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1 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–g) below. There are two extra sentences.

Amma is walking along the path next to the river. It is early in the morning; the sun has begun to rise and she can hear a violin being played somewhere in the distance.

Amma's new play, *The Last Amazon of Dahomey*, opens at the National Theatre in London tonight.

¹..... She remembers how she and her friend Dominique would go to shows and shout insults at the actors and actresses on the stage if the play offended them. ².....

When she was younger, Amma had found herself on the outside of what was popular in the theatre world. She was a black lesbian and, for a long time, she felt like she did not fit in with the people around her, but recently things had started to change. Three years ago, a woman was named the artistic director of the National, and after so many years of being on the outside, Amma had received a phone call from her.

“Hello, Amma?” she said. “I love your new play. I want to show it at the National, and I want you to direct it too.”

Amma walks towards the National and remembers how she felt when she first walked through its doors many years ago. ³..... Back then, people wore their smartest clothes to the theatre, but not Amma.

She had dressed casually in jeans and hats, and large jewellery, in clothes that matched her personality and revealed her politics and sexuality. She wore special buttons on her clothes to show people that she was a lesbian.

⁴..... She wears trousers with patterns on them, bright shirts and coats, and has even coloured her dreadlocks blonde. Her daughter, Yazz, recently told her that she has a “mad old woman look”, before begging her to dress more like normal mothers.

Amma pauses her walk to light a cigarette. She is nervous about tonight. She has written and directed plenty of plays in her career, but she is still worried. ⁵..... What will people say about her?

- a Amma remembers once pouring a pint of beer over the head of a director and quickly running out of the theatre, laughing loudly.
- b Amma's style has changed since then, but it still makes her noticeable in a crowd.
- c As she walks, Amma thinks back to when she first started working in theatre.
- d She had expected to be kicked out as soon as she arrived.
- e They immediately became best friends.
- f What if she gets bad reviews?
- g Where did she go wrong?

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2 Put the information from Chapter One in the correct column.

<p>her father was a journalist who had fought for Independence in Ghana</p> <p>wrote the plays</p> <p>didn't like acting on the stage and would rather do all the organizing</p> <p>felt being with one woman was like being in a prison</p> <p>her mother was mixed-race and she was born in Scotland</p>	<p>moved to America many years ago</p> <p>hated all the organizing, didn't really like acting, but loved writing</p> <p>was born in Bristol and had nine brothers and sisters</p> <p>hired actresses and organized tours around the UK</p> <p>lied and told a government worker that she was running away from her violent father</p>
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Amma	Dominique

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3 Read the questions and choose the correct person from Chapter Two.

Write **A** (*Courtney*), **B** (*Nenet*), **C** (*Waris*) or **D** (*Yazz*).

- 1 Who doesn't write her own essays?
- 2 Who is dating a Somali-Norwegian boy called Einar?
- 3 Who is having an arranged marriage?
- 4 Who is studying American Studies, because she likes African-American men?
- 5 Who is studying English Literature?
- 6 Who is studying Politics and wants to join the government to speak up for black people?
- 7 Who is working on a cartoon about a female Somali superhero who hunts men who hurt women?
- 8 Who is white?
- 9 Who wants to be a journalist?
- 10 Who wants to move to America one day to find a husband?

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4 Tick the six true sentences about Nzinga in Chapter Three.

- 1 Dominique met Nzinga at a party.
- 2 She was tall and beautiful.
- 3 She had long dreadlocks that fell to her thighs.
- 4 She didn't drink coffee.
- 5 She was from Ghana.
- 6 She built homes on women-only communes that she called "women's lands".
- 7 Her violent father had abused her.
- 8 She did not drink alcohol or smoke or eat meat.
- 9 She lived in a cabin away from everyone else.
- 10 She liked Dominique introducing herself to their neighbours.

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5 List what Dominique was not allowed to do when she lived with Nzinga.

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- b
- c

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6 Complete the text with the missing words.

Carole is walking through a train station on her way to work. She passes underneath the information board that informs passengers ¹ arrival times and trains that are late due to leaves or a body on the tracks.

