86 Books

A Fiction

J.K. Rowling is a famous British **author**. She has written a **series** of **novels** in which the **main character** is a young boy called Harry Potter, who is always **in trouble**. Rowling has also **created** a number of novels about a private **detective** called Cormoran Strike. He's also in trouble a lot because, like Harry Potter, he doesn't like **rules**. But in the end, like Harry, he **solves** the crime or the problem.



GLOSSARY

fiction	stories that sb writes that are not about real events OPP **non-fiction**
author	a person who writes books or stories SYN **writer**
series	a number of things of the same kind that come one after another: *a TV* ***series***
novel	a book of fiction
main character	the most important person in a book, film, etc.
create	make sth new happen or be
detective	a person who tries to find out who did a crime; usually a police officer
rule	sth that tells you what you must or must not do: *school* ***rules***. If you **break a rule**, you do sth you mustn't do.
solve	find the answer to a question or problem **solution** *n*

SPOTLIGHT *trouble*

Trouble *(often singular)* means difficulty, problems or worry:

- *I* ***had*** *a lot of* ***trouble*** *finding a job.*

If you **are in trouble**, you are in a situation which is dangerous or where you have problems, often with parents, the police or a boss.

1 True or false? Write *T* or *F*.

▶ A series is more than one. T

1 *Non-fiction* and *fiction* are the same thing. .....
2 An *author* is a *writer*. .....
3 A *detective* is often a policeman. .....
4 If you are *in trouble*, that's good. .....
5 The *main character* in a book is the most important person. .....
6 *Rules* are things that you must do and follow. .....
7 A *novel* is a book of real events. .....
8 If you *solve* something, you find an answer to a problem. .....
9 If you *create* something, you break it. .....
10 A *solution* to a problem is an answer. .....

2 Complete the text.

Adrian McKinty is an Irish ▶ author who has written a **(1)** _____ of crime **(2)** _____. The main **(3)** _____ in these stories is a **(4)** _____ called Sean Duffy, but he isn't a typical policeman. McKinty has **(5)** _____ a character who often breaks **(6)** _____, and because of this, he's often in **(7)** _____ with his bosses. But in the end, of course, he always **(8)** _____ the crime.

3 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or talk to another student.

1 A famous author from your country who writes novels. _____
2 A novel that this person has written. _____
3 A popular series on TV in your country. _____
4 One of the main characters in this TV series. _____
5 The name of a famous detective in fiction. _____
6 A rule that you sometimes break or have broken. _____

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B Fact and fiction

Mary Shelley is a famous English writer from the 19th century. **In the past**, she was **mostly** famous for the novel *Frankenstein*, but in **recent** years, people have **realized** that she **achieved** much more. **In fact**, she wrote a **variety** of books, **including** novels, short stories, travel books and biographies (stories about other people's lives). During her life, she also **tried** to **publish** work written by her husband, Percy Bysshe Shelley, who died when he was only 29.



GLOSSARY

in the past	in the time before now
mostly	almost all: *My students are **mostly** Japanese.* SYN **mainly**
recent	that happened or began only a short time ago
realize	understand and know something: *I studied law, but I **realize** now that it was a mistake.*
achieve	do sth well after trying hard: *She **achieved** a lot in her life.*
in fact	often used for introducing more information
variety	a lot of different things
including	with: *There were 12, **including** me.* (= 11 plus me)
try	If you **try** to do sth, you work hard to do it: *I **tried** to call Clara yesterday, but she was busy all day.*
publish	prepare a book so you can sell it

4 **Circle the two words that have the same sound underlined. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ (*past*) (*arm*) / *at*

1 *mine / same / mainly*
2 *mostly / hot / home*
3 *fit / realize / fine*
4 *achieve / child / receive*
5 *pull / butter / publish*
6 *man / variety / another*
7 *blue / run / including*
8 *recent / red / see*

5 **Circle the correct answer.**

▶ *In the past* is ***around*** / (***before***) now.

1 *Including you* is ***with you*** / ***without you.***
2 If you *realize* something, you ***know it*** / ***don't know it.***
3 If you *achieve* something, that's ***bad*** / ***good.***
4 A *variety* is ***one thing*** / ***lots of different things.***
5 If you *publish* a book, it ***is*** / ***isn't*** ready to sell.
6 If something is *recent*, it happened a ***long*** / ***short*** time ago.
7 I *mostly* work means the same as I ***possibly*** / ***mainly*** work.
8 You use *in fact* to give ***more information*** / ***an example of something.***

6 **Complete the sentences.**

▶ The book isn't difficult. In fact, it's a very easy book to read, and also quite short.

1 In the p_____, bookshops were closed on Sundays, but now they are m_____ open.
2 I've got ten books in English, i_____ this one.
3 I wanted to buy a dictionary, but I r_____ I didn't have enough money.
4 The company p_____ Maria's first book last year, and it is selling very well.
5 You will find a wide v_____ of books on cooking in this shop.
6 He t_____ many times to write a novel. Finally at the age of 36, he a_____ it. Now he's a famous author.

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