

Could you write a best-selling novel?

(1) **b)** Who is this author? _____

His name's Christopher Paolini and he's from Montana in the USA.

(2) _____

He started writing for fun when he was a young child and he wrote his first novel, *Eragon*, when he was only 15!

(3) _____

It follows the adventures of a young boy, Eragon, in an imaginary world. In the story, Eragon found a dragon's egg and then went on a journey to save his people from an evil king.

(4) _____

Many people were surprised that a teenager could write so well. But some readers thought the book was similar to J.R.R. Tolkien's book *The Lord of the Rings*. However, most people agreed that *Eragon* had great characters and an exciting plot.



(5) _____

Yes! It sold millions of copies and was a best-seller in the USA.

(6) _____

He continued Eragon's story in three more novels. He called the series the *Inheritance* cycle.

(7) _____

Hard work! He plans each book very carefully and then he writes for several hours every day, even at the weekend. He also reads a lot to get ideas.

Reading

1 **1** Read and listen. How many novels are there in the *Inheritance* cycle? _____

2 Match headings a–g with paragraphs 1–7 of the text.

- a) What's the novel about?
- b) Who is this author?
- c) What's the secret of Christopher's success?
- d) When did he start writing?
- e) What did Christopher write next?
- f) Was it a success?
- g) What did people think of the book?

3 Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1 evil | a) very bad |
| 2 characters | b) the opposite of failure |
| 3 plot | c) the things that happen in a story |
| 4 success | d) a book that sells more than any others during a specific time |
| 5 best-seller | e) the imaginary people in a novel, film or TV programme |

4 Read the text again. Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

1 Who was the main character in Christopher Paolini's first book? _____

2 Who does the main character help? _____

3 Which writer did people compare Christopher with? _____

4 What were two good things about his first book? _____

5 When does he write? _____

6 Why does he read so much? _____