



Read the text and answer the questions:

Charles Dickens whose full name was Charles John Huffam Dickens was an English novelist, born in Portsmouth in 1812. When he was a boy, he read a lot and he was a very unhappy yet sensitive child. His family was terribly poor and they lived in a sordid suburb of London. His father was sent to prison for debt when he was only 12 and he had to work in a small factory. This was a horrible experience which he never forgot. Then his father sent him to school and Charles became a clerk in 1827. He was still very poor, but he wanted to write and he became a reporter, and started writing magazine sketches under the pseudonym «Boz». He travelled a lot (he went to the USA in 1840), he kept writing articles. But the success came in 1837 with «The Pickwick Papers», his first book. His many subsequent novels appearing first in monthly installments often depicting poverty and social injustice in Victorian England were and still are very popular such as «David Copperfield» in 1849 about the tragedy of his childhood. So with all his works, he became rich and famous. He died in 1870.

1. What job made him famous ?

- a Poet
- b Writer
- c Journalist

3. Where did he work when he was 12?

- a In a mill
- b In a blacksmith's workshop
- c In a shoe-dye factory

5. What literary work Charles Dickens didn't write?

- a Oliver Twist
- b Great expectations
- c Uncle Tom's cabin

7. When is the action of his books situated?

- b In the Middle Ages
- c In Victorian Times

2. Where was he from?

- a Ireland
- b Scotland
- c England

4. Why did he have to work so young?

- a He wanted to have some pocket money
- b He wanted to be independent
- c His father was in debts

6. Which of his books is associated with Christmas?

- a David Copperfield
- b A tale of two cities
- c A Christmas Carol

