

J.K. Rowling **Answers**

1. When and where was she born?
She was born on 31st July 1965, in Gloucestershire.
2. Name one of Rowling's favourite authors.
(Jane Austin / C.S. Lewis) is one of Rowling's favourite authors.
3. Which university did Joanne study at?
Joanne studied at Exeter University.
4. Explain why she moved to London.
She moved to London to work as a researcher for Amnesty International.
5. Where did Joanne come up with the idea for the Harry Potter series?
Joanne was on a delayed train journey from Manchester to London when the idea for the Harry Potter series came into her head.
6. Can you explain how the death of her own mother affected her writing?
Rowling decided to introduce more detail about the loss of the main character's parents as she knew how it felt.
7. Give two other ways in which she has used her own life experiences in the Harry Potter books.
Her parents met at Kings Cross Station, which is where Harry Potter catches the train to school. Joanne also shares her birthday with Harry.
8. What did the publishers think about Joanne's full name being printed on her books?
The publishers didn't think that boys would want to read a book written by a female author.
9. What could one of the original copies of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' sell for?
Today, original copies of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' now sell for around £20,000.
10. If you have read all of the Harry Potter books, which is your favourite and why?
Own answers.