

FORMATIVE TEST

Complete the cloze news.

Fill in the blanks in the following news with the appropriate words in the box.

Son	Described	Expect	News	Announced
Told	Winner	Had	But	Like

British playwright Harold Pinter, a master of sparse dialog and menacing silences who has been an outspoken critic of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, was the surprise 1_____ of the Nobel literature prize on Thursday.

The 75-year-old Londoner, 2_____ of a Jewish dressmaker, is one of Britain's best-known dramatists for plays 3_____ *The Birthday Party* and *The Caretaker*, whose mundane dialog with sinister undercurrents gave rise to the adjective "Pinteresque".

An intimidating presence with bushy eyebrows and a rich voice, he was 4_____ by Swedish Academy head Horace Engdahl, who 5_____ the prize, as "the towering figure" in English drama in the second half of the 20th century.

Pinter 6_____ Reuters Television he was overwhelmed by the 7_____: "I haven't 8_____ time to think about it 9_____ I am very, very moved. It was something I did not 10_____ at all at any time."

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