Some people think that it is very selfish to choose to die by throwing ² in front of a train, but not Carole. Carole understands why someone might choose such a horrible way to die. Carole knows what it feels like to appear normal to the people around you, but inside be only one jump ³ from total peace.

These days, however, Carole feels very much alive and able to enjoy her life. These days, Carole is happy to act like everyone ⁴ in the city. She dresses in smart suits, pulls her hair into a tight bun and wears small, no-nonsense jewellery. She works at an investment bank and spends her days helping wealthy people ⁵ more money. At night, she reads books about investments in Africa and Asia, and news stories that affect the world's money. For Carole, if it is not about her work, then it is not worth reading. When she falls asleep, she dreams about bad things that happen to bad little girls who don't know ⁶ to behave.

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7 Answer the questions about Chapter Four.

1 What does Carole hope about her new customer?

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2 How does she deal with situations like that?

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3 Why did she tell a customer that she was engaged to Freddy Marchmont?

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4 When did she have problems with people treating her badly?

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5 How old was Carole when she went to her first party, without any adults, which changed her life?

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6 Where did Carole go to university?

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8 Complete these lists from Chapter Four. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

had darker skin spent holidays in Paris, Prague or Vilnius ate at expensive restaurants
 had never eaten at a restaurant with waiters had never gone on holiday
 lived in big houses seemed loud and confident lived in a small flat

Carole:

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Other students:

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9 Complete the conversations in Chapter Five. Choose the best answers (a–e) below.

Bummi: Now you've graduated, it's time for you to get a good job and a Nigerian husband so you can give me some grandchildren.

Carole: ¹

Bummi: Partying? You're too old to be out partying. Are you sleeping around? Is that it?

Carole: ²

Bummi: Good. You have to stay a virgin. Remember, you're Nigerian. You're not one of these silly English girls.

Carole: ³

Bummi: Don't wait too long. After you turn thirty, you will be too old.

Carole: ⁴

Bummi: Why do you like to cause problems for me? You're bringing shame on your papa's life and on this family!

Carole: ⁵

Bummi: You are Nigerian, and if you ever call me Mother again I'll beat you until you bleed. I'm your mama, now and forever. Never forget that.

- a** I have something to share. I'm engaged to be married, Mother. Oh and he's white, English. We've been dating for a while and I'm really in love with him.
- b** I'm not really interested in dating at the moment.
- c** I've been partying, Mother.
- d** No, I've never slept with anyone. I'm a virgin.
- e** You'll be pleased to hear that I'm moving out and in with Freddy, Mother. You'll never have to see me again.

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10 Read these sentences about Chapter Five. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (does not say).

- 1 Bummi began to feel ashamed of her relationship with Omofe.
- 2 Omofe found another woman to make Bummi feel jealous.
- 3 Bummi hated Carole's white husband.
- 4 Bummi married Kofi.
- 5 She continued to have a relationship with Omofe.
- 6 Freddy and Carole decided not to have children.

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11 Complete the information about LaTisha from Chapter Six.

Name: LaTisha KaNisha: ¹

Job: a ²

Left school: without ³

Her father left when: ⁴

He went to live with: ⁵

in ⁶

They had a: ⁷ together

LaTisha's sister Jayla had a different: ⁸

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12 Complete the sentences about LaTisha's children from Chapter Six. Choose names from the box.

Jordan Dwight Jason Mark Trey Jantelle

- 1 , her first child, with , was an accident. He worked at the same supermarket as LaTisha.
- 2 She had her second child, , with She met him at a bar she went to once a month with her friends.
- 3 was the father of child Number Three, He was the older brother of a girl she went to school with and worked as a sports teacher.

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13 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.

Shirley (not yet Mrs King) arrives at Peckham School for Boys and Girls. It is her first day as a teacher and she is dressed ¹.....

She walks through the empty school and makes a promise to herself.

She is not just going to be a good teacher. She is going to be a great one.

The kind of teacher who will be remembered for years for helping poor children ²..... anything they want in life.

Shirley's parents, Winsome and Clovis, are proud of her for going to university and studying history and education. Shirley is the

³..... one now, not her two older brothers who were supposed to become football stars but were not talented enough.

Shirley has her dream job and her dream man. Shirley knows she is lucky to have Lennox, and she cannot wait to marry him.

