

## *J.K. Rowling's Biography* *Conjunctions*

### **The plan of the seance**

- Sequence 1 : Reading
- Sequence 2: Structure Practice
- Sequence 3: Consolidation
- Sequence 4: Writing

## • Sequence 1 : Reading:

### Mother of “Harry Potter”



Read this text carefully.

Mrs J.K Rowling was born on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1965 in Chipping Sudbury, Gloucestershire, England. Joane Kathleen has one sister, Di, who was born 2 years after. Mrs Rowling claims that she has actually been writing since she was 5 or 6 years old. While J.K was growing up, her parents moved twice. While at one of their homes, she had friends next door whose last name was Potter. She never forgot this name which she liked very much.



Mrs Rowling attended a primary school in Tutshill and later Wyedean comprehensive school. Then, she went to Exeter University where she studied French to become a bilingual secretary. However, after her graduation, she realized that she was “the worst secretary ever, very disorganized”. During meetings, instead of taking notes, she wrote story ideas. At the age of 26, as a teacher of English, she went to Portugal where she met her husband, a Portuguese journalist and started to write “Wizard”. In

1993, Jessica, her daughter was born. Shortly afterwards, she divorced and moved to Edinburgh with her infant. It was during this time that she became determined not only to finish her Harry Potter “Wizard” novel but to get it published. She often stayed in restaurants with her daughter to get warm and wrote. To support her daughter and herself, Mrs Rowling began working as a teacher of French. After several book rejections, Ms Rowling sold the novel “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” to Bloomsbury Editions in U.K for the equivalent of \$4000.



And then the marvellous adventures of Harry Potter started and soon Ms Rowling became a very rich writer, receiving awards and invited by Queen Elisabeth, Princes, ministers and presidents...



### Activity1:

Read the text and answer these questions.

أجب عن الأسئلة .

- 1- Where was J.K born?  
.....
- 2- How many sisters does she have?  
.....
- 3- How many times did her parents move?  
.....
- 4- Where did she pick the name "Potter"?  
.....
- 5- Did she go to school?  
.....
- 6- What did she study at the University?  
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### Activity 2:

Read the text again and choose the correct answer.

اختر الجواب المناسب ( a, b, c ) .

- 1- Mrs Rowling attended
  - a- Wyede an primary school.
  - b- Wyde an high school.
  - c- Wyede an middle school.

- 2- She studied French to become
  - a- a teacher of French.
  - b- a bilingual secretary.
  - c- a translator.
- 3- She went to Portugal at the age of
  - a- twenty-six.
  - b- twenty-four.
  - c- twenty-seven.
- 4- After her divorce, she settled in
  - a- Wales.
  - b- Scotland.
  - c- England.
- 5- Mrs Rowling sold her novel to
  - a- The Times magazine.
  - b- Bloomsbury Editions.
  - c- The New Yorker's.
- 6- Mrs Rowling has been invited by
  - a- President Chirac
  - b- The Queen of U.K
  - c- Zineddine Zidane

### **Activity 3:**

- 1) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following:  
أجد في النص كلمات مضادة للتالية.

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1- before $\neq$ .....;   | 5- enemies $\neq$ .....;  |
| 2- sold $\neq$ .....;     | 6- first $\neq$ .....;    |
| 3- remember $\neq$ .....; | 7- the best $\neq$ .....; |
| 4- never $\neq$ .....;    |                           |

- 2) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

أجد في النص كلمات لها نفس المعنى كالتالية

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1- in spite of = ..... | 4- began = .....  |
| 2- child = .....       | 5- many = .....   |
| 3- fantastic = .....   | 6- prizes = ..... |



## • Sequence 2: Structure Practice

### Structure Practice

Read this paragraph and pay attention to the underlined words.

Janet Rowling moved to Scotland because she divorced. While she was living in Edinburgh, she found a job as a teacher of French to support her daughter and herself. When it was cold outside, she used to enter restaurants because of the warmth inside and wrote. She soon finished her first novel but found it difficult to have it published. Later Bloomsbury Editions bought it and published it. That was the beginning of fame.

#### Activity 1:

Match A with B to make a coherent sentence

أربط A مع B

A	B
1-When she finished her novel	a- she entered restaurants.
2-After she had sold her novel	b- everybody read it.
3-Because she managed to sell it	c- she worked as a teacher.
4-Because of the cold	d- it was rejected many times.
5-While she was writing	e- she became rich.
6-People invited her	f- when she became famous.

