

A Read the dialogues and match the words and expressions in **bold** with definitions 1–7.

Anna Hi Ben. You're such a **bookworm**! What are you reading now?

Ben The last Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Have you read it?

Anna Yes, I thought it was brilliant. I **couldn't put it down**.

Ben I know! It's certainly a **page-turner**. I can't wait to find out what happens at the end.

Anna I can tell you if you like.

Ben No! Don't you dare!

Susan Are you OK, Yvonne? You look like you've been crying.

Yvonne Yes, I'm fine. I've just finished reading *My Sister's Keeper*. It's such a **tear jerker**. It makes me cry every time!

Susan I've never read it. Do you think I could borrow it from you?

Yvonne Sure. Here you go. It's a bit **dog-eared**, I'm afraid!

Susan Wow! You're not joking! How many times have you read it?

Yvonne About four or five, I think!

Pat Hello Clare. What are you up to?

Clare Oh hi. I'm just **flicking through** this cookbook. It's Steve's birthday on Saturday and I want to make him dinner.

Pat I've got a great recipe book that I sometimes **dip into** to find something for a special occasion.

Clare Sounds great! Can I borrow it?

Pat Sure. I'll bring it round to your house later.

- 1 a book with a sad story, which makes you cry _____
- 2 I didn't want to stop reading it. _____
- 3 look at / read a small part _____
- 4 a very exciting book that you want to read quickly _____
- 5 looking quickly at the pages _____
- 6 a person who reads a lot _____
- 7 has pages turned down, because it's been used a lot _____

B Work in pairs. Discuss these questions. Give as much detail as possible in your answers!

- 1 Can you give an example of a book that you couldn't put down?
- 2 Do you know anyone who is a bookworm?
- 3 Is your copy of *New Matura Solutions* dog-eared?
- 4 When was the last time you flicked through a magazine or newspaper?
- 5 What kind of books do people dip into?
- 6 Can you name any books or films which you think are tear jerkers?
- 7 Would you describe the Harry Potter series as page-turners?

