

Reading Test: Harry Potter

Task

Read the text about Harry Potter. Then read the statements (1-5) that follow the text and decide if they are TRUE or FALSE according to what the text says. Mark your answers (X) in the table after the statements. An example (0) has already been given for you.

Harry Potter



Harry is famous in the wizarding world for his encounter with the evil Lord Voldemort, one of the most powerful sorcerers of all time and the primary antagonist villain in the series, when he was just a year old. Voldemort mysteriously lost his powers in the encounter and was severely crippled, although he survived.

James and Lily Potter were killed in this incident in 1981 while protecting baby Harry from Voldemort's attack. James died first, and Lily's dying act – sacrificing herself to save her infant son – placed Harry under a spell of love and protection. Subsequently, Harry survived the Avada Kedavra or 'killing curse' which was cast against him by Voldemort. Due to a spell of love and protection attributed to Harry after his mother's act of sacrifice, Voldemort's attempt to kill Harry backfired; resulting in the loss of his powers, as well as exile and eventual decline from a position of power and fear in the wizarding world. This event led to Harry being heralded as a celebrity – "The boy who lived"; due to him being the only person to ever survive the Avada Kedavra curse – a lightning shaped scar being the sole remnant of the incident.

Despite the fact that Harry survived Voldemort's attempted murder, he still has no recollection as to why Voldemort lost his powers. In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry confirms this fact when he questions Voldemort.

After the death of his parents, Harry was left with the only family he had left – his mother's sister and her husband, Petunia and Vernon Dursley in a small town in Surrey, England, called Little Whinging. They neglected him in favour of their own son and in their attempt to remove all traces of his magical self to make him 'normal', kept him fully isolated from the wizarding world.

0. Harry's parents were killed by the evil Lord Voldemort.

1. James and Lily Potter couldn't help their son to survive 'killing curse' which was cast on him by Voldemort.
2. Voldemort lost his powers because of Harry's mother placed her son under a spell of love and protection.
3. Harry had a lightning shaped scar, the reminder of the Avada Kedavra curse survival.
4. Harry Potter lived a happy life at his mother's sister.
5. His aunt and uncle wanted Harry to keep away from the wizarding world.

Answers:

Questions	True	False
0.	X	
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Score: _____ / 5

Answer key

Task 1T; 2T; 3F; 4F; 5F.