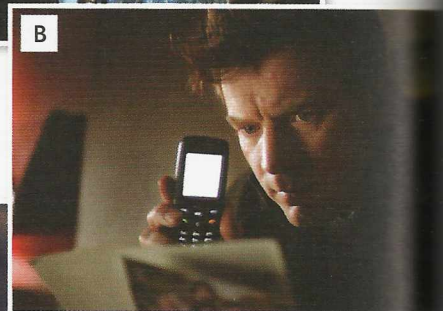
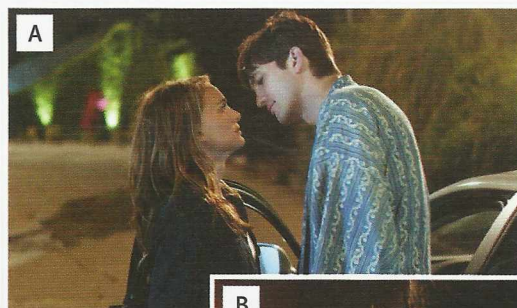
VOCABULARY & SPEAKING: films & books

1 Match the words in the box to the photos A–G.

comedy horror love story/romance
science fiction cartoon western
thriller

- 2 Work in pairs. Think of a film or book you know for each category. Write their names.
- 3 Work with another pair. Read out the names of your films or books. Can the other pair say what the category is?
- 4 Work in pairs, A and B.

A: Turn to page 138.
B: Turn to page 135.



LISTENING

- 1 2.1 Listen to the beginning of the TV programme *Actor! Author!* What are the rules?
- 2 2.2 Listen to the extract. Can you guess the famous actor or author before Mike or Steph?
- 3 2.2 Listen again. Underline the correct word(s).

Actor (1) _____

He was born in Kentucky, USA in 1963 / 1973.

He *directed* / *acted* in many films by Tim Burton.

He made several films in his most famous role as a *pilot* / *pirate*.

Author: (2) _____

He is *Canadian* / *American*.

His books are translated into more than 14 / 40 languages.

He wrote a famous *thriller* / *love story*.

It's about symbols in the art of a famous *German* / *Italian* painter.

Author (3) _____

She was born in *England* / *Portugal*.

She taught *Spanish* / *English* in Portugal about twenty years ago.

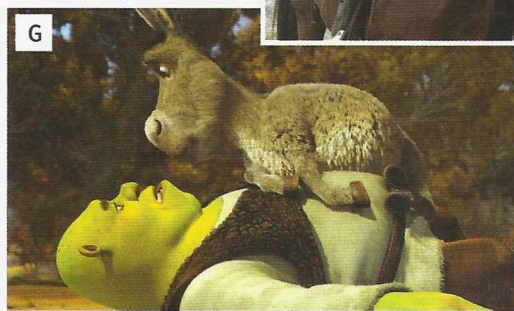
She wrote a series of *seven* / *eleven* books.

Actress (4) _____

She was born in 1974 / 1964.

She's from *Barcelona* / *Madrid*.

She got married to a famous *American* / *Spanish* actor.



GRAMMAR: past simple irregular verbs; past time expressions

Past simple irregular verbs

He **wrote** a thriller.

She **taught** in Portugal.

Past time expressions

I saw Gladiator on DVD **last night**.

I read that book **two years ago**.

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1 Look at pages 64–65. Find the past simple of these verbs.

- 1 write _____ 3 win _____ 5 read _____
 2 teach _____ 4 see _____ 6 make _____

2 Rearrange the words to make sentences.

- 1 weekend last a DVD I watched .
 2 last didn't television I watch night .
 3 bought ago two months I a book .
 4 I didn't the Oscars® last year watch .
 5 this read newspaper I the morning .
 6 use didn't I the internet email or yesterday .

3 Change the sentences in exercise 2 so that they are true for you.

PRONUNCIATION: past simple irregular verbs

1 2.3 Listen to these verbs and their irregular past simple forms.

think thought understand understood say said
 speak spoke swim swam make made

2 2.3 Listen again and repeat.

3 Complete the table with an irregular past simple form from exercise 1.

/əʊ/	/ʊ/	/ɔɪ/	/e/	/eɪ/	/æ/
wrote	could	taught	read	ate	drank
woke	took	bought	went	gave	had

4 2.4 Listen to the recording to check your answers. Say the verbs.

SPEAKING

1 Work in groups of three. Write down the names of two famous actors and two famous authors. Don't show your names to your partners.

2 Prepare clues for your actors and authors.

He/She was born in ...

He/She won an Oscar®.

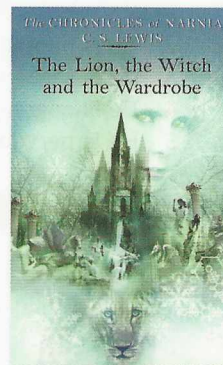
He/She wrote ...

He/She acted in ...

3 Play Actor! Author!

One person gives clues, the others guess.

4 Swap roles.



DID YOU KNOW?

1 Work in pairs. Read about The Big Read and discuss the questions.

The Big Read

Some years ago, the BBC had a television show and competition to discover Britain's favourite books. More than 750,000 people voted for the book they liked the most. Here is the list of the top ten books in Britain.

- 1 **The Lord of the Rings**, J R R Tolkien
- 2 **Pride and Prejudice**, Jane Austen
- 3 **His Dark Materials**, Philip Pullman
- 4 **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**, Douglas Adams
- 5 **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**, J K Rowling
- 6 **To Kill a Mockingbird**, Harper Lee
- 7 **Winnie the Pooh**, A A Milne
- 8 **Nineteen Eighty-Four**, George Orwell
- 9 **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, C S Lewis
- 10 **Jane Eyre**, Charlotte Brontë

- Do you know any of these books?
- What are the titles in your language?
- What are the favourite books in your country, do you think?