**Science-fiction novel series**

Task: Read the descriptions of the two science-fiction novel series. Underline words you don’t know and look them up in a dictionary. Describe in your own words what both series are about. Name at least three differences between the series.

***Maddrax*** is a German science-fiction series. The first novel was published in the year 2000. Until today, around 370 novels have been published as well as popular comic books and radio plays. The series have won several popular awars. In these series, a comet hits the Earth in the year 2012. US Air-Force commander Matthew Drax leads a group of three jets that try to launch nuclear missiles to prevent an apocalyptic impact. The counter measures fail and the team is thrown more than five hundred years into the future. Matthew Drax realizes that humanity has been thrown back into the Stone Age while an icreased evolution has provoked the arrival of completely new life forms. On his quest around the Earth, Matthew Drax meets aliens, barbaric tribes, bunker civilizations, cyborgs, monsters and mutants. He tries to understand what has happened in the past five centuries. He encounters new friends such as his barbarian girlfriend Aruula, the cyborg Aiko Tsuyoshi and a fishman called Quart’ol. He also meets new enemies such as an alien tribe from planet Daa’mur, the new American government called World Council or the crazy physician Jacob Smythe.

***Metro 2033*** is a Russian science-fiction series. The first novel was written by Dmitry Glukhovsky in 2033 and is set in Moscow. Since then, several other authors have continued the series that take place all around the world. Until today, 28 novels have been written, two video games have been created and there are plans for a movie as well. In the series, a nuclear war occured in 2013 and forced the surviving population to relocate to underground metro stations. New complex fractions have been formed in these metro stations. Only few humans survived, life remains very difficult and there are many complicated conflicts between the different stations. On the radioactive surface of the Earth, strange mutants and tribes are trying to attack or to communicate with the survivors. The survivors try to develop new technologies to go back to the surface and live incredible adventures.

Vocabulary:

Expression Meaning

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