

FORMATIVE TEST

Complete the cloze news.

Fill in the blanks in the following news with the appropriate words in the box.

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British playwright Harold Pinter, a master of sparse dialog and menacing silences who has been an outspoken critic of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, was the surprise 1_____ of the Nobel literature prize on Thursday.

The 75-year-old Londoner, 2_____ of a Jewish dressmaker, is one of Britain's best-known dramatists for plays 3_____ *The Birthday Party* and *The Caretaker*, whose mundane dialog with sinister undercurrents gave rise to the adjective "Pinteresque".

An intimidating presence with bushy eyebrows and a rich voice, he was 4_____ by Swedish Academy head Horace Engdahl, who 5_____ the prize, as "the towering figure" in English drama in the second half of the 20th century.

Pinter 6_____ Reuters Television he was overwhelmed by the 7_____: "I haven't 8_____ time to think about it 9_____ I am very, very moved. It was something I did not 10_____ at all at any time."

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