



Work with a partner. Complete the conversation with the missing words. Think of grammar and vocabulary studied in Unit Four. When finished, listen to check your answers.

Steve: Hey Geoff, how are you doing?

Geoff: Hey Steve, not bad. (a) **Would** you mind if I sat with you?

Steve: (b) **Not** at all. What's up?

Geoff: Oh, not much. You?

Steve: Not much. Just reading this novel.

Geoff: Oh yeah, what is it?

Steve: Oh, just a novel.

Geoff: Come on! Will you tell me the name?

Steve: Okay, sorry. It's called The Brothers Karamazov. It was written by an (c) **author** in Russia. Fyodor Dosto...

Geoff: Dostoevsky! Yeah I know all about him. His books are really interesting. I (d) **had to** read some of his books when I was in my Russian (e) **literature** class in university. I haven't read that one yet, though.

Steve: No way! I didn't know you liked literature.

Geoff: Yeah, I think everyone (f) **should** read more. These days, it seems like people only care about movies, TV, and video games.

Steve: I know what you mean. I wasn't (g) **allowed** to play video games when I was a kid so I read a lot. I actually prefer reading to watching movies. Are you the same?

Geoff: Well, I don't know about that, but I definitely like reading. So what's that book about? Could I take a look?

Steve: I haven't gotten that far into the book yet, but so far, it seems to be about three different brothers fighting to get their father's money. The characters are pretty crazy.

Geoff: Wow, 800 pages. It says on the back that this was the (h) **author's** last book before he died. Did you know that in the 1800s in Russia, novelists like Dostoevsky and Tolstoy wrote chapters and published them in magazines before they had finished their books?

Steve: No way. So people had to wait for the next (i) **chapter** to be printed in a

magazine before they could read it?

Geoff: Yeah. So for a book like War and Peace by Tolstoy, it took everyone four years to read the book because it had so many chapters.

Steve: Wow, that's crazy. Why did they do that? They should (j) **have** printed the whole book.

Geoff: Yeah, I agree. Four years is a long time to read a novel.

Steve: Yeah. Well, I should go now. I've (k) **got** to go to work this evening.

Geoff: Would you (l) **mind** lending that book to me when you're finished?

Steve: No problem. Shall I call you when I've finished with it?

Geoff: That would be awesome. Thanks man.

Steve: No problem. Take care.