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Sensitivity readers edit James Bond and Roald Dahl books

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THE READING

More famous novels are being edited. Publishers are worried that words in older books might upset people, especially children. The authors Roald Dahl and Ian Fleming had their books edited. Dahl wrote "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory;" Fleming wrote the James Bond books. Publishers are using "sensitivity readers" to check for language that might upset minorities. A lot of the language they check was written 50 years ago. It was thought to be okay then.

Publishers edited language in the James Bond books about black characters and women. The language was racist and sexist. The books will now have a warning. This explains the books were written in the 1950s, so they used words that we cannot use today. One edit is the word "enormous" replacing "fat". Using the word "fat" for a person is now a negative term. The UK's prime minister and its future queen said it was wrong to edit the books.

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PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	More famous novels are	a.	check
2.	words in	b.	"sensitivity readers"
3.	upset people,	c.	be okay then
4.	Publishers are using	d.	50 years ago
5.	language that might upset	e.	especially children
6.	A lot of the language they	f.	being edited
7.	written	g.	older books
8.	It was thought to	h.	minorities

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Publishers edited	a.	and sexist
2.	books about black characters	b.	negative term
3.	The language was racist	c.	in the 1950s
4.	The books will now have	d.	and women
5.	the books were written	e.	use today
6.	words that we cannot	f.	to edit the books
7.	"fat" for a person is now a	g.	language
8.	it was wrong	h.	a warning

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

More famous (1) _____ edited. Publishers are worried that (2) _____ books might upset people, especially children. The authors Roald Dahl and Ian Fleming had (3) _____. Dahl wrote "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory;" Fleming wrote the James Bond books. Publishers are using "sensitivity readers" (4) _____ language that might upset minorities. (5) _____ the language they check was written 50 years ago. It was thought (6) _____ then.

Publishers (7) _____ the James Bond books about black characters and women. The language (8) _____ sexist. The books will now have a warning. This explains the books (9) _____ the 1950s, so they used words that we (10) _____. One edit is the word "enormous" replacing "fat". Using the word "fat" for a person is now (11) _____. The UK's prime minister and its future queen said it was (12) _____ the books.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JAMES BOND SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about James Bond in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **James Bond** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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