

Practice

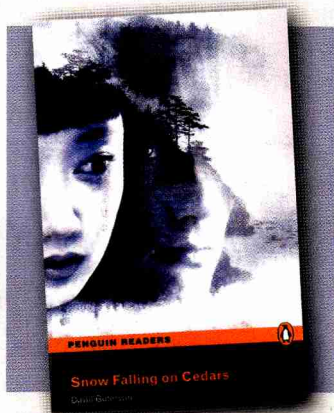
1 Complete sentences 1–10 with the correct form of a suitable verb. In sentences 11–15 add *a, an* or *no* article (–). If two answers are possible, put both.

- 1 Rickets a disease caused by a lack of vitamin D.
- 2 The 10,000 kilometres the longest walking competition in the Olympics.
- 3 Hollywood classic *The Women* showing at the London Film Festival this week.
- 4 Saudi Arabia, along with most of the oil-producing nations, voted to raise the price of crude oil again.
- 5 What he'd really like us to buy him for his birthday some new Nike trainers.
- 6 Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding definitely still the favourite of many British people!
- 7 My brother thinks that economics really interesting. I disagree.
- 8 That band always had a reputation for performing better in the studio than live.
- 9 Both my brother and sister lived in this town all their lives.
- 10 The local police interviewing several suspects in connection with the recent attacks.
- 11 I first felt the desire to visit Venice when looking at painting by Canaletto.
- 12 Where can I find information on late Renaissance Florentine artists?
- 13 There's nothing more delicious than lamb with mint sauce.
- 14 We developed passion for Baroque music at university.
- 15 It isn't a lack of courage that stops me taking part in extreme sports, it is anxiety about getting seriously injured.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics>. If both options are possible, choose both.*

Snow Falling on Cedars

BY DAVID GUTERSON



This novel (0) *open* / *opens* in the courthouse of San Piedro, a small sleepy island off the Pacific coast of the north-west United States.

Underneath the courtroom windows, four tall narrow arches of (1) *leaded* / *a leaded* glass, (2) *drama* / *a drama* which will divide the island's communities (3) *is* / *are* unfolding. The defendant stands erect in the dock; the local press and the jurors await the start of this trial. Kabuo Miyamoto is accused of the murder of Carl Heine, a young fisherman. The alleged crime by a young man of Japanese descent stirs up the emotions of the islanders and questions their beliefs and their politics. It takes place in the 1950s – not many years (4) *has* / *have* passed since the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour and the horrors of World War II. Although the

Japanese on San Piedro (5) *was* / *were* eager to defend their adopted country against the country of their ancestors, a number of people in the community (6) *was* / *were* unable to forgive Japan its role in the war, and the trial causes their deeply-held prejudices to surface. 'Snow Falling on Cedars' (7) *is* / *are* not only one of the best mysteries of recent years, it also raises issues which affect us all. However, it ends with (8) *great* / *a great* optimism. David Guterson has succeeded in combining the best from both classic and populist American (9) *literatures* / *literature* into (10) *spellbinding* / *a spellbinding* work of art. Buy and read this beautiful novel.