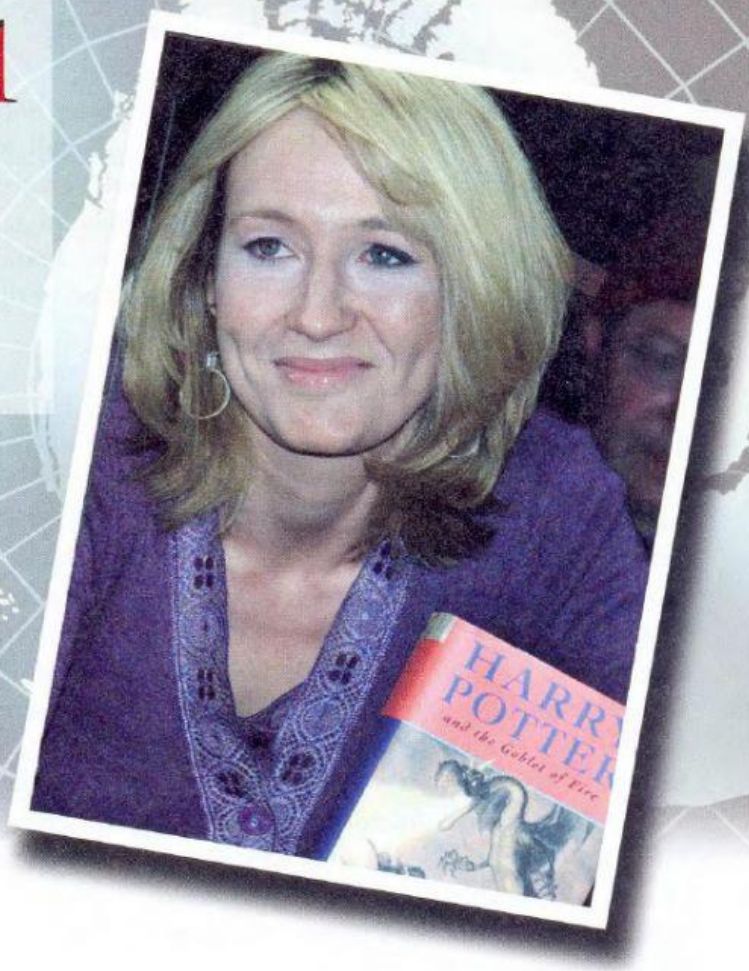
# UNIT 1

## Who Is J.K. Rowling?




## BEFORE YOU READ

**Answer these questions.**

1. What do you know about *Harry Potter*?
2. Is *Harry Potter* a real person?
3. How many *Harry Potter* books are there?

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# Who Is J.K. Rowling?

1 J.K. Rowling is the **author** of the *Harry Potter* books. J.K.'s name is Joanne Kathleen. She was born in 1965 in a small town near Bristol, England. Joanne lived with her parents and her sister. The Rowling family was not rich. Joanne did not go to **special** schools. She was a **quiet** child. She loved to read and write stories. Joanne went to Exeter University, and she finished in 1987. She worked in different offices. In her **free time**, she wrote more stories.

2 In 1990, Joanne's mother died. Joanne was sad, and she wanted to leave England. She saw a job in the newspaper for an English teacher. The job was in Portugal. She had an **interview**, and she got the job. In Portugal, Joanne married a Portuguese man. The next year, Joanne had a daughter, but she was not happy in her marriage. She left Portugal with her daughter and went to live in Edinburgh, Scotland, near her sister.

3 Life was very difficult for Joanne. She **took care of** her daughter. She was **alone**, and nobody helped her. She had no money and no job. She lived in a small apartment and began to write stories again. Joanne first thought about the *Harry Potter* story many years ago on a train. Joanne liked to go to a coffee shop to write. She sat there for many hours. She drank coffee and wrote. Her daughter slept beside her.

4 After five years, Joanne finished writing the first *Harry Potter* book. She sent it to many book publishers. They all said that they didn't like it. Finally, a publisher liked it, but the publisher said, "This is a children's book. **Adults** won't read it. You won't **make** a lot of **money**." In 1997, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was in the bookstores. J.K. Rowling was very happy. Her dream to publish her book **came true**. The book was famous **all over the world**.

5 Now *Harry Potter* is in forty-two languages. The publisher was wrong about one thing: Everyone loves *Harry Potter*—children and adults. Over 100 million books were sold in 1999. Then two *Harry Potter* books became movies. J.K. Rowling wrote three more *Harry Potter* books after that. People all over the world want more *Harry Potter*. And what is J.K. Rowling doing now? She is writing another book!

**Helpful words**

| | |
|---|---|
| Author- автор | take care of - заботиться |
| Special-особенный | alone- один |
| Quiet-тихий | adults- взрослые |
| Free time- свободное время | come true- сбываться |

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# VOCABULARY

## MEANING

**Write the correct words in the blanks.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| interview | quiet | adults |
| author | special | alone |

1. J.K. Rowling is an _____. She writes books.
2. Joanne was not a noisy child. She was _____.
3. Joanne went to regular, ordinary schools. She did not go to _____ schools.
4. Children like *Harry Potter*. _____ like *Harry Potter*, too. People of all ages like *Harry Potter*.
5. Joanne lived _____. She did not live with another person.
6. Joanne had a meeting about a new job. She had an _____.

Вставьте слова в предложения:

**Write the correct words in the blanks.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| free time | came true | took care of |
| make money | all over the world | |

1. Joanne wrote when she didn't work. She wrote stories in her _____.
2. Joanne watched and helped her daughter. She _____ her.
3. Joanne writes books, and the book publisher pays her. She will _____.
4. *Harry Potter* is famous in every country. It is famous _____.
5. Good things happened to Joanne. All of her dreams _____.

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Ответьте на вопросы :

**Work with a partner to answer the questions. Use complete sentences.**

1. Who is the *author* of this book?
2. What do you do when you are *alone*?
3. Who is a *quiet* student in your class?
4. What do you do in your *free time*?
5. What fast food is famous *all over the world*?
6. What questions do people ask at an *interview*?

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____
6._____

# COMPREHENSION

## UNDERSTANDING THE READING

**Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

1. Joanne was _____.
   a. not from a rich family  b. from a big family  c. a bad child

2. Joanne _____and went to Portugal.
   a. got a job  b. got married  c. wrote her book

3. *Harry Potter* is a book for _____.
   a. children  b. adults  c. children and adults

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**Circle *T* if the sentence is true. Circle *F* if the sentence is false.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Joanne was an English teacher in Portugal. | T | F |
| 2. | Joanne married an English man in Portugal. | T | F |
| 3. | Joanne left her daughter in Portugal. | T | F |
| 4. | Joanne finished writing the first *Harry Potter* book after five years. | T | F |
| 5. | Every publisher liked her book. | T | F |
| 6. | *Harry Potter* is in forty-two languages. | T | F |

**Which happened first? Write *1* on the line. Which happened second? Write *2* on the line.**

1. _____ Joanne became an English teacher.
   _____ Joanne worked in different offices.

2. _____ Joanne thought about *Harry Potter* on the train.
   _____ Joanne wrote about *Harry Potter* in the coffee shop.

3. _____ Joanne finished *Harry Potter*.
   _____ Joanne sent *Harry Potter* to publishers.

4. _____ Two *Harry Potter* books became movies.
   _____ *Harry Potter* was in the bookstores.

**Complete the sentences about J.K. Rowling.**

Example: J.K. Rowling is an author.

1. J.K. Rowling wrote _____
2. Joanne is from _____
3. Joanne worked _____
4. Joanne married _____
5. *Harry Potter* is _____

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