

LITERATURE

J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter.



1 True or false?

J.K. Rowling and her books

Harry Potter is a series of seven fantasy books by J.K. Rowling. She published the seventh book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, in the summer of 2007. J.K. Rowling wrote the first book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, in a café in Edinburgh. The book was not successful at first but suddenly it became famous all over the world. J.K. Rowling is one of the richest writers in history. More than 325 million copies have sold in 63 languages. We can read the *Harry Potter* books and we can also see the films.



- 1 There are seven *Harry Potter* books.
- 2 J.K. Rowling published the sixth *Harry Potter* book in 2007.
- 3 J.K. Rowling wrote the first book in Scotland.
- 4 You can read *Harry Potter* in more than 50 languages.
- 5 You can see *Harry Potter* films in the cinema.



2 Write.

The characters

nice clever friends nasty aunt magic pet teacher scar

Harry Potter is an English boy who lives with his aunt and uncle. Harry has got special powers; he can do (1) _____. He has got a (2) _____ on his forehead. He goes to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Petunia Dursley is Harry's (3) _____. She is his mother's sister.

Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley are Harry's (4) _____. Hermione talks very fast and she's very (5) _____. Ron has got a wand.

Draco Malfoy is a student at Hogwarts. He is (6) _____ and bullies Harry.

Hedwig is Harry's (7) _____ owl.

Professor Severus Snape is a nasty (8) _____ of potions. He is not very nice to Harry.

Professor Albus Dumbledore is an old and powerful wizard. He is the headmaster of Hogwarts. He is (9) _____ to Harry.



3 Write.

The story

Lord Voldemort kills Harry Potter's *pasrent* (1) _____ when Harry is a small *oby* (2) _____. Harry goes to live with his *nuecl* (3) _____ Vernon and his aunt Petunia. Harry has got special powers. He can do *mgaic* (4) _____. On his eleventh *btiradhy* (5) _____ Harry finds out that he is a *waizrd* (6) _____ and goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Hogwarts is not a normal *soochl* (7) _____, it is a school of magic and (8) *pootins* _____. Each book is about one year in Harry's life at Hogwarts.



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Aim

- To study J.K. Rowling and her series of Harry Potter books.

Language focus

Key vocabulary: *a series of fantasy books, successful, all over the world, writer, nice, clever, nasty, scar, witchcraft, wizardry, special powers, bully, owl, potion, powerful, headmaster, killed, wand.*

Key language: *J.K. Rowling wrote the first Harry Potter book in a café. The book was not successful at first. Harry has got special powers. He can do magic. Petunia Dursley is Harry's aunt.*

Materials

- Worksheet.
- Harry Potter books.

Warm-up

- Ask the pupils *What's your favourite book?* Write some of the pupils' favourite books on the board. Encourage them to explain to the class what they like about the book. Ask other questions about books and reading, eg, *Do you read books? Do you read comics? How many books do you read a year? Where do you read? How many books have you got?* Arrange the pupils in groups of six and ask them to carry out a survey on reading. Point out that *we can learn a lot about other people and cultures by reading books. It's also a very enjoyable free-time activity. Reading books in English is one of the best ways of learning English.*

Completing the Worksheet

Activity 1

- Write *Hryar Petotr* (Harry Potter) on the board. Ask the pupils to unscramble the name. Show them the Harry Potter books if they are available. Elicit information from the class about Harry Potter by asking questions like *How old is Harry Potter? Where does he live? Where does he study? What does he study? Has he got any friends? Why is Harry special?* Encourage the pupils to make complete

sentences, eg, *Harry Potter studies at Hogwarts School.* Write on the board *Who wrote the Harry Potter books? How many Harry Potter books are there? What is the title of the first book? What is the title of the latest book?* Read the text in Activity 1 with the class and help them with any new vocabulary. Ask the pupils to read the text in Activity 1 and answer the true/false questions.

Answers: 1-True; 2-False; 3-True; 4-True; 5-True

- Explain that *J.K. Rowling started to write the first Harry Potter novel in 1990 when she was travelling by train from London to Manchester. In 1991 she went to Portugal to work as an English teacher. In 1994 she returned to England and she was still finishing her first Harry Potter book. When she finished it nobody wanted to publish the book at first but a small publisher decided to publish it. The book was successful all over the world. After that book she wrote six more Harry Potter books.*

Activity 2

- Elicit information about the characters in the Harry Potter books by asking the pupils questions such as *Has Harry got a big family? Who are Harry's friends? Who are Harry's teachers?* Write on the board: *Harry's family. Harry's friends. Harry's teachers.* Ask the pupils to write the names of the characters they know. Get feedback and write the names on the board. Elicit more information by asking questions like *Are they good to Harry? Do they like Harry? Are they nasty to Harry?*
- Read the words in the box in Activity 2 with the class and explain their meaning.
- Ask the children to complete the sentences in pairs. Get feedback. Invite some pupils to write the answers on the board.

Answers: 1-magic; 2-scar; 3-aunt; 4-friends; 5-clever; 6-nasty; 7-pet; 8-teacher; 9-nice

Extension activity

- Write on the board *Who is ___? Is ___ nice or nasty to Harry?* Ask the pupils questions about the characters in Activity 2, eg, *Who is Hermione? Is Hermione nice or nasty to Harry?* Encourage the pupils to ask each other questions in small groups. Elicit complete sentences, eg, *Petunia is Harry's aunt. She is nasty to Harry.*
- Write the names of other characters on the board: *Dudley Dursley, Vernon Dursley,*

Professor Minerva McGonagall, Voldemort. Ask the pupils to write sentences about them, eg, Dudley Dursley is Harry's cousin. Vernon Dursley is Harry's uncle. Professor Minerva McGonagall is the headmistress of Hogwarts. Voldemort is a nasty wizard.

Activity 3

- Ask the pupils *How does the story begin? Do you know the first book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone?* Write the pupils' answers on the board. Explain to the class the beginning of the story, eg, *Lord Voldemort*

kills Harry Potter's parents. Harry goes to live with his uncle and aunt. Harry has got special powers. Harry goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry to learn how to use magic. Each book is about one year in Harry's life at Hogwarts.

- Ask the pupils to unscramble and write the words in Activity 3. Get feedback. Invite some pupils to write the answers on the board.

Answers: 1-parents; 2-boy; 3-uncle; 4-magic; 5-birthday; 6-wizard; 7-school; 8-potions