

Complete the same activity with the speech below.

Write an explanation of why the dialogue has been included.

Remember the purposes can be:

- explain part of the story
- show what a character is like through what they say
- demonstrate the relationship between characters based on what they say, and how they say it
- create a certain mood or atmosphere
- create humour

Extract 1:

“Gordon used to talk about you all the time, boast about his little niece. He was an individual of character your uncle. It seems that you are too.”

“You say that like you know me.”

“Strong-willed, intelligent, sharp-tongued, doesn’t suffer fools gladly... remind you of anyone?”

“Yes. Gordon.”

“Interesting,” said the man. “Because those are the exact words he used to describe you.” His gloved fingers dipped into his waistcoat and brought out an ornate pocket watch on a delicate gold chain.

“Good luck in whatever you decide to do with your life.”



“Thank you,” Stephanie said, a little dumbly. “You too.”

Extract 2 (extension task):

“I was,” he answered with a move of his head. This slight movement made her realise that the rest of his body was unnaturally still. “I’ve known him for years, met him outside a bar in New York when I was over there, back when he had just published his first novel.”

Stephanie couldn’t see anything behind the sunglasses – they were black as pitch. “Are you a writer too?”

“Me? No, I wouldn’t know where to start. But I got to live out my writer fantasies through Gordon.”

“You had writer fantasies?”

“Doesn’t everyone?”

“I don’t know. I don’t think so”

“Oh. Then that would make me seem kind of odd, wouldn’t it?”

“Well,” Stephanie answered. “It would help.”

