

A Fiction

J.K. Rowling is a famous British **author**. She has written a **series** of **novels** in which the **main character** is a young boy called Harry Potter, who is always **in trouble**. Rowling has also **created** a number of novels about a private **detective** called Cormoran Strike. He's also in trouble a lot because, like Harry Potter, he doesn't like **rules**. But in the end, like Harry, he **solves** the crime or the problem.



GLOSSARY

fiction	stories that sb writes that are not about real events OPP non-fiction
author	a person who writes books or stories SYN writer
series	a number of things of the same kind that come one after another: a TV series
novel	a book of fiction
main character	the most important person in a book, film, etc.
create	make sth new happen or be
detective	a person who tries to find out who did a crime; usually a police officer
rule	sth that tells you what you must or must not do: school rules . If you break a rule , you do sth you mustn't do.
solve	find the answer to a question or problem solution <i>n</i>

SPOTLIGHT **trouble**

Trouble (often singular) means difficulty, problems or worry:

■ I **had a lot of trouble** finding a job.

If you **are in trouble**, you are in a situation which is dangerous or where you have problems, often with parents, the police or a boss.

1 True or false? Write T or F.

▶ A series is more than one. T

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| 1 Non-fiction and fiction are the same thing. | 6 Rules are things that you must do and follow. |
| 2 An author is a writer | 7 A novel is a book of real events. |
| 3 A detective is often a policeman. | 8 If you solve something, you find an answer to a problem. |
| 4 If you are in trouble , that's good. | 9 If you create something, you break it. |
| 5 The main character in a book is the most important person. | 10 A solution to a problem is an answer. |

2 Complete the text.

Adrian McKinty is an Irish ▶ author who has written a (1) _____ of crime (2) _____. The main (3) _____ in these stories is a (4) _____ called Sean Duffy, but he isn't a typical policeman. McKinty has (5) _____ a character who often breaks (6) _____, and because of this, he's often in (7) _____ with his bosses. But in the end, of course, he always (8) _____ the crime.

3 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- A famous author from your country who writes novels.
- A novel that this person has written.
- A popular series on TV in your country.
- One of the main characters in this TV series.
- The name of a famous detective in fiction.
- A rule that you sometimes break or have broken.



TEST YOURSELF

B Fact and fiction

Mary Shelley is a famous English writer from the 19th century. **In the past**, she was **mostly** famous for the novel *Frankenstein*, but in **recent** years, people have **realized** that she **achieved** much more. **In fact**, she wrote a **variety** of books, **including** novels, short stories, travel books and biographies (stories about other people's lives). During her life, she also **tried** to **publish** work written by her husband, Percy Bysshe Shelley, who died when he was only 29.



GLOSSARY

in the past	in the time before now
mostly	almost all: <i>My students are mostly Japanese.</i> SYN mainly
recent	that happened or began only a short time ago
realize	understand and know something: <i>I studied law, but I realize now that it was a mistake.</i>
achieve	do sth well after trying hard: <i>She achieved a lot in her life.</i>
in fact	often used for introducing more information
variety	a lot of different things
including	with: <i>There were 12, including me. (= 11 plus me)</i>
try	If you try to do sth, you work hard to do it: <i>I tried to call Clara yesterday, but she was busy all day.</i>
publish	prepare a book so you can sell it

4 Circle the two words that have the same sound underlined. Use the APP to help you.

Practise saying the words.

▶ past / arm / at

1 mine / same / mainly

2 mostly / hot / home

3 fit / realize / fine

4 achieve / child / receive

5 pull / butter / publish

6 man / variety / another

7 blue / run / including

8 recent / red / see

5 Circle the correct answer.

▶ In the past is around / before now.

1 Including you is with you / without you.

2 If you realize something, you know it / don't know it.

3 If you achieve something, that's bad / good.

4 A variety is one thing / lots of different things.

5 If you publish a book, it is / isn't ready to sell.

6 If something is recent, it happened a long / short time ago.

7 I mostly work means the same as I possibly / mainly work.

8 You use in fact to give more information / an example of something.

6 Complete the sentences.

▶ The book isn't difficult. In fact, it's a very easy book to read, and also quite short.

1 In the p_____, bookshops were closed on Sundays, but now they are m_____ open.

2 I've got ten books in English, i_____ this one.

3 I wanted to buy a dictionary, but I r_____. I didn't have enough money.

4 The company p_____ Maria's first book last year, and it is selling very well.

5 You will find a wide v_____ of books on cooking in this shop.

6 He t_____ many times to write a novel. Finally at the age of 36, he a_____ it. Now he's a famous author.



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