

## Listening: Lord of the Rings books

You will listen to a radio programme about the author of the lord of the Rings books, JRR Tolkien. Before listening, read the statement given about the life of the author and look up for the meanings of words in bold. Now, listen to the audio and check the statement by indicating (T) for true or (F) for false. Listen again and correct any mistakes made.

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| a) As a child, the author JRR Tolkien experienced a happy <b>childhood</b> .             | True / False |
| b) His parents had passed away when he was still young.                                  | True / False |
| c) He was, somehow, very attracted to <b>ancient</b> languages.                          | True / False |
| d) At some point in his life, he was a <b>professor</b> at Cambridge University.         | True / False |
| e) He was capable in <b>devising</b> his own languages.                                  | True / False |
| f) His first stories were written to create an <b>imaginary</b> world for his languages. | True / False |
| g) His own children weren't interested in his stories.                                   | True / False |
| h) The Lord of the Rings books first appeared in 1974.                                   | True / False |
| i) Except for children, nobody else like his stories.                                    | True / False |
| j) He didn't manage to see the films of his books before he died.                        | True / False |
| k) His family <b>made a fortune</b> from the films.                                      | True / False |
| l) In one of the films, his <b>great-grandson</b> was given a chance to act.             | True / False |

