

## LISTEN and COMPLETE

- 1 Charles Dickens was British/American.
- 2 Dickens lived in the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 3 Most of Dickens's stories took place in the city/the country.
- 4 Dickens's books were/weren't immediately popular.
- 5 Dickens liked/didn't like speaking in public.

Charles Dickens was born on (a) .....

When Dickens was a boy, his father went to (b) .....

When he was young, Dickens worked in a (c) .....

At that time, working conditions were (d) .....

Dickens wanted to work in the (e) .....

When he wrote his first novel, he was working as a  
(f) .....

Dickens went to (g) ..... twice to give  
(h) .....

Dickens died when he was (i) ..... years old.

→ 1800

→ (a) .....: He was born.

→ 1822:

(b) .....

→ 1824:

(c) .....

→ (d) .....: He wrote his first novel.

→ 1842:

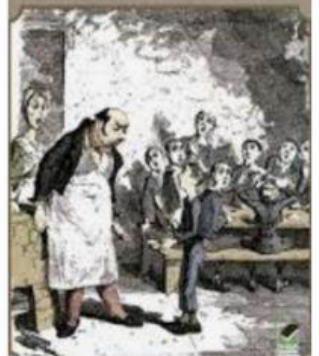
(e) .....

→ 1867:

(f) .....

→ (g) .....: He died.

CHARLES DICKENS  
**Oliver Twist**



Complete the text by putting the verbs in the correct form of the past continuous or past simple.

# JK Rowling Facts

- JK Rowling (a) ..... (write) her first book at the age of six, while she (b) ..... (study) at primary school. It was about a rabbit called Rabbit!
- JK Rowling (c) ..... (have) the idea for the Harry Potter books while she (d) ..... (travel) by train from London to Manchester. But she (e) ..... (not have) a pen to write down notes. Other people (f) ..... (travel) on the train but she was shy and (g) ..... (not ask) anybody for a pen!
- In 1991, she (h) ..... (go) to Portugal to work as an English teacher. While she (i) ..... (live) there, she (j) ..... (have) her first daughter, Jessica.

