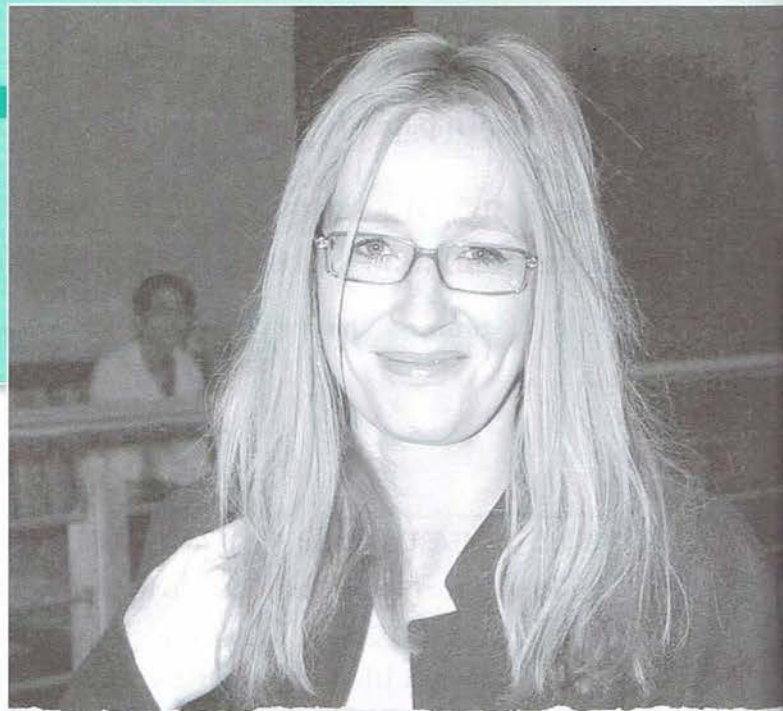


Harry Potter Saved Her



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

LONDON, ENGLAND ¹Everyone loves Harry Potter! He is one of the most famous **characters** in the world. His **creator**, J.K. Rowling, is now a successful writer, but life was not always easy for her. ²Born in 1965, Rowling grew up in a small town in England. She played in the **surrounding** fields, imagining that they were full of **magic**.

³**Misfortune** hit when Rowling was 15. Her mother became ill and died several years later. ⁴Rowling had a baby and then her **marriage broke up**. She became deeply **depressed**.

⁵Harry Potter saved her. While sitting on a train in 1990, Rowling got the idea for Harry. "**All at**

once, the idea for Harry just appeared in my head ... I have never been so excited."

⁶Unemployed and poor, Rowling started writing. She worked extremely hard, writing day after day in a **cafe**, with her baby next to her. ⁷In 1996, when she tried to sell her first Harry Potter story, 12 publishers* refused it. ⁸Then she finally **received** good news—the thirteenth publisher had accepted it! "I felt so happy," Rowling said, "that it was going to be a real book on the **shelf** of a bookstore."

* publishers: companies that make books

NEW WORDS

character *n*

creator *n*

surrounding *adj*

magic *n*

misfortune *n*

marriage *n*

break up *v*

depressed *adj*

all at once *adv*

cafe *n*

receive *v*

shelf *n*

>> See Glossary on page 92. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–7.

- a. ___ Rowling wrote every day in a cafe.
- b. ___ Harry Potter appeared in her head.
- c. ___ Rowling's mother became ill and died.
- d. ___ Rowling grew up in England.
- e. ___ She became depressed.
- f. ___ A publisher finally accepted her book.
- g. ___ Her marriage broke up.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Rowling grew up in a small town and played in the surr_____ fields, which seemed full of ma_____.
- b. Mis_____ hit when Rowling's mother became ill.
- c. Rowling felt very happy when she re_____ good news from the thirteenth publisher.
- d. Now you can find Harry Potter on the sh_____ of almost every bookstore in the world. He is a popular cha_____!

5. Listen to the story track 18

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What did Rowling do as a child?
- When did she first imagine Harry?
- What difficulties has she had in her life?
- What does the title of this unit mean?

About you...

- What question would you like to ask Rowling?
- Do you like the Harry Potter books or movies? Why or why not?
- Who is your favorite character in a book or movie?
- Do you like to write stories? Why or why not?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

RECEIVE	
receive	good news
	bad news
	an e-mail (from someone)
	a gift
	a call
a grade	
<p>Rowling finally received good news. <i>I don't like to receive bad news.</i> <i>Did you receive an e-mail from me?</i> <i>I received a great gift from my son.</i> <i>You'll receive a call from Ann.</i> <i>I received a good grade from my teacher.</i></p>	

- Yesterday I received _____.
- I never receive _____ from _____.
- If I'm lucky, I'll receive _____ from _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true. Use words from the pictures.

READING



- Every novel has a/an _____.
- The last novel I read had an interesting _____.
- You can find a/an _____ and a/an _____ in libraries.
- The _____ J.K. Rowling wrote a world-famous _____.

10. Take a dictation track 19

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

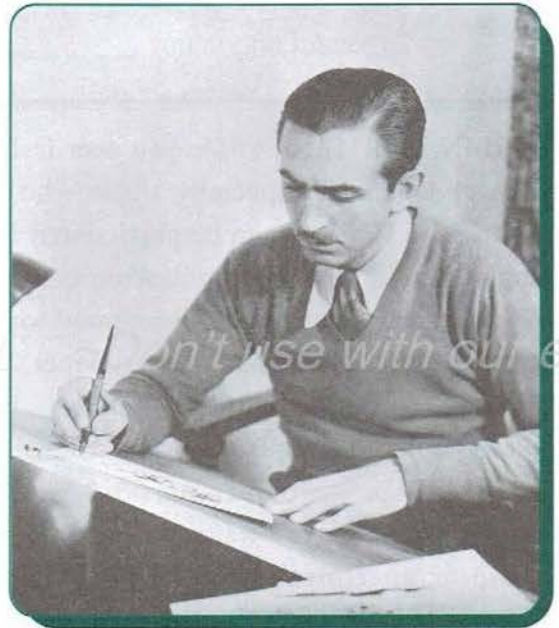
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A Well-Loved Character

HOLLYWOOD, USA One of the most famous (1) _____ in the world is Mickey Mouse. His (2) _____, Walt Disney, began to draw* as a young child. In 1923, when he was 22 years old, Disney arrived in Hollywood with only \$40.00 in his pocket. He started his own business making cartoons**, but it was not an easy life.

In 1928, Walt Disney was riding on a train from New York to Hollywood. He was (3) _____. He had (4) _____ in New York. His business was in trouble. But as he was sitting on the train, a mouse appeared in his head (5) _____. It was (6) _____. Disney spent the rest of the trip dreaming about the little mouse with big black ears and red pants. He named his little mouse "Mortimer," but Disney's wife told him to use the name "Mickey" instead. A star was born!

Mickey Mouse was in many popular cartoons in the 1930s and 1940s. Now he welcomes millions of people every year at Disney parks in Tokyo, Paris, Florida, and California.



* draw: to make a picture with a pencil, pen, etc.

** cartoons: films that are made with drawings



Talk about the stories

How are the lives of J.K. Rowling and Walt Disney similar? How are they different?