When the children finally enter the class, she tries her best to remember their names. She knows how important it is for a teacher to have a good

⁴..... with their students. She is excited to start teaching them and to make history fun for them to learn.

She teaches them about Hitler and the terrible things he did, and shows them photographs of black men in America hanging

⁵..... from trees. She encourages her students to ask questions and talk about the awful things she shows them. By the end

of the school term, her car is filled with gifts and chocolates from her grateful students.

The other teachers in her school are not as ⁶..... to teach as she is. Shirley sits in the crowded staffroom which is filled with

cigarette smoke, and listens to the teachers complain about their students. Shirley is one of the only black teachers at the school, despite there being

many black students. One of the teachers, John, is reading a

⁷..... with a photograph of an angry looking black teenager staring at him on the front cover. Shirley wishes that John would put

it away. The teachers Shirley works with do not understand what it is like to feel personally attacked by the media or to feel like everyone she passes in the

street is ⁸..... her because of the colour of her skin.

SMART

ACHIEVEMENT

SUCCESS

RELATION

DEATH

EXCITING

PAPER

JUDGE

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14 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

Shirley is on holiday visiting her ¹ _____ parents in the Caribbean, where they now live. Shirley

- a retire
- b retired
- c retiring
- d to retire

likes to visit her mother every summer. She thinks it is good for her to have the family visit, so Winsome

can have people to look ² _____ .

- a after
- b for
- c over
- d up

Shirley has six weeks ahead of her before she will have to return to the Hellhole High School for

Losers where she will choose a few more students to mentor as she has done every year ³ _____

- a already
- b just
- c since
- d yet

Carole left.

Shirley still thinks about Carole quite a lot. Carole who came from a single-parent family and was a very smart girl until one day, she became friends with three very difficult girls and just stopped

⁴ _____ . Then, one day, Carole came to her to ask for her help.

- a try
- b trying
- c tried
- d to try

“I wanna do better, Mrs King,” Carole told her. “I wanna work harder and everything and go to university and get a good job and stuff.”

Shirley never found out ⁵ _____ it was that made Carole change so suddenly, but it was not

- a that
- b what
- c which
- d why

important. Shirley took Carole’s request seriously and did everything she could to make sure she stayed

focused on her studies. It worked, ⁶ **a** again . Because of Shirley, Carole went to one of the top

- b** also
- c** lot
- d** too

universities in the world. In the end, Carole's experience reminded Shirley of the reason she went into teaching. She wanted to help change lives.

Now, at the beginning of every school year, Shirley chooses a ⁷ **a** few students to mentor.

- b** little
- c** many
- d** little

Nearly all of them go on to study at university and for the few that do not, they end up getting well-paying jobs straight out of school.

Some of them return to the school to thank her for her help, but not Carole.

Carole, her first and ⁸ **a** great achievement, has never once come back to school or even

- b** greater
- c** greatest
- d** greatly

phoned Shirley to say thank you. This makes Shirley feel, well, used.

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15 Answer the questions about Chapter Eight.

1 What do people tell Winsome and Clovis they can't do when they move to the Scilly Isles?

- a**
- b**
- c**
- d**

2 What does a policeman tell them that they can do?

- a**
- b**

3 What were people like to them in Plymouth?

- a**

b

c

4 What did they find at their home in Plymouth?

a

b

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16 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Nine.

1 Why did Penelope's family leave South Africa?

- a Because a war started there.
- b Because her father didn't agree with the government.
- c Because her mother became ill there.
- d Because her father was badly attacked by the men who worked for him.

2 When Penelope's mother was young, she would ...

- a go dancing every Sunday with the local men.
- b leave her house at night without her parents knowing to go swimming naked in the river.
- c meet her friends for parties during the night.
- d not go to school, but go to then beach instead.

3 What did her parents tell her on her sixteenth birthday?

- a That she had a brother.
- b That she was adopted.
- c That they had no money.
- d That they were getting divorced.

4 Who did Penelope meet shortly after her parents revealed their lie to her?

- a Giles, her future husband.
- b Julian, her real father.
- c Sarah, her best friend.
- d Zoe, her real mother.

