

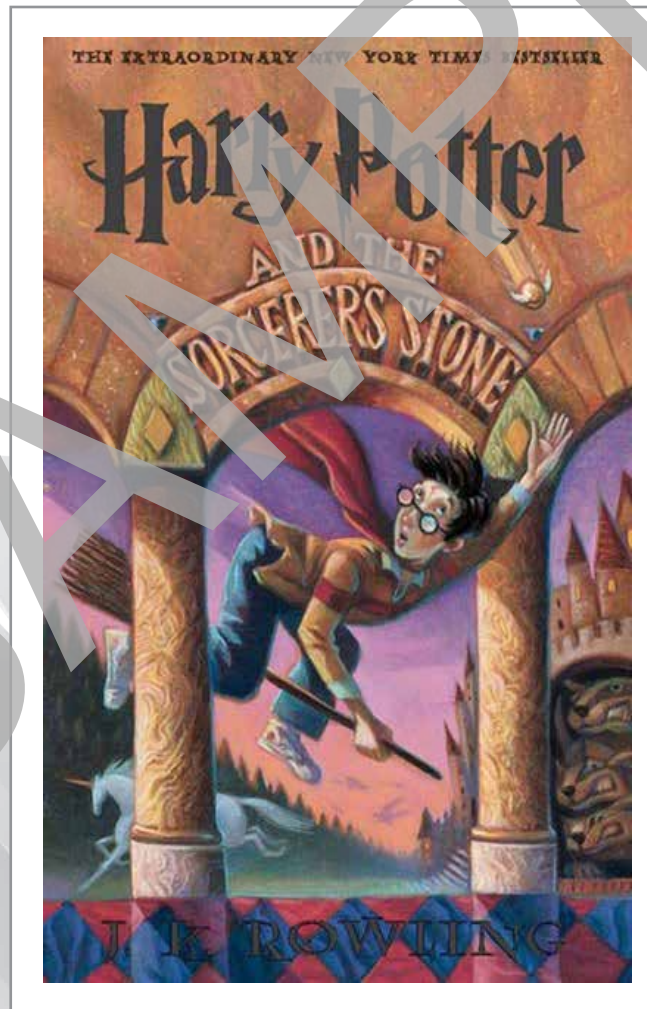


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GRADES 6-8

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussions.

Chapter One—The Boy Who Lived

1. Who are the Dursleys? Where do they live?
2. What is the Dursleys' secret?
3. What does Mr. Dursley see at the corner of the street and when he is sitting in the morning traffic jam?
4. Why doesn't Mr. Dursley see the owls outside his office?
5. What does Mr. Dursley hear as he passes the people in cloaks? How does he react?
6. When Mr. Dursley bumps into the tiny old man, the old man is not upset. Why?
7. What does Mr. Dursley hear on the evening news? Why doesn't he tell Mrs. Dursley about what he hears?
8. Who is Albus Dumbledore?
9. What is a Put-Outer?
10. Who is Professor McGonagall?
11. Why does Dumbledore say Professor McGonagall should be celebrating?
12. What is the rumor about Lily and James Potter? Is it true?
13. Who is Harry Potter? What does he survive?
14. Why has Dumbledore come to the Dursleys' house?
15. Who brings Harry to Dumbledore? How does he arrive?
16. How does Hagrid react when Dumbledore takes Harry to the Dursleys' doorstep? Why does he react this way?
17. What is the last thing that Dumbledore says to Harry before he leaves?

Chapter Two—The Vanishing Glass

1. How many years have passed since Harry went to live with the Dursleys?
2. What day is it when this chapter begins?
3. Where does Harry sleep? Why does he sleep there?
4. What is the first rule for living with the Dursleys?
5. Why is Dudley upset with his birthday presents?
6. Why does Harry end up going to the zoo with the Dursleys? Why don't they want to take him?
7. What happens when Harry looks at the boa constrictor?
8. What happens to the boa constrictor?
9. What does Harry think he remembers about the car crash that killed his parents?
10. What unusual things happen when Harry meets strangers on the street?

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| flagged (113) | drone (113) | triumphs (114) | smarten (114) |
| lingered (114) | jolt (115) | transparent (115) | ruff (115) |
| mutely (116) | goblets (116) | frayed (117) | chivalry (118) |
| wit (118) | cunning (118) | queasy (119) | catcalling (119) |
| amid (120) | swaggered (120) | vigorously (122) | pompously (122) |
| turban (122) | miffed (124) | gaunt (124) | treacle (125) |
| meringue (125) | absurd (126) | sallow (126) | tapestries (128) |
| cackle (129) | poltergeist (129) | spiral (130) | destiny (130) |

Directions: Sort the vocabulary words listed above. You may choose the categories. Here are some suggestions: actions, feelings, descriptive words, words that name people, words related to places, words related to appearance.

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Playing with Names

Word play is the creative and entertaining use of words by a writer or a speaker. Some word play is simply meant to be funny. Other types of word play entertain readers by adding another layer of meaning to a word or phrase. A pun is one kind of word play.

Directions: J.K. Rowling, author of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, uses word play connected to the names of people and things in the story. Read each name listed below. Explain how each one is a "play on words." (Hint: A dictionary might be helpful. For example, what does the word "peeve" mean? Why is "Peeves" a great name for the character in the story?)



Diagon Alley _____

Peeves _____

Slytherin _____

Dr. Sprout _____

Mirror of Erised _____

Draco Malfoy _____
