

J K ROWLING

BEFORE YOU LISTEN:

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. pen name | a. books |
| 2. made up | b. thought of |
| 3. angry | c. invented |
| 4. struck upon | d. pouring |
| 5. novels | e. alias |
| 6. flooding | f. mad |



Paragraphs 3 and 4

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| 7. novelist | g. link |
| 8. handouts | h. gives |
| 9. literary | i. welfare |
| 10. devotes | j. writer |
| 11. demanded | k. reading |
| 12. tie-up | l. ordered |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

J.K. Rowling is 1_____ as a writer. The J is for Joanne, her real first name, 2_____ called Jo. Apparently, people only call her Joanne when they're angry with her. The K 3_____. Her publisher asked her to write using a name 4_____, but she didn't have a middle name.

Jo did a few different things before 5_____ of writing children's books. She worked as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International and as an English teacher in Portugal. The idea for the Harry Potter novels 6_____ while she was on a train to London. She said, "The characters and situations 7_____ head".

Seven Potter novels later and Rowling 8_____ richest women in the world. In fact, she is the first novelist 9_____ a billionaire from writing. Her 10_____ story is a fantasy 11_____. She was on government handouts while writing her first novel. Her last four books broke records for 12_____ in literary history.

Today she 13_____ her time to many charitable causes. 14_____ that Coca-Cola donate \$18 million to the Reading is Fundamental charity 15_____ with the Potter movies. The future? In March 2008, she said: "I will continue writing for children because 16_____".

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. J.K. Rowling is the pen name she uses as a irttwe
2. she rferesp to be called Jo
3. Her beuhrsilp asked her to write
4. she didn't have a ilmdde name

Paragraph 2

5. she curtks upon the idea of writing children's books
6. a researcher and bilingual creerasyt
7. The idea for the Harry Potter novels came from nhowree
8. The characters and situations came golndofi into my head

Paragraph 3

9. one of the ietschr women in the world
10. the first novelist ever to become a inoabileril
11. Her rags to riches story is a fyaatns story in itself
12. Her last four books broke rosdcer

Paragraph 4

13. she dotvsee much of her time
14. many charitable sseauc
15. atndeo \$18 million to the Reading is Fundamental charity
16. I will oeictnun writing for children

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. writer a as uses she name pen the

2. middle a have didn't she name

3. upon children's the books idea she of struck writing

4. novels nowhere for Potter from idea Harry came The the

5. flooding characters into and my situations head came The

6. the billionaire a become to ever novelist first

7. fantasy riches story story Her is rags a to

8. four last Her records broke books

9. of to causes much time charitable devotes her many she

10. continue will I children for writing

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about J.K. Rowling?
2. Would you like to meet J.K. Rowling?
3. What would you like to know about J.K. Rowling and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about J.K. Rowling?
2. What questions would you like to ask J.K. Rowling?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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