5 What did Giles do when she continued to ask him to let her go back to work?

- a He hit her.
- b He laughed at her.
- c He put his hand through the glass window of the front door.
- d He walked away from her.

6 How did Penelope and her second husband, Phillip, live?

- a They did everything together.
- b They were very happy together, but lived separate lives.
- c Separate lives in different houses.
- d Separate lives in the same house.

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17 Correct the sentences from Chapter Nine.

1 Penelope found an African cleaner called Boomi to help her and she rented out some of the rooms upstairs to businessmen.

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2 Penelope didn't like them. They weren't clean, quiet and respectful.

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3 Penelope liked being single. She had discovered that it was easy to find a partner now that she was middle-aged.

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4 She was happy food shopping for one and happy to go to sleep alone.

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5 She tried to be happy to look at her young body in the mirror without smiling.

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6 She also tried to be happy at work, especially as she had met her second husband due to her right to work.

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7 She liked teaching when children from immigrant families started joining the school.

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8 The school quickly changed from mostly Black immigrant students to students from white English families.

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18 Choose the correct answers and circle the correct words about Chapter Ten.

Megan preferred to wear:

a dresses / trousers as a child.

She found them to be:

b less / more comfortable.

She liked looking like her brother, Mark:

c who was three years **older / younger**.

Megan's mother wanted her to look:

d smart / sweet.

Megan's dad did not help. He came from Malawi and believed that:

e everything / nothing could be repaired, including his daughter.

Megan liked to:

f cut off / play with her dolls' hair and arms.

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19 Complete the text. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words.

non-binary freedom chat fight transgender feminism equal issues

After a ¹..... with her parents on her 18th birthday, Megan moved into a home for teenagers who had nowhere else to go. She had realized that she would never be able to find herself if she continued to live at home with her parents, so she left.

When she was alone in her new room, Megan wondered if she should really have been born a man because she did not feel like a woman.

She turned to the internet for answers and found herself in ²..... rooms with other young outsiders who introduced her to the ³..... world. That was where Megan met Bibi who easily became angry because of Megan's lack of understanding about trans ⁴.....

"I thought feminists all hated men," Megan wrote to Bibi after Bibi told her to do some feminist reading.

"Of course feminism isn't about hating all men!" Bibi wrote back. "It's about ⁵..... rights and having the ⁶..... to do what you want. You need to think for yourself for once, Megan. It's time to grow up!"

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20 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

Her name is Hattie, but everyone ¹..... her GG. She is 93 years old and is sitting at the dinner table with her large family around her.

On either side of her are her two children, Ada Mae and Sonny, who are both in their 70s. Then there are her seven grandchildren who are ²..... in their 40s and 50s. A few of her great-grandchildren are there, too. They are in their 20s and 30s and Hattie does not know ³..... about many of them. Her great-great-grandchildren are sitting at another table, but Hattie cannot remember most of their names. Then there are the newborn babies ⁴..... names Hattie knows she will forget in a few hours.

Everyone is eating their Christmas lunch cooked by Hattie with some help from Morgan and Bibi. There is a Christmas tree with presents underneath it. Hattie does not like presents. She thinks that Christmas, which now has no ⁵..... with religion, should be called Greedymas. She tells her family not to give her presents but they do not listen and continue to gift her things like gloves, tissues and slippers every year. She does not need presents. She already has everything she needs and there is only one thing she wants: Slim, her husband. But nobody can ⁶..... him back.

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| 1 a calls | b names | c says | d tells |
| 2 a whole | b entire | c ever | d all |
| 3 a any | b lot | c much | d some |
| 4 a that | b which | c who | d whose |
| 5 a connect | b connected | c connection | d connecting |
| 6 a arrive | b bring | c make | d take |

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21 Complete the information about Grace from Chapter Twelve.

Grace's father was a ¹ from Ethiopia called Wolde. He met her mother, Daisy, one afternoon in 1895, when his ship sailed into South Shields ², and left a few days later after having had ³ with Daisy who had just turned 16.

Daisy's parents were not happy when they ⁴ Grace was half-black. Her father told her to give Grace to the ⁵ to take care of, or to get out of his home.

