

1 BAT**LISTENING COMPREHENSION: A CINDERELLA WRITER**

In this radio programme you are going to hear the following words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

Cinderella: Ventafocs

fiasco: fracàs

wizard: bruixot

ban: prohibir

struggle: lluita

Ready? Now read the questions on the next page. Read them carefully before listening to this TV programme.

(Imagine it is now 2002)

A CINDERELLA WRITER; an interview with J. K. Rowling

PRESENTER: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Pen Club, the radio programme in which we talk to some of the best-selling writers of our day. Tonight in the studio is Joanne Rowling. Hello, Joanne!

J. K. ROWLAND: Hello, Nick!

PRESENTER: Dictionaries define «Cinderella» as a woman whose beauty or abilities have not been recognized, or who becomes rich and successful after a period of difficulty. This is clearly the case of J. K. Rowling. Only five years ago she was unemployed, friendless and living on social security. Today she is one of the wealthiest women in Britain, and she is also one of the most successful writers in the world. Ms. Rowling, would you first tell us something about your life story?

J. K. ROWLAND: Well, there is nothing much to say.

Answer these questions. Write A, B or C

1. Before publishing Harry Potter, in 1997, Joanne Rowling
 - started to write a Cinderella story.
 - didn't have a job and had no friends.
 - was working for the Social Security in Britain.
2. She spent her childhood in
 - Exeter.
 - Bristol.
 - Wales.
3. The quotation from an American poetess says
 - «Childhood is the kingdom where nobody dies».
 - «Childhood is the kingdom where nobody lies».
 - «Childhood is the freedom which nobody likes».
4. The idea for Harry Potter came to her
 - on a train to London.
 - at Manchester airport in 1990.
 - after waiting at a bus station for four hours.
5. A small publisher in _____ printed _____ copies of her first book in June 1997.
 - Boomsvery / 10,000
 - Bloomsbury / 1,000
 - Bluesbury / 1,000
6. If she published her stories with her full first name (Joanne)
 - boys would stop reading books.
 - boy readers would be encouraged to read other women's books.
 - boys would not buy her books.

7. *Gobbledegook* is
- Chinese for Harry Potter.
 - a word the author invented.
 - a dirty word she learned at nursery school.
8. Her books are being questioned in some countries because
- they are rubbish.
 - they show the classic fight between good and evil.
 - kids and teenagers may wish to become wizards or witches.
9. *The Goblets of Fire* is the _____ book in the series.
- best
 - last
 - most frightening, scary
- 10 Ms. Rowland's ambition is
- to win the Nobel prize for Literature.
 - a world free from wars for Jessica.
 - a better world for all the kids.