

Mystery Woman

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

This is a _____ story about Joanne.

Born in England, she liked _____ stories when she was _____. After _____ up, Joanne worked in an office. She wasn't happy because she wanted to _____.

One day on a _____ to London, she had _____ . It was a story about a special boy. When she got home, she started to _____. She wrote about it _____ day.

A few years later, Joanne moved to Portugal. Later, she met a man, _____ and had a girl. Joanne _____ to write.

There were _____ in Portugal, so she returned to England _____. Joanne had no job and life was difficult, but she didn't _____ writing.

Five years _____ her book was finished. Now she wanted to sell it. She sent the book to many _____ companies. No one wanted it. Then she sent it to a man named Christopher Little. He liked her book and took it to a _____ called Bloomsbury. They made the book.

The book was a _____. Kids around the world loved reading about _____.

Do you _____ who she is? She is J.K. Rowling, the _____ of Harry Potter.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. creator | a. legitimate |
| 2. true | b. remarkable |
| 3. special | c. out of work |
| 4. continue | d. author |
| 5. no job | e. carry on |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. She wrote the book on a train. T or F
2. The book took half a decade to finish. T or F
3. Many companies wanted to publish her book. T or F
4. She spent time on the book every day. T or F
5. She left Portugal with her husband. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

RTERAOC

FNEHSIDI

TSIEROS

URDNAO

IRMEARD

NDGNELA

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Where does the story mostly take place?
 2. Before the first book was published, how would you describe her character?
 3. Where, do you think, did her ideas come from?
 4. Why, do you think, so many book companies rejected her book?
 5. Have you read any Harry Potter books?
 6. Are the Harry Potter movies better than the books?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. sell / wanted / she / Now / it / to

2. happy / wanted / wasn't / to / write / She / she / because

3. Kids / world / reading / the / loved / Harry / about / around

4. had / London / on / train / to / One / an / a / idea / she / day

5. Bloomsbury / and / called / took / to / He / book / liked / a / her / company / it
