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Creative People-The Writer and the Wizard

J.K. Rowling was born in England in 1965. She loved reading, and wrote her first story, "Rabbit", when she was only six years old. She studied French at university, then worked as a secretary in London. She had the idea for Harry Potter when she was on a train. "Harry just walked into my head," she said later. She started writing the first Harry Potter book the next day.

In 1992 she went to live in Portugal for three years. She wrote Harry Potter in the morning, and worked as an English teacher in the afternoon and evening. She got married to a Portuguese TV journalist and had a daughter called Jessica.

Then she returned to Britain and lived in Edinburgh, in Scotland. She was unemployed at that time, and wrote in cafes because they were warmer than her small flat. After five years she finished the first book, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone". The book sold millions of copies all over the world, and Joanne Kathleen Rowling became very famous. She is now very rich, but still writes her books in cafes!

After reading about J.K. Rowling, write down questions that go with J.K. Rowling's answers.

1. _____
   JKR: My name is J.K. Rowling.

2. _____
   JKR: I was born in England.

3. _____
   JKR: I was six years old when I wrote her first book.

4. _____
   JKR: I studied French in university.

5. _____
   JKR: I lived in Portugal for three years.

6. _____
   JFR: My daughter's name is Jessica.

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7. _____

JKR: I lived in Edinburgh, in Scotland.

8._____

JFR: I was unemployed.

9. _____

JKR: I finished writing the book after five years.

10. _____

I sold millions of copies all over the world.

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