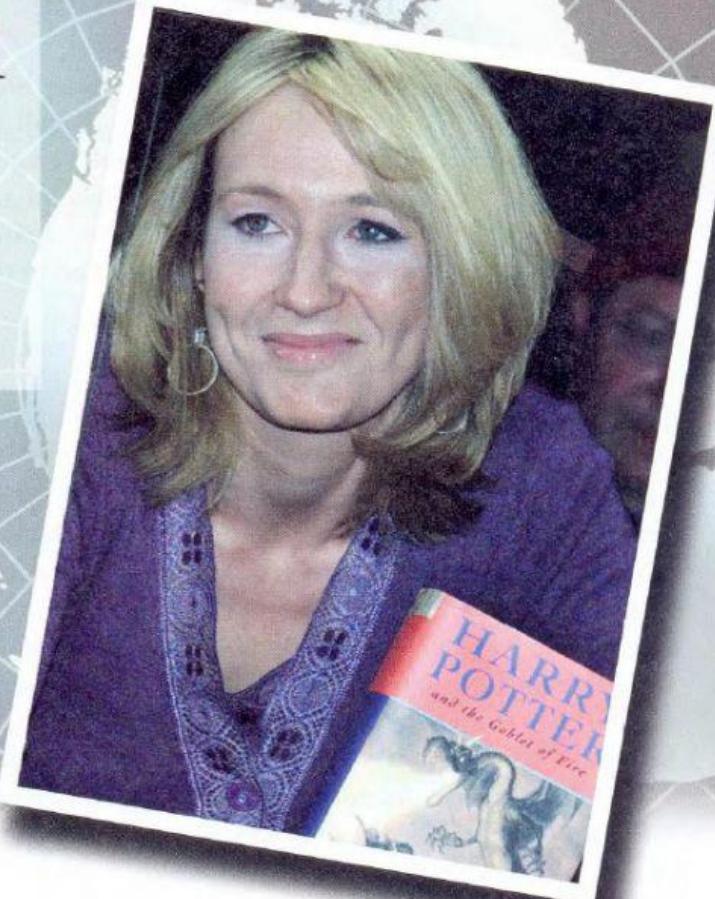


# UNIT 1

## Who Is J.K. Rowling?



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### BEFORE YOU READ

Answer these questions.

1. What do you know about *Harry Potter*?
2. Is *Harry Potter* a real person?
3. How many *Harry Potter* books are there?

## Who Is J.K. Rowling?

1 J.K. Rowling is the **author** of the *Harry Potter* books. J.K.'s name is Joanne Kathleen. She was born in 1965 in a small town near Bristol, England. Joanne lived with her parents and her sister. The Rowling family was not rich. Joanne did not go to **special** schools. She was a **quiet** child. She loved to read and write stories. Joanne went to Exeter University, and she finished in 1987. She worked in different offices. In her **free time**, she wrote more stories.

2 In 1990, Joanne's mother died. Joanne was sad, and she wanted to leave England. She saw a job in the newspaper for an English teacher. The job was in Portugal. She had an **interview**, and she got the job. In Portugal, Joanne married a Portuguese man. The next year, Joanne had a daughter, but she was not happy in her marriage. She left Portugal with her daughter and went to live in Edinburgh, Scotland, near her sister.

3 Life was very difficult for Joanne. She **took care of** her daughter. She was **alone**, and nobody helped her. She had no money and no job. She lived in a small apartment and began to write stories again. Joanne first thought about the *Harry Potter* story many years ago on a train. Joanne liked to go to a coffee shop to write. She sat there for many hours. She drank coffee and wrote. Her daughter slept beside her.

4 After five years, Joanne finished writing the first *Harry Potter* book. She sent it to many book publishers. They all said that they didn't like it. Finally, a publisher liked it, but the publisher said, "This is a children's book. **Adults** won't read it. You won't **make** a lot of **money**." In 1997, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was in the bookstores. J.K. Rowling was very happy. Her dream to publish her book **came true**. The book was famous **all over the world**.

5 Now *Harry Potter* is in forty-two languages. The publisher was wrong about one thing: Everyone loves *Harry Potter*—children and adults. Over 100 million books were sold in 1999. Then two *Harry Potter* books became movies. J.K. Rowling wrote three more *Harry Potter* books after that. People all over the world want more *Harry Potter*. And what is J.K. Rowling doing now? She is writing another book!

### Helpful words

Author- автор

take care of - заботиться

Special-осибеный

alone- один

Quiet-тихий

adults- взрослые

Free time- свободное время

come true- сбываться

## VOCABULARY



### MEANING

Write the correct words in the blanks.

interview  
author

quiet  
special

adults  
alone

1. J.K. Rowling is an \_\_\_\_\_. She writes books.
2. Joanne was not a noisy child. She was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joanne went to regular, ordinary schools. She did not go to \_\_\_\_\_ schools.
4. Children like *Harry Potter*. \_\_\_\_\_ like *Harry Potter*, too. People of all ages like *Harry Potter*.
5. Joanne lived \_\_\_\_\_. She did not live with another person.
6. Joanne had a meeting about a new job. She had an \_\_\_\_\_.

Вставьте слова в предложения:

free time  
make money

came true  
all over the world

took care of

1. Joanne wrote when she didn't work. She wrote stories in her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joanne watched and helped her daughter. She \_\_\_\_\_ her.
3. Joanne writes books, and the book publisher pays her. She will \_\_\_\_\_.
4. *Harry Potter* is famous in every country. It is famous \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Good things happened to Joanne. All of her dreams \_\_\_\_\_.

Ответьте на вопросы :

Work with a partner to answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Who is the *author* of this book?
2. What do you do when you are *alone*?
3. Who is a *quiet* student in your class?
4. What do you do in your *free time*?
5. What fast food is famous *all over the world*?
6. What questions do people ask at an *interview*?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPREHENSION



### UNDERSTANDING THE READING

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Joanne was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. not from a rich family      b. from a big family      c. a bad child
2. Joanne \_\_\_\_\_ and went to Portugal.  
a. got a job      b. got married      c. wrote her book
3. *Harry Potter* is a book for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. children      b. adults      c. children and adults

Circle **T** if the sentence is true. Circle **F** if the sentence is false.

1. Joanne was an English teacher in Portugal.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
2. Joanne married an English man in Portugal.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
3. Joanne left her daughter in Portugal.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
4. Joanne finished writing the first <i>Harry Potter</i> book after five years.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
5. Every publisher liked her book.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
6. <i>Harry Potter</i> is in forty-two languages.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>

Which happened first? Write **1** on the line. Which happened second? Write **2** on the line.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Joanne became an English teacher.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joanne worked in different offices.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Joanne thought about *Harry Potter* on the train.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joanne wrote about *Harry Potter* in the coffee shop.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Joanne finished *Harry Potter*.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joanne sent *Harry Potter* to publishers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Two *Harry Potter* books became movies.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Harry Potter* was in the bookstores.

Complete the sentences about J.K. Rowling.

Example: J.K. Rowling is an author.

1. J.K. Rowling wrote \_\_\_\_\_
2. Joanne is from \_\_\_\_\_
3. Joanne worked \_\_\_\_\_
4. Joanne married \_\_\_\_\_
5. *Harry Potter* is \_\_\_\_\_