

English Literature Activities



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Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets

Harry woke early on Saturday morning and lay for a while thinking about the coming Quidditch match. He was nervous, mainly at the thought of what Wood would say if Gryffindor lost, but also at the idea of facing a team mounted on the fastest racing brooms gold could buy. He had never wanted to beat Slytherin so badly. After half an hour of lying there with his insides churning, he got up, dressed, and went down to breakfast early, where he found the rest of the Gryffindor team huddled at the long, empty table, all looking uptight and not speaking much.



As eleven o'clock approached, the whole school started to make its way down to the Quidditch stadium. It was a muggy sort of day with a hint of thunder in the air. Ron and Hermione came hurrying over to wish Harry good luck as he entered the locker rooms. The team pulled on their scarlet Gryffindor robes, then sat down to listen to Wood's usual pre-match pep talk.



After reading the text, decide if the sentences are True or False:

1. Harry woke up anxious about the game
2. He didn't want to win the match
3. He got up half an hour later
4. The match would start at 11
5. The weather seemed rainy
6. Harry didn't have time to meet Hermione and Ron



Have you seen any of the Harry Potter films? If yes, what are the things you like about them? If not, what have you heard about them? You can watch the trailer of this one here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bq0qff4iF8>



Read the text about the writer's life and decide if the sentences are True or False:

J.K. Rowling is a famous British writer. She was born on July 31, 1965, in Yate, England. She is best known for the Harry Potter books. The idea for Harry Potter came to her during a train trip in 1990.



In the story, Harry Potter is a young boy who finds out he is a wizard. He goes to a special school called Hogwarts. There, he makes friends, learns magic, and fights against a dark wizard named Voldemort.

The first book, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," was published in 1997. The books became very popular all over the world. There are seven books in the series. The stories teach us about friendship, bravery, and love. "The Chamber of secrets" is the second book in the series.

The Harry Potter series has sold over 500 million copies and has also been made into movies. J.K. Rowling is now one of the most famous authors.

1. J.K. Rowling is a famous British author.
2. She was born in 1975 in London, England.
3. The idea for Harry Potter came to J.K. Rowling during a train trip.
4. Harry Potter is a young boy who is not a wizard.
5. The school Harry goes to is called Hogwarts.
6. The first book was published in 1997.
7. There are ten books in the Harry Potter series.
8. The stories teach us about friendship and bravery.
9. J.K. Rowling has sold over 1 billion copies of the Harry Potter series.
10. The Harry Potter books have also been made into movies.



Fill in the text with the words below:

Chamber monster friends saves learns noises Hogwarts

In "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Harry returns to _____ School for his second year. He hears strange _____ and discovers that students are attacked. With his _____, Hermione and Ron, Harry learns about the _____ of Secrets, a hidden room in the school. They find out that a _____ is attacking students. Harry discovers he can speak to snakes, which helps him understand the mystery. In the end, Harry fights the monster and _____ his friend Ginny Weasley. He _____ the importance of friendship and bravery.

Text

- 1 Harry woke up anxious about the game True
- 2 He didn't want to win the match False
- 3 He got up half an hour later True
- 3 The match would start at 11 True
- 4 The weather seemed rainy True
- 5 Harry didn't have time to meet Hermione and Ron False

Biographical Text

- 1 J.K. Rowling is a famous British author. True
- 2 She was born in 1975 in London, England. False
- 3 The idea for Harry Potter came to J.K. Rowling during a train trip. True
- 4 Harry Potter is a young boy who is not a wizard. False
- 5 The school Harry goes to is called Hogwarts. True
- 6 The first book was published in 1997. True
- 7 There are ten books in the Harry Potter series. False
- 8 The stories teach us about friendship and bravery. True
- 9 J.K. Rowling has sold over 1 billion copies of the Harry Potter series. False
- 10 The Harry Potter books have also been made into movies. True

Text about the book:

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The book

[Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets](#) is a [fantasy novel](#) written by British author [J. K. Rowling](#) and the second novel in the [Harry Potter](#) series. The plot follows [Harry](#)'s second year at [Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry](#), during which a series of messages on the walls of the school's corridors warn that the "[Chamber of Secrets](#)" has been opened and that the "heir of [Slytherin](#)" would kill all pupils who do not come from all-magical families. These threats are found after attacks that leave residents of the school petrified. Throughout the year, Harry and his friends [Ron](#) and [Hermione](#) investigate the attacks. **(information from Wikipedia).**

The film

[Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets](#) (is a 2002 [fantasy film](#) directed by [Chris Columbus](#) from a screenplay by [Steve Kloves](#). It is based on the 1998 novel [Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets](#) by [J. K. Rowling](#). Produced by [David Heyman](#), it is the [sequel](#) to [Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone](#) (2001) and the second instalment in the [Harry Potter film series](#). The film stars [Daniel Radcliffe](#) as [Harry Potter](#), with [Rupert Grint](#) and [Emma Watson](#) as his best friends [Ron Weasley](#) and [Hermione Granger](#) respectively. The story follows Harry's second year at [Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry](#), where the Heir of [Salazar Slytherin](#) opens the [Chamber of Secrets](#), unleashing a monster that [petrifies](#) the school's students. **(information from Wikipedia).**

If you are a fan of the Harry Potter universe, you could check out this site:

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/>

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