Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

1. coal  a. a complicated and confusing place with lots of connecting passages
2. mine  b. to mix together
3. hunt  c. a situation comedy, a TV comedy
4. bow and arrow  d. a primitive weapon
5. to merge  e. an underground place where people extract coal or other useful substances
6. labyrinth  f. an adjective to describe a person who has seen so much of a bad thing that it becomes normal for them
7. sitcom  g. to find and kill animals for food
8. desensitised  h. a dark brown/black substance that is burnt to produce energy

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer for these questions.

1. The Hunger Games has been translated into __________ different languages.
   - 20
   - 26
   - 12
   Suzanne.
   Gale.
   Prim.

2. Katniss has a younger sister named __________
   - a mine.
   - the Hunger Games.
   - the Vietnam War.

3. Katniss’s father died in __________
   - Colin.
   - Gale.
   - Peeta.
   - watching TV.
   - reading.
   - in Athens.

4. The other ‘tribute’ from District 12 is called __________
   - author.
   - pilot.
   - miner.

5. The idea for The Hunger Games came when Suzanne was __________

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2. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1. There are ten districts in Panem.  
   - True  
   - False

2. The ‘tributes’ must be over 18 years old.  
   - True  
   - False

3. Suzanne’s father was in the Iraq war.  
   - True  
   - False

4. Some parents complained about the violence in the book.  
   - True  
   - False

5. *The Hunger Games* was the first story for young readers to sell a million electronic books.  
   - True  
   - False

6. The author thinks that reality TV is good for people.  
   - True  
   - False

**Discussion**

Have you read any good books lately?