

Reading comprehension: Isabel Allende



Isabel Allende

Isabel was born in 1942. She has lived in Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela and The United States. Throughout her career as a writer, Allende has been working her magic as a storyteller. She is considered the most widely-read Spanish language author alive. Her books have been her way of expressing different times of her life. For example, when her daughter Paula died in 1992, she wrote the novel Paula. Because of that tragedy, she also founded an organization who has helped empower women and children all over the world.

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knowledge!**



Multiple choice

Instructions: Read the following questions and choose the correct answer.

01 What does she do?

- a) She is a writer.
- b) She is an actor.
- c) She is an illustrator.
- d) She is a singer.

02 What is she famous for?

- a) For working in a well-known franchise.
- b) For being a famous musician.
- c) For publishing her drawings on online platforms.
- d) For being considered one of the most famous Latin-American authors.

03 What are the difficulties she has gone through?

- a) She has lost an important person in her life.
- b) She had a difficult time living in a foreign country.
- c) She hasn't got the chance to show her abilities completely.
- d) She experienced negative emotions while working on a project.

04 What has she done up to this point?

- d) She played an important role in a worldwide TV program.
- a) One of her creations positively influenced other people's lives.
- c) During the pandemic, she could write her latest album.
- b) Through her creations she has been able to show personal difficulties experienced in her life.

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Which of the following statements is true about Isabel Allende?

- a) She wants to help people enjoy the work she does.
- b) She uses her work to show a wide range of her experiences.
- c) She became famous after participating in a famous TV program in her origin country.
- d) She states that living abroad gave her new opportunities that she would never have been able to have in Chile.

True or false

Instructions: Read the following states about the artist and decide if they are True or False

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----- She is the most read author alive in any language.

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----- She wrote her book Paula after her daughter died.

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----- Isabel created an institution focused on assisting children and women.

Order the sequence

Instructions: Read the following statements and order them chronologically according to the reading.

Write a number from 1 to 4, being 1 the oldest event and 4 the most recent

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_____ She started a human right organization.

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_____ She was born in 1942.

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_____ She started writing stories.

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_____ She moved to Venezuela.

Fill in the gaps

Instructions: Fill in the blanks
with the word in brackets in
present perfect tense.

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Isabel Allende _____ **(be)** able to use her writing skills to show different stages of her life.

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After a rough experience in her life, Isabel's organization _____ **(help)** many women and children.

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Isabel Allende _____ **(write)** many books throughout her life.

Good job!

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