

Have you read any Harry Potter books? What about *1984*, *The Lord of the Rings* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*? Richard visits a magical place to find out about contemporary British literature.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.



1. Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a—g next to the number 1—7.

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| 1..... to draw upon | a. among the best in the world |
| 2..... shivers up your spine | b. a person whose job it is to write reviews |
| 3..... a critic | c. a group of three books that are related to each other |
| 4..... be on the edge of your seat | d. a place that helps something to grow and develop |
| 5..... a breeding ground | e. to take inspiration from |
| 6..... world-class | f. an excited or frightened feeling |
| 7..... a trilogy | g. be closely following the action and excitement in a story |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.

- Novels by George Orwell, C.S. Lewis and Tolkien have always been highly influential / have all been turned into films / have had the same incredible success as Harry Potter .
- J.K. Rowling is an author and translator / one of the most successful authors of all time / a world-class leader in modern literature .
- Amanda Craig says J.K. Rowling has made people everywhere feel happiness, sadness and enjoyment / inspired people to tell stories / reminded the world that reading is enjoyable .
- Anthony Horowitz wrote a trilogy of books / reinvented the James Bond spy novel / writes books for younger children .
- British writers have been writing plays for longer than novels / novels for longer than plays / novels and plays for over 600 years .
- In Britain we've got an inspiring literary tradition and a wonderful language / an interest in other people and a desire to entertain them / all of the above .

3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Complete the gaps with the correct word.

1. The works of George Orwell, C.S Lewis and Tolkien have arguably more influence today _____ when they were first published.
2. This is Leadenhall Market, _____ old-fashioned Victorian market that's still popular today.
3. Harry Potter films were adapted _____ the children's novel's of J.K. Rowling.
4. Over 450 million copies of the Harry Potter books have sold throughout the world. They've been translated _____ 72 different languages.
5. J.K. Rowling has made people in every country laugh, cry and sit _____ the edge of their seats.
6. She is a world-class leader _____ modern literature.
7. We've got people like Charles Dickens and William Shakespeare to draw upon, we've got the wonderful English language and I think we are full of curiosity _____ other people.
8. We want to entertain them, we want to make them laugh, we want to make them feel shivers _____ their spine.

Have you read any books by British authors? Which ones?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.