

## LISTEN and COMPLETE

- 1 Charles Dickens was British/American.
- 2 Dickens lived in the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 3 Most of Dickens's stories took place in the city/the country.
- 4 Dickens's books were/weren't immediately popular.
- 5 Dickens liked/didn't like speaking in public.

Charles Dickens was born on (a) .....

When Dickens was a boy, his father went to (b) .....

When he was young, Dickens worked in a (c) .....

At that time, working conditions were (d) .....

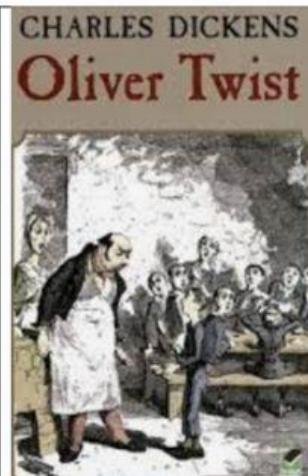
Dickens wanted to work in the (e) .....

When he wrote his first novel, he was working as a  
(f) .....

Dickens went to (g) ..... twice to give  
(h) .....

Dickens died when he was (i) ..... years old.

→ 1800	
→ (a) .....	: He was born.
→ 1822:	(b) .....
→ 1824:	(c) .....
→ (d) .....	: He wrote his first novel.
→ 1842:	(e) .....
→ 1867:	(f) .....
→ (g) .....	: He died.



Complete the text by putting the verbs in the correct form of the past continuous or past simple.

# JK Rowling Facts

- JK Rowling (a) ..... (write)  
her first book at the age of six, while  
she (b) ..... (study) at primary  
school. It was about a rabbit called Rabbit!
- JK Rowling (c) ..... (have)  
the idea for the Harry Potter books while  
she (d) ..... (travel) by train  
from London to Manchester. But she  
(e) ..... (not have) a pen to  
write down notes. Other people  
(f) ..... (travel)  
on the train but she was shy  
and (g) .....  
(not ask) anybody for a pen!
- In 1991, she  
(h) ..... (go)  
to Portugal to work as an  
English teacher. While  
she (i) .....  
(live) there, she  
(j) ..... (have)  
her first daughter, Jessica.

