

## SCRAMBLED ANECDOTES

Three anecdotes about famous writers have been mixed up below. Can you put them in the right order?

- ✓ Number from 1 to 7 James Joyce's anecdote.
- ✓ Number from 8 to 11 Hans Andersen's anecdote.
- ✓ Number from 12 to 16 Voltaire's anecdote.



If it's hard, you can try by listening to it:

"Maybe," said Joyce "but I still don't know what order to put them in!"
Andersen replied to the stranger: "And that pathetic thing under your hat... is that what you call a head?"
His clothes were always messy and torn and his hats were old and dirty.
"Of course," replied Voltaire. "And there are lots of kings in the world but there is only one Voltaire
." Joyce explained that he couldn't finish the book he was writing.
King Frederick of Prussia once invited Voltaire, the French writer, on a boat trip.
One day a stranger came up to Andersen and said. "That pathetic thing on your head... is that what you call a hat?"
"Seven words", Joyce replied
One day, James Joyce, the Irish writer, was visited by a friend.
Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish writer of fairy tales, used to dress in a very untidy way
So, he started to climb off the boat as quickly as he could.
"So how much have you written?" the friend asked.
The friend found him very depressed and asked him what was wrong.
The king laughed at Voltaire and said: "I see that you are more concerned for your life than me, and I am the king."
Seven words is a good start," said the friend, trying to encourage him.
Voltaire was at first very happy on the boat trip, but he became very alarmed when he saw water coming in through a hole in the boat.

At the end of this activity copy the anecdotes out in the correct order under the appropriate titles,.

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