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 🔊 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.

  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?

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