

'The People' – elves, dwarves, gremlins and other legendary creatures

Ireland

JK Rowling

monsters and other gods

modern-day New York

Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea

myth and magic with the high-tech world of James Bond

favourite one? What is it about? Tell the class.

Reading

2 a) Look at the text. Have you read any of the books? What qualities do these characters have?

Listen and read to find out.

b) Read the text and complete the sentences.

- 1 Harry Potter is a character created by _____.
- 2 Artemis Fowl II comes from _____.
- 3 Artemis meets _____.
- 4 Artemis Fowl novels combine _____.
- 5 Percy Jackson's father is _____.
- 6 Percy fights against _____.
- 7 Percy Jackson lives in _____.

WHO'S THE NEW HARRY?

Harry Potter is a global success. JK Rowling's books have sold over 400 million copies and hold records for the fastest-selling books in history. So when Harry Potter grew up and left Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, he left behind millions of fans. What can they read now? We suggest taking a look at these two fantasy heroes.

Artemis Fowl II is not your typical teenager. This Irish teen is incredibly intelligent, but he is also a criminal mastermind who gets out of trouble as easily as he gets into it. His adventures take him underground to the world of 'The People' – elves, dwarves, gremlins and other legendary creatures who have hidden away from humans. Selling over 18 million copies of Artemis Fowl Books so far, writer Eoin Colfer has created an amazing world where myth and magic meet the high-tech world of James Bond.

Percy Jackson finds out that he is the son of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. As he battles monsters and other gods, he learns about his own magical powers and grows up to take his place among the gods of Olympus. But Percy Jackson doesn't live in ancient Greece – he lives in modern-day New York. And the home of the gods isn't Olympus – it's the Empire State Building. Percy's a courageous character with the ability to learn fast. Brave and loyal to his friends, he discovers a world that humans don't know exists. Rick Riordan's five Percy Jackson novels have spent over three years on the best-seller list and *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* is now a film.

THINK Which character, Artemis or Percy, appeals to you the most? Why? In three minutes, write a few sentences. Tell the class.

Use the words from the *Check these words* box in the correct form to complete the sentences.

- 1 I _____ reading *The Chronicles of Narnia*.
- 2 *Harry Potter* books _____ for the fastest-selling books in history.
- 3 Sherlock Holmes is a(n) _____ person who can solve any complex mystery.
- 4 Would you like to have _____ like a mythical god?
- 5 Artemis Fowl II doesn't help the police, he's a _____.
- 6 Heroes are usually _____ and face danger without fear.
- 7 Harry Potter has _____ friends who help him in difficult situations.

Check these words

global success, hold a record, fastest-selling, suggest, incredibly intelligent, criminal mastermind, get out of trouble, underground, dwarf, gremlin, legendary, high-tech world, find out, battle, magical powers, courageous, brave, loyal, best-seller list