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ONLINE EXERCISES

Verb tenses


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Expressions All About ME

I worry about ____________.
I dreamt about ____________.
I am proud of ______________.
I am interested in ______________.
I am afraid of ________________.
I don’t believe in ________________.
I am good at _______________.
I am poor at ________________.
I have to ________________.
I feel like ________________.
I regularly ________________.
I never ________________.
I can’t stand ________________.
I have difficulty ________________.
I have a habit of ________________.
I no longer ____________________.

________ makes me laugh.
________ makes me sad.
________ makes me angry.
Agatha Christie

Dame Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie, DBE (September 15, 1890-January 12, 1976), was a British crimefiction writer. She also wrote romances under the name Mary Westmacott.

Agatha Christie is the world's best-known mystery writer and all-time bestselling author of any genre other than William Shakespeare. Her books have sold over a billion copies in the English language and another billion in over 45 foreign languages (as of 2003). As an example of her broad appeal, she is the all-time best-selling author in France, with over 40 million copies sold in French (as of 2003) versus 22 million for Émile Zola, the nearest contender.

Christie published over eighty novels and stageplays, mainly whodunit and locked room mysteries, many of these featuring one of her series characters, Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. She is a major figure in detective fiction for her commercial success and her innovations in the genre.

Although she delighted in twisting the established form, she was scrupulous in "playing fair" with the reader by making sure all necessary information for solving the puzzle was given. One of her early books, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, is renowned for its surprising denouement.

Most of her books and short stories have been filmed, some many times over (Murder on the Orient Express, Death on the Nile, 4.50 from Paddington). The BBC has produced television and radio versions of most of the Poirot and Marple stories. A later series of Poirot dramatizations starring David Suchet was made by Granada Television.

In 2004, the Japanese broadcasting company Nippon Housou Kyoukai turned Poirot and Marple into animated characters in the anime series Agatha Christie's Great Detectives Poirot and Marple, introducing Mabel West (daughter of Miss Marple's mystery-writer nephew Raymond West, a canonical Christie character) and her duck Oliver as new characters.

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Questions about the text

1. Agatha Christie was born in 1890.
   ○ True.
   ○ False.
   ○ We don't know.

2. More than 40 million copies of her books have been sold in France.
   ○ True.
   ○ False.
   ○ We don't know.
3. How many novels and stageplays did she write?
   - 70.
   - 80.
   - More than 80.

4. "The Murder of Roger" has a surprising ending.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

5. There are no films based on her books.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

6. There are no TV series based on her books.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

7. In Japan there are anime characters based on her books.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

**J. K. Rowling**

Joanne “Jo” Rowling (born 31 July 1965), pen name J. K. Rowling, is a British novelist, best known as the author of the Harry Potter fantasy series. The Potter bookshave gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, and sold more than 400 million copies. They have become the best-selling book series in history, and been the basis for a series of films which has become the highest-grossing film series in history. Rowling had overall approval on the scripts as well as maintaining creative control by serving as a producer on the final installment.

Born in Yate, Gloucestershire, Rowling was working as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International when she conceived the idea for the Harry Potter series on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990. These seven-year periods that followed entailed the death of her mother, divorce from her first husband and poverty until Rowling finished the first novel in the series, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
(1997). Rowlingsubsequentlypublished 6 sequels—the last, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (2007)—as well as 3 supplementsto the series. Sincethen, Rowling has partedwith her agency and resumedwriting for adultreadership, releasing the tragicomedy The Casual Vacancy (2012) and—using the pseudonym Robert Galbraith—the crimefiction novel The Cuckoo’s Calling (2013) which, according to Rowling, isthe first of a series.

Rowling has led a “ragstoriches” lifestory, in which she progressed from living on state benefit to multi-millionaire status within five years. She is the United Kingdom’s best-selling author since records began, with sales in excess of £238m. The 2008 Sunday Times Rich List estimated Rowling’s fortune at £560 million ($798 million), ranking her as the twelfth richest woman in the United Kingdom. Forbes ranked Rowling as the forty-eighth most powerful celebrity of 2007, and TIME magazine named her as a runner-up for its 2007 Person of the Year, noting the social, moral, and political inspirations she has given her fans. In October 2010, Rowling was named the “Most Influential Woman in Britain” by leading magazine editors. She has become a notable philanthropist, supporting such charities as Comic Relief, One Parent Families, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Lumos (formerly the Children’s High Level Group).

Although she writes under the pen name “J. K. Rowling” (pronounced rolling), the author’s name when her first Harry Potter book was published was simply “Joanne Rowling”. Anticipating that the target audience of young boys might not want to read a book written by a woman, her publishers demanded that she use two initials, rather than her full name. As she had no middle name, she chose K as thesecond initial of her pen name, from her paternal grandmother. She calls herself “Jo” and has said, “No one ever called me ‘Joanne’ when I was young, unless they were angry.” Following her marriage, she has sometimes used the name Joanne Murray when conducting personal business. During the Leveson Inquiry she gave evidence under the name of Joanne Kathleen Rowling. In a 2012 interview, Rowling noted that she no longer cared that people pronounced her name incorrectly.

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   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

2. She participated in the production of all Harry Potter movies.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

3. She got the idea for the Harry Potter series on a delayed train.
   - True.
4. Robert Galbraith is the name of her brother.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

5. She supports many charities.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.

6. She doesn't have a middle name.
   - True.
   - False.
   - We don't know.