

# 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. Explain why she moved to London.  
**She moved to London to work as a researcher for Amnesty International.**
4. 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.**
5. 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.**
6. 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.**
7. 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.**
8. If you have read all of the Harry Potter books, which is your favourite and why?  
**Own answers.**