A boy wizard grows up

1 QUICK QUIZ

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

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<td>witchcraft</td>
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2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Write the key words into the gaps. The paragraph number is given to help you.

- marriage proposal
- to cast a spell
- treated
- huge
- weird
- look up to
- role model
- bewitched

1. words or actions that are intended to make magic things happen __________________________ (para 1)
2. to use magic to make someone interested in you __________________________ (past tense verb, para 1)
3. to behave toward someone in a particular way __________________________ (past tense verb, para 3)
4. another word for strange and unusual __________________________ (para 5)
5. a request you make to someone when you want them to marry you __________________________ (para 5)
6. extremely successful and well known or very, very big __________________________ (para 6)
7. When you __________________________ you admire and respect them. (para 7)
8. someone whose behaviour is considered to be a good example for other people to copy __________________________ (para 7)

- evil forces
- based on
- public
- enthusiastic
- potion
- failure
- incomprehensible

9. Your __________________________ life is the part of your life that people know about, for example your work, rather than your life at home. (para 8)
10. Something that is __________________________ is impossible to understand. (para 9)
11. __________________________ is a lack of success in doing something. (para 10)
12. When you __________________________ about something, you are very interested in something or excited by it (para 11)
13. When something is used as a model for a film, the film is __________________________ it. (All about Harry)
14. A __________________________ is a magic drink. (All about Harry)
15. things or people that are influenced or controlled by the devil or very bad powers __________________________ (All about Harry)

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He has cast a spell over movielovers for the last nine years. Since we first saw 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. We spoke to Daniel to find out what it’s been like to grow up in the spotlight.

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **Why are people so interested in 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.

5. **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.

6. **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. I told somebody that I wrote poems. A few months later, people were asking, “When can we see some?” Not ever!

7. **What would it be like to spend a day inside your head?**
   It would be totally incomprehensible. 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.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **All about Daniel**
    - **Birthday:** 23 July 1989
    - **Home:** south-west London
    - **Money:** has more than £20 million
    - **Hobbies:** acting, writing poems
    - **What you didn’t know:** Daniel has a disease called dyspraxia, which makes it hard for him to tie his shoes or do other things that need fine-motor skills.
    - **Theatre:** starred in *Equus*, a play about a boy who has a strange relationship with horses

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**A BOY WIZARD GROWS UP**
by Jehan Casinader

**All about Harry**

**Film:** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince  
**Starring:** Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint  
**Directed by:** David Yates  
**Opened:** 16 July 2009


And while Harry must deal with life at school, Professor Dumbledore, the school’s headmaster, sends him on a journey to fight against the evil forces. Meanwhile, Harry’s best friends Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) are in a fight of their own, against the powers of a love potion.


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3 **FIND THE INFORMATION: TRUE OR FALSE?**

Underline the correct answer according to the text.

1. How many books are there in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling?  
   6 / 7 / 8

2. How many films will there be?  
   6 / 7 / 8

3. How old is Daniel Radcliffe?  
   19 / 20 / 21

4. When was the first Harry Potter film made?  

5. How many years will there be between the first and last films?  
   8 / 9 / 10

6. How much money has Daniel Radcliffe got?  
   less than £20 million / £20 million / more than £20 million

7. What is the complete name of the school Harry attends?  
   Hogwarts / Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry / Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches

8. What are Harry’s best friends’ surnames?  
   Weasley and Granger / Granger and Dumbledore / Weasley and Dumbledore
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 being on the set and filming.”

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:
6 WEBQUEST

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.

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

Birthday:

Home:

Money:

Hobbies:

What you didn’t know:

7 ROLE-PLAY: INTERVIEWS

Put the words in the correct order to make the questions.

is When birthday your ?

Where live you do ?

much How have you money got ?

are hobbies What your ?

you we know What about don’t ?

If you wrote about Emma in task 6, use the questions to interview someone who wrote about Rupert (and then swap roles). Write down the answers.

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!