

## J K ROWLING

### BEFORE YOU LISTEN:

**SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

#### *Paragraphs 1 and 2*

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. pen name    | a. books      |
| 2. made up     | b. thought of |
| 3. angry       | c. invented   |
| 4. struck upon | d. pouring    |
| 5. novels      | e. alias      |
| 6. flooding    | f. mad        |



#### *Paragraphs 3 and 4*

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| 7. novelist  | g. link    |
| 8. handouts  | h. gives   |
| 9. literary  | i. welfare |
| 10. devotes  | j. writer  |
| 11. demanded | k. reading |
| 12. tie-up   | l. ordered |

**LISTENING GAP FILL:**

J.K. Rowling is 1\_\_\_\_\_ as a writer. The J is for Joanne, her real first name, 2\_\_\_\_\_ called Jo. Apparently, people only call her Joanne when they're angry with her. The K 3\_\_\_\_\_. Her publisher asked her to write using a name 4\_\_\_\_\_, but she didn't have a middle name.

Jo did a few different things before 5\_\_\_\_\_ of writing children's books. She worked as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International and as an English teacher in Portugal. The idea for the Harry Potter novels 6\_\_\_\_\_ while she was on a train to London. She said, "The characters and situations 7\_\_\_\_\_ head".

Seven Potter novels later and Rowling 8\_\_\_\_\_ richest women in the world. In fact, she is the first novelist 9\_\_\_\_\_ a billionaire from writing. Her 10\_\_\_\_\_ story is a fantasy 11\_\_\_\_\_. She was on government handouts while writing her first novel. Her last four books broke records for 12\_\_\_\_\_ in literary history.

Today she 13\_\_\_\_\_ her time to many charitable causes. 14\_\_\_\_\_ that Coca-Cola donate \$18 million to the Reading is Fundamental charity 15\_\_\_\_\_ with the Potter movies. The future? In March 2008, she said: "I will continue writing for children because 16\_\_\_\_\_".

## SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. J.K. Rowling is the pen name she uses as a irttwe
2. she rferesp to be called Jo
3. Her beuhrsilp asked her to write
4. she didn't have a ilmdde name

### Paragraph 2

5. she curtks upon the idea of writing children's books
6. a researcher and bilingual creerasyt
7. The idea for the Harry Potter novels came from nhowree
8. The characters and situations came golndofi into my head

### Paragraph 3

9. one of the ietschr women in the world
10. the first novelist ever to become a inoabileril
11. Her rags to riches story is a fyaatns story in itself
12. Her last four books broke rosdcer

### Paragraph 4

13. she dotvsee much of her time
14. many charitable sseauc
15. atndeo \$18 million to the Reading is Fundamental charity
16. I will oeictnun writing for children

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. writer a as uses she name pen the

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2. middle a have didn't she name

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3. upon children's the books idea she of struck writing

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4. novels nowhere for Potter from idea Harry came The the

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5. flooding characters into and my situations head came The

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6. the billionaire a become to ever novelist first

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7. fantasy riches story story Her is rags a to

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8. four last Her records broke books

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9. of to causes much time charitable devotes her many she

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10. continue will I children for writing

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. What do you know about J.K. Rowling?
2. Would you like to meet J.K. Rowling?
3. What would you like to know about J.K. Rowling and why?
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5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your questions):**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. What did you learn from this text about J.K. Rowling?
2. What questions would you like to ask J.K. Rowling?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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