

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Chapter One

A. Key Questions

1. Where did the Dursleys live?
2. How did Mr. and Mrs. Dursley look? What was the name of their son?
3. What was the Dursley's secret and greatest fear?
4. JK Rowling used mysterious signs to tell the readers something mysterious is going to happen. What are the mysterious signs?
5. People in cloaks were whispering excitedly. What were they whispering about? Why were they excited?
6. How did Albus Dumbledore look?
7. Who did the tabby cat turn out to be?
8. Who killed Harry's parents?
9. Who arranged Harry to live with his uncle and aunt?
10. What is the shape of scar left on Harry's forehead?
11. What did you-know-who refer to? In the past 11 years, why didn't call him by his proper name?

B. Expressions to Learn

1.

Mr. Dursley was the director of a firm called Grunnings, which made drills. He was a big, _____ man with hardly any neck, although he did have a very large mustache. Mrs. Dursley was thin and blonde and had nearly twice the usual amount of neck, which came in very useful as she spent so much of her time _____ over garden fences, spying on the neighbors.

2.

Nothing like this man had ever been seen on Privet Drive. He was tall, thin, and very old, _____ by the silver of his hair and beard, which were both long enough to tuck into his belt. He was wearing long robes, a purple cloak that swept the ground, and high-heeled, buckled boots. His blue eyes were light, bright, and _____ behind half-moon spectacles and his nose was very long and _____, as though it had been broken at least twice. This man's name was Albus Dumbledore.

4.

He turned to smile at the tabby, but it had gone. Instead he was smiling at a _____ woman who was wearing square glasses exactly the shape of the markings the cat had had around its eyes. She, too, was wearing a cloak, an _____ one. Her black hair was drawn into a tight bun. She looked _____.

5.

If the motorcycle was huge, it was nothing to the man sitting _____ it. He was almost twice as tall as a normal man and at least five times as wide. He looked simply too big to be allowed, and so wild - long tangles of _____ black hair and beard hid most of his face, he had hands the size of trash can lids, and his feet in their leather boots were like baby dolphins. In his vast, _____ arms he was holding a bundle of blankets.

C. Summary Training
