1. QUICK QUIZ

Which of these words are connected with magic? Write them into the cauldron.

- spell
- royalty
- wizard
- magical
- tropical
- bewitched
- prince
- potions
- school
- witchcraft
- marriage
- Hogwarts

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Skim-read the article to find the words that fit in the gaps. The paragraph number is given to help you.

1. a word or action that is intended to make magic things happen ________________ (para 1)
2. when someone’s behaviour is controlled with magic or to make someone very interested in you ________________ (para 1)
3. Someone who is ________________ thinks they are better or more important than other people and behaves in a way that is rude and too confident. (para 4)
4. another word for strange and unusual ________________ (para 6)
5. a request you make to someone when you want them to marry you ________________ (para 6, 2 words)
6. When people are very interested in or attracted to, they are ________________ by you. (para 7)
7. someone whose behaviour is considered to be a good example for other people to copy ________________ (para 8, 2 words)
8. Something that is ________________ is impossible to understand. (para 10)
9. When you are ________________ about something, you are very interested in it or excited by it. (para 12)
10. When something is used as a model for a film, the film is ________________ it. (All about Harry, 2 words)
11. A ________________ is a magic drink. (All about Harry)
12. things or people that are influenced or controlled by the devil or very bad powers ________________ (All about Harry, 2 words)

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A boy wizard grows up

He has cast a spell over movielovers for the last nine years. Since his first appearance as the famous boy wizard, the *Harry Potter* films have earned nearly $4.5 billion in cinemas around the world. Hollywood is bewitched and named Daniel Radcliffe the most powerful young actor in the world. Now, fans can see him again in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the sixth film from J.K. Rowling’s best-selling book series. And we can’t wait to see what Daniel, who turned 20 in July 2009, will do next.

With Emma Watson as Hermione and Rupert Grint as Ron, Daniel first brought to life the magical world of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* back in 2001. Daniel was chosen from thousands of actors for the role of Harry – even though he hadn’t yet read all of the finished books!

And since then, Daniel has shown us that he’s not just a wizard. In 2007 he tried out an Australian accent in the drama *December Boys*, about orphans looking for new families. In the same year, he also acted in the TV movie *My Boy Jack*. But Daniel’s success isn’t limited to films. From London to New York City, he’s shown that he has what it takes to be a serious stage actor. We spoke to Daniel to find out what it’s been like to grow up in the spotlight.

What is it like to be a child actor?

In America, if you’re a child actor, you’re treated as an actor first and a child second. In England, you’re treated as a child first and an actor second – which is the right way to do it. If you’re 12 years old and people are treating you like royalty, then of course you are going to become arrogant. But if you’re just treated as a kid, then you will be all right, I think.

What would it be like to spend a day inside your head?

It would be totally incomprehensible – very frantic. I have a very busy mind, and that’s one of the things I don’t really like about myself. I would like to switch off more. I wish I could be calmer, to be honest.

How do you deal with failure?

I don’t think I have failed yet – but there is still time! I don’t want people to think I am not serious about acting. If I take a role for the wrong reasons, I will have failed.

Will you ever get tired of acting?

I’m still madly enthusiastic about what I do. I get a big kick out of being on the set and filming. So, as long as I don’t lose that feeling, I think I’ll be all right.

What is the weirdest thing a fan has done at a film premiere?

It’s quite weird that girls make marriage proposals. You’ve just got to remember that they’re here because they love Harry.

Why are people fascinated by you?

Really, I have no idea at all. I think it’s because I’m in the middle of this incredible *Harry Potter* world. It’s such a huge thing.

Do you worry that too many young people look up to you?

I don’t want people to think of me as a role model, because they don’t know me. But I think Harry Potter is a good role model.

Do you keep your personal life separate from your public life?

The most interesting parts about me are things I don’t want to talk about in public. Every quote will eventually come back at you in some way. I told somebody that I wrote poems. A few months later, people were asking, “When can we see some?” Not ever!

Have you grown up too quickly?

I don’t think I’ve grown up too fast, but I have grown up faster than others. Suddenly, I feel like I have to be an adult. I don’t know what being an adult means, and I don’t know how to grow up.

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3 FIND THE INFORMATION

1. How many books are there in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling?
2. How many films will there be?
3. How old is Daniel Radcliffe?
4. When was the first Harry Potter film made?
5. How many years will there be between the first and last films opening in the cinemas?
6. What are the names of Harry’s two best friends?
7. Who is Harry’s headmaster and what does he send Harry out to do?
8. What is the complete name of the school Harry attends?
4  TEEN TALK: GET A KICK (OUT OF ...)  
Look back at the article and complete the sentence.

Daniel Radcliffe says that he “gets a big kick out of ______________________.”

To *get a kick out of* something means...

a. ...that it can hurt you.

b. ...that it thrills and excites you.

c. ...that you hate it.

What do you get a kick out of?

________________________________________________________

5  WRITING: ALL ABOUT ME  
Look again at the file, “All about Daniel” and then complete the file below for yourself.

All about _____________

Birthday:

Home:

Money:

Hobbies:

What you didn't know:
Choose either Emma Watson or Rupert Grint and do research on the internet so that you can complete the file. Half the class should complete the file for Emma, and the other half for Rupert.

**WEBQUEST**

**All about Emma / Rupert**
*(choose one and cross out the other name)*

Birthday:

Home:

Money:

Hobbies:

What you didn’t know:

**ROLE-PLAY: INTERVIEWS**

Prepare questions that when asked will give the information you need to fill in the box. If you chose Emma in task 6 now interview someone who chose Rupert (and then swap roles).

You can continue this task by preparing more files for the main characters from the books: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, and then taking turns to be the characters and the interviewer. Use your imagination and invent any information you do not know.

And don’t forget to interview each other too!