



## Worksheet 9. Reading: The Beginnings of a Writer

Read the passage. Then answer the questions on the next page.

### The Beginnings of a Writer



Once upon a time, a little girl named Joanne lived in England. She was a good student in languages and literature and did well in those courses. She had a **very good** imagination, and she liked to write.

After she graduated from college, she got a job as a secretary. The secretarial job was not interesting enough to her, so after a while she got another job. This job was in Portugal. The job was teaching English to young Portuguese students. She liked that job **very much**, but after a while she became homesick. Portugal was **too far** away from home so she went back to England. She wanted to be near her family.

At this time, she was writing a book. She started writing the book a few years before she went to Portugal. She didn't have much money, but she didn't get a job right away. She wanted to finish writing her book. She couldn't work in her apartment because it was **too cold**. The apartment didn't have heat. So every day she went to a local café, and she wrote the book there.

When she finished the book, she sent it to a publisher. The publisher rejected the book. She sent it to several publishers and they all rejected it. Finally, in 1996, a New York publisher accepted it. That made Joanne **very happy**.

The name of the main character in the book is Harry Potter. Joanne became the famous author J.K. Rowling. And the rest is history! Her books have sold millions and millions of copies throughout the world.

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Circle True if the statement is true. Circle False if the statement is false.

1. The story is about a little girl in Portugal. True / False
2. The girl in the story was a good student in languages. True / False
3. After college, she had a job as a secretary. True / False
4. She did well in the secretarial job and became a department head. True / False
5. She had a job as a secretary in Portugal. True / False
6. She taught English in Portugal. True / False
7. She went back to England because she was cold. True / False
8. She wrote a book while she was sitting at a café. True / False
9. A publisher accepted her book right away. True / False
10. The book is about a boy named Harry Potter. True / False