Daisy found work making flowers for a hat ⁶ where she met Mary, who allowed her and Grace to move into a room in her home. Daisy ⁷ Grace lots of things.

Daisy did not keep her promises to Grace. Working in the factory made her body weak and when Daisy died Mary, who had not planned on having an extra child, took Grace to the Northern Association's ⁸ for Girls in the countryside.

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22 Match the words and write the new words or phrases.

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| 1 bake | a cup of tea | |
| 2 sew | a job | |
| 3 interview for | buttons on dresses | |
| 4 wear nice | bread | |
| 5 ride a | clothes | |
| 6 brush your | horse-pulled carriage | |
| 7 make | teeth | |

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23 Complete Grace's regrets from Chapter Twelve. Use the words in the box in the correct form.

meet be see not die

- 1 I wish you could me take care of Hettie, Ma.
- 2 I wish you around to be her grandmother.
- 3 I wish you so young, Ma.
- 4 I wish you Joseph, Ma.

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24 Change the reported speech into direct speech.

- 1 Roland asked him what he thought.
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- 2 Sylvester said that it was her best work yet.
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- 3 Roland said that he thought that it was amazing.
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- 4 Sylvester told Roland that he didn't care.
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- 5 Yazz told her dad that she had been so worried that the play was going to be terrible and so embarrassing for her mum, but that she did a good job.
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- 6 Roland asked Yazz if they were proud of her.
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25 Choose the best summary for Chapter Fourteen (a, b or c).

- a Penelope finds out that she is more African than British and doesn't want to meet her birth mother.
- b Penelope finds out that she is more African than British and is happy to meet her birth mother.
- c Penelope finds out that she is more British than African and is unable to find her birth mother.

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26 Complete the sentences. Write the correct prepositions and pronouns formed with *how, what, when or which*.

- 1 As she walks, Amma thinks back she first started working in theatre.
- 2 He decides to give Sylvester a taste he will say tomorrow on the news.
- 3 Shirley is surprised bitter she feels when she looks at Carole.
- 4 Penelope . . . , after a health scare she thought she might die, has never felt so human.

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27 Complete the conditional sentences.

- 1 When Amma first came out as a lesbian as a teenager, Winsome (worry) that she would have a hard life.
- 2 When she was alone in her new room, Megan wondered if she should really (be born) a man because she did not feel like a woman.
- 3 If I had written a play about drugs or slaves, they (like) it!
- 4 If we had social media when we were younger, I know we (be) on Twitter being mean to people with opinions like yours.

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28 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words. Use the correct tense.

sell out come out as put on fit in

- 1 Amma told Shirley she was a lesbian when they were 16.
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- 2 She was a black lesbian and, for a long time, she felt like she did not belong with the people around her.
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- 3 Amma considered restarting the Bush Women Theatre Company to organize the play herself, but she could not bear the thought of doing it without Dominique.
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- 4 “It’s just a shame that she had to do something that showed that she no longer had the same beliefs to do it.”
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29 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Megan asked Bibi more questions about **feminism** / **feminist** and the transgender world.
- 2 Ada Mae and Sonny think they will get a big **inherit** / **inheritance** from her, but Hattie is happy to know they will not receive the farm.
- 3 Grace let herself be **impress** / **impressed**.
- 4 “Your father is a professor and your mother is a famous theatre director,” said Courtney. “I think that makes you very **privilege** / **privileged**.”
- 5 In Ghana she visited a castle where captured Africans were held before being sold into **slavery** / **slaves**.
- 6 She had dressed casually in jeans and hats, and large jewellery, in clothes that matched her personality and revealed her politics and **sexuality** / **sexually**.

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30 Read the definitions. Choose the correct words from the box.

lesbian humanitarian audition generation immigrant degree racism

- 1 a person who comes to live in a foreign country
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- 2 a gay woman
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- 3 believing that some groups of people who may share some of the same things, like their history or parts of what they look like, are better than others
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- 4 a person who tries to help people who are being treated unfairly or living in bad conditions
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- 5 a university gives this to a student who has successfully completed a course there
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- 6 when a person acts, sings or dances in front of a group of people and then they decide if this person will perform in a show, play, movie, etc.
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- 7 a group of people who were born around the same time
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