

# ***Writing a Biography***



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## Writing a Biography

### What is a biography?

A biography is an account of a person's life, written by another person.

A biography has

- A short, clear title
- An interesting introduction
- Information about the person in sequential order
- Paragraphs
- Quotations in different paragraphs
- A concluding comment or interesting fact

### What biography are you going to write?

You are going to write a biography about J.K. Rowling.

### What information do you need?

Here is information about the life of J.K. Rowling that you can use for the biography.

<b>First Names</b>	Joanne Kathleen
<b>Family Name</b>	Rowling
<b>Date of birth</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> July 1965
<b>Place of birth</b>	Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire, England
<b>Why is she famous?</b>	Famous Author Wrote <i>Harry Potter</i> books
<b>Family Life</b>	<u>Childhood</u> One younger sister Name: Di Lived in Winterbourne near Bristol: neighbours' family name was Potter <u>Marriage</u> Married Jorge Arantes- nationality: Portuguese, work: journalist Now divorced <u>Children</u> Daughter: Jessica, born 1993
<b>Education</b>	Secondary School: Wydean Comprehensive University: Exeter- studied French
<b>Work/ Employment</b>	Bilingual secretary Went to Portugal when she was 26. Work: English Teacher Author- in Edinburgh wrote first book about a wizard- Harry Potter
<b>First Story</b>	Title: Rabbit- a story with interesting characters, e.g. a large bee- Miss Bee- When: author was 5 or 6 years old
<b>Books Published</b>	Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone- published 1997. Prizes: British Book Awards Children's Book of the Year & Smarties award Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Harry Potter and the Order of the Pheonix Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows- published 2007
<b>Quotations from Rowling</b>	"Ever since Rabbit and Miss Bee, I have wanted to be a writer." "I was the worst secretary ever, very disorganised." "I will carry on writing, to be sure. But I don't know if I would want to publish again after Harry Potter."
<b>Interesting Facts</b>	J.K. Rowling is Britain's 13 <sup>th</sup> wealthiest woman. She is even wealthier than the Queen.

## Planning Sheet

Title of the Biography

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<b>INTRODUCTION</b>  General information that makes the reader want to read more.	
<b>MAIN TEXT</b>	Paragraph 1 is about _____ Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> Quotation?
	Paragraph 2 is about _____ Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> Quotation?
	Paragraph 3 is about _____ Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> Quotation?
<b>CONCLUSION</b>  An interesting fact or general final comment	

NOW WRITE YOUR BIOGRAPHY ABOUT J.K. ROWLING.

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