J. K. ROWLING

(Complete the verbs in the past tense)

Joanne "Jo" Rowling, better known as J. K. Rowling, was born on July 31st 1965, in Yate, near Bristol, in England. Her father was called Peter James Rowling and her mother Anne Rowling. Her mother was half- French, half-Scottish. Her mother's paternal grandfather, Louis Volant, was a First World War Hero.

She's _____ (get) a sister _____ (call) Dianne and as a child, J. K. Rowling wrote fantasy stories, which she _____ (read) to her sister. She _____ (go) to secondary school at Wyedean School and College, where her mother, Anne, had _____ (work)as a technician in the Science Department. J. K. Rowling _____ (study) A Levels in English, French and German before studying French and Classics at the University of Exeter.

After working at Amnesty International in London, she and her then-boyfriend _____ (decide) to move to Manchester. In 1990, while she _____ (be) delayed on a train from Manchester to London she _____ (get) the idea for a story of a young boy attending a school of wizardry.

Rowling then moved to Porto in Portugal to teach English as a foreign language. While there, on October 16th 1992, she _____ (marry) the Portuguese television journalist Jorge Arantes. Their child, Jessica Isabel Rowling Arantes was born on July 27th 1993 in Portugal. They separated in November 1993. In December 1992, Rowling and her daughter moved to be near Rowling's sister in Edinburgh, Scotland.

During this period Rowling was diagnosed with depression. In December of that year, Rowling's mother died, after ten year of being ill. Seven years after graduating from university she _____ (be) not very happy with her life, but she _____ (have) an old typewriter and a big idea: Harry Potter.

The Potter books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, sold more than 400 million copies to become the best-selling book series in history and been the basis for a popular series of films.

Comprehension:

1. What did she like when she was a child?

2. How old is Joanne at the moment?

3. Where did she born?

4. Why is his grandfather special?

5. What did she study at university?

6. When and where did she have the idea of writing about Harry Potter?

7. What job did she do in Portugal?

8. After separating from his Portuguese husband, what did she and her daughter do?

9. What was the job of her Portuguese husband?

10. Was she successful with her books?