

Harry Potter

Harry's magical parents were killed by the evil wizard Voldemort when he was just a baby. Lord Voldemort is a very dangerous and mean wizard, everyone must watch out from him. Miraculously, he survives with only a lightning-bolt scar as a mysterious reminder. Harry is taken to live with his nasty relatives, the Dursleys -- muggles, or non-wizards -- who hide the truth about his parents. Ten **miserable** years later, he gets a visit from a genial half-giant named Hagrid with an invitation to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Hagrid is a huge man with a long beard, but he is good, kind, and is always ready to help Harry and his friends. At school, Harry makes friends, fights trolls, learns how to play the fantastic aerial school sport, Quidditch (he will later become Captain of the Gryffindor team), and uncovers a three-headed dog that guards a secret.

His best friends are Ron, a red-haired wizard with seven siblings, and Hermione a muggle born girl, very smart, pretty, and with long curly brown hair. Ron likes to play Quidditch and have fun with his friends; he also has a rat, named Scabbers. Hermione likes to study and read, she is one of the most brilliant and responsible students in the whole school. Also Hermione as a pet, a cat named Crookshanks.



Not everyone is nice and friendly to Harry; our favourite wizard must contend with Professor Snape, who teaches Potion, always very strict and severe, who is going to give Harry a hard time; and Draco Malfoy, a very rich and bratty kid. Harry needs also to watch out, because Lord Voldemort is coming back to life. With the help of his friends and professors, Harry will become a great wizard, with the powers necessary to defeat the evil and dangerous Lord Voldemort.

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions

Choose two positive qualities and two negative qualities and write four sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What's the sign Harry gets when he survives from Voldemort?

- a) a lighting-bolt scar
- b) a scar on his hand
- c) a moon-shaped scar on his knee

At what age does Harry find out he is a wizard?

- a) 8
- b) 11
- c) 10

With whom does Harry live during his childhood?

- a) Hagrid
- b) In an orphanage
- c) with his relatives

What's Harry's favourite sport?

- a) swimming
- b) Hufflepluff
- c) Quidditch

What different pets are mentioned in the text?

- a) a cat and an owl
- b) a cat and a rat
- c) a rat and a snake

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Read the characteristics in coloumn 1 and link them to the most suitable character.

Characteristics	Characters
Brilliant, smart student	Ron
Funny boy, Harry's best friend	Harry's relatives
Evil and dangerous	Professor Snape
Nasty and muggle born	Lord Voldemort
Severe and strict	Hermione

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Answer the following questions (2 points each)

1. In the text the word “miserable” is highlighted. Why do you think Harry had a miserable childhood?

2. Is Harry happy when he goes to Hogwarts? Does he find new friends? Who are they?

3. Do you think Harry’s life is safe? Why not?

4. Who are Harry’s enemies at school?

5. Among the following characters:

Harry

Ron

Hermione

Draco

Hagrid

Who would have been your best friend? Why?