## Activity 2:



Complete the sentences using:

أكمل الجمل باستعمال:

because / when / because of / while/ after.

1. .... the children were reading the novel, the film “Harry Potter” was on T.V.
2. .... Harry received the letter from Dumbledore, he joined the wizard school.
3. His uncle refused to hear about wizard..... He was afraid.
4. .... the colours and the special effects in the film, the children stopped reading the book.
5. .... the film had finished, the children asked their parents to buy the series of films.

## Activity 3:



Connect  
and b to

a  
get one sentence.

أربط a مع b لكتابة جملة واحدة.

- a- He arrived at Poudlar School.
- b- He made two friends “Hermione” and “Ron”.

1. ....

- a- Harry Potter liked Hermione very much.
- b- She was a very clever girl.

2. ....



- a- He attended the first school assembly.
- b- He discovered his new home.

3. ....

- a- He used to cross the magic forests.
- b- Hagrid bred wild animals.

4. ....



- a- He was walking in the magic forest.
- b- Hermione saved him from danger.

5. ....



## • Sequence 3: Consolidation

### Consolidation

#### Activity 1:

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

- .....
- 1- ..... he was young, his parents were killed.
  - 2- ..... the black wizard has killed them, he tried to find Harry.
  - 3- ..... his mother's love, Harry was protected.
  - 4- ..... he was at his uncle's, he received a letter from the school.
  - 5- ..... he joined the school where he was happy
  - 6- ..... he made two friends, he never dreamt of.



#### Activity 2:

Complete these sentences.

أكمل الجمل .

- 1- I couldn't hear the lecturer .....
- 2- Because of the heavy rains, .....
- 3- The chair broke .....
- 4- When I turned on the T.V .....
- 5- As I was shaving, .....



### Activity 3:



#### Complete the dialogue.

أكمل الحوار

Amine and Karim are talking about the first Harry Potter's adventure "The Philosopher's Stone."

Amine: .....?

Karim: I haven't finished it yet. ....?

Amine: When he arrived at the school, he attended an assembly.

Karim: .....?

Amine: Yes, of course. All the pupils at the school had a room. Harry was very surprised when he saw his.

Karim: .....?

Amine: Because it was very large. And his owl.....

Karim: .....?

Amine: Yes, when he joined the school, he was offered an owl as a welcome present.

Karim: .....?

Amine: Well, you have to read the whole book if you want to know what happened next.

#### Improve your vocabulary

claim [kleɪm] : demand recognition

to support [sə'pɔ:t] : work on which to live

attend [ə'tend] : to be present at

comprehensive school: large school that combines all

graduation [grædʒʊ'eɪʃən] : types of secondary education  
ceremony at which degrees are  
conferred

determine [dɪ'tɜ:mɪn] : decide

reject ['rɪdʒekt] : put away/ throw away

wizard ['wɪzəd] : magician

## • Sequence 4: Writing

### Activity 1:

Reorder the words and write a correct sentence.

رتب الكلمات لكتابة جملة صحيحة.

1. refused / came back / his / home / uncle/ to/ Harry Potter / when / talk / him / to / .  
.....

2. very / He / was / sad / as / He / was / uncle's/ his/ at/  
.....

3. letters / soon / He / from / received / friends / two / his / .  
.....

4. the / had / he / If / choice / would / leave / he / school / his / never / .  
.....

### Activity 2:

Reorder the sentences to write  
a paragraph.

رتب الجمل لكتابة فقرة صحيحة

- a- After he received the letter from the wizard school, his uncle kept him in a small wardrobe under the stairs.  
b- Harry had just the right to eat what was left.  
c- When he started talking to them, they never let him speak.  
d- Harry Potter was an orphan boy.  
e- Because of his wizard parents, his uncle and aunt did not like him.  
f- Soon, Dumbledore, the head of the wizard school arrived and freed him.  
g- He grew up at his uncle's where he was not welcome.

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### Activity 3:

Write a paragraph about Harry Potter's first adventure.

أكتب المغامرة الأولى لـ : "Harry Potter".

You've got information through all the exercises  
(8 to 10 lines)

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