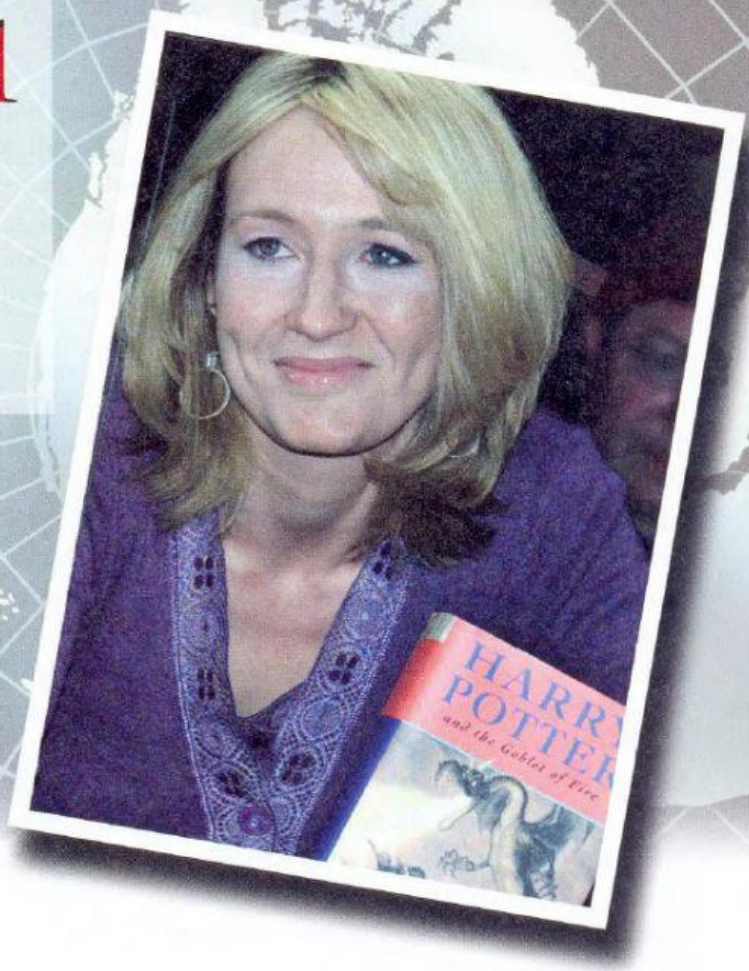
UNIT 1

Who Is J.K. Rowling?



BEFORE YOU READ

Answer these questions.

1. What do you know about *Harry Potter*?
2. Is *Harry Potter* a real person?
3. How many *Harry Potter* books are there?

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Who Is J.K. Rowling?

1 J.K. Rowling is the **author** of the *Harry Potter* books. J.K.'s name is Joanne Kathleen. She was born in 1965 in a small town near Bristol, England. Joanne lived with her parents and her sister. The Rowling family was not rich. Joanne did not go to **special** schools. She was a **quiet** child. She loved to read and write stories. Joanne went to Exeter University, and she finished in 1987. She worked in different offices. In her **free time**, she wrote more stories.

2 In 1990, Joanne's mother died. Joanne was sad, and she wanted to leave England. She saw a job in the newspaper for an English teacher. The job was in Portugal. She had an **interview**, and she got the job. In Portugal, Joanne married a Portuguese man. The next year, Joanne had a daughter, but she was not happy in her marriage. She left Portugal with her daughter and went to live in Edinburgh, Scotland, near her sister.

3 Life was very difficult for Joanne. She **took care of** her daughter. She was **alone**, and nobody helped her. She had no money and no job. She lived in a small apartment and began to write stories again. Joanne first thought about the *Harry Potter* story many years ago on a train. Joanne liked to go to a coffee shop to write. She sat there for many hours. She drank coffee and wrote. Her daughter slept beside her.

4 After five years, Joanne finished writing the first *Harry Potter* book. She sent it to many book publishers. They all said that they didn't like it. Finally, a publisher liked it, but the publisher said, "This is a children's book. **Adults** won't read it. You won't **make** a lot of **money**." In 1997, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was in the bookstores. J.K. Rowling was very happy. Her dream to publish her book **came true**. The book was famous **all over the world**.

5 Now *Harry Potter* is in forty-two languages. The publisher was wrong about one thing: Everyone loves *Harry Potter*—children and adults. Over 100 million books were sold in 1999. Then two *Harry Potter* books became movies. J.K. Rowling wrote three more *Harry Potter* books after that. People all over the world want more *Harry Potter*. And what is J.K. Rowling doing now? She is writing another book!

Helpful words

Author- автор	take care of - заботиться
Special-особенный	alone- один
Quiet-тихий	adults- взрослые
Free time- свободное время	come true- сбываться

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VOCABULARY

MEANING

Write the correct words in the blanks.

interview	quiet	adults
author	special	alone

1. J.K. Rowling is an _____. She writes books.
2. Joanne was not a noisy child. She was _____.
3. Joanne went to regular, ordinary schools. She did not go to _____ schools.
4. Children like *Harry Potter*. _____ like *Harry Potter*, too. People of all ages like *Harry Potter*.
5. Joanne lived _____. She did not live with another person.
6. Joanne had a meeting about a new job. She had an _____.

Вставьте слова в предложения:

Write the correct words in the blanks.

free time	came true	took care of
make money	all over the world	

1. Joanne wrote when she didn't work. She wrote stories in her _____.
2. Joanne watched and helped her daughter. She _____ her.
3. Joanne writes books, and the book publisher pays her. She will _____.
4. *Harry Potter* is famous in every country. It is famous _____.
5. Good things happened to Joanne. All of her dreams _____.

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Ответьте на вопросы :

Work with a partner to answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Who is the *author* of this book?
2. What do you do when you are *alone*?
3. Who is a *quiet* student in your class?
4. What do you do in your *free time*?
5. What fast food is famous *all over the world*?
6. What questions do people ask at an *interview*?

1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____
6._____

COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE READING

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Joanne was _____.
   a. not from a rich family b. from a big family c. a bad child

2. Joanne _____and went to Portugal.
   a. got a job b. got married c. wrote her book

3. *Harry Potter* is a book for _____.
   a. children b. adults c. children and adults

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Circle *T* if the sentence is true. Circle *F* if the sentence is false.

1.	Joanne was an English teacher in Portugal.	T	F
2.	Joanne married an English man in Portugal.	T	F
3.	Joanne left her daughter in Portugal.	T	F
4.	Joanne finished writing the first *Harry Potter* book after five years.	T	F
5.	Every publisher liked her book.	T	F
6.	*Harry Potter* is in forty-two languages.	T	F

Which happened first? Write *1* on the line. Which happened second? Write *2* on the line.

1. _____ Joanne became an English teacher.
   _____ Joanne worked in different offices.

2. _____ Joanne thought about *Harry Potter* on the train.
   _____ Joanne wrote about *Harry Potter* in the coffee shop.

3. _____ Joanne finished *Harry Potter*.
   _____ Joanne sent *Harry Potter* to publishers.

4. _____ Two *Harry Potter* books became movies.
   _____ *Harry Potter* was in the bookstores.

Complete the sentences about J.K. Rowling.

Example: J.K. Rowling is an author.

1. J.K. Rowling wrote _____
2. Joanne is from _____
3. Joanne worked _____
4. Joanne married _____
5. *Harry Potter* is _____

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