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Název výukového materiálu:	J.K. Rowling
Druh výukového materiálu:	Pracovní list sloužící jako podklad pro prezentaci
Čas:	15 minut
Využití:	Pracovní list poskytuje faktografické informace, motivuje k vytvoření prezentace

J. K. Rowling

Joanne "Jo" Rowling (born 31 July 1965), pen name **J. K. Rowling**, is a British novelist, best known as the author of the *Harry Potter* fantasy series. The *Potter* books have gained worldwide attention, won multiple awards, and sold more than 400 million copies. They have become the best-selling book series in history, and been the basis for a series of films which have become the highly successful. Rowling had overall approval on the scripts as well as maintaining creative control by serving as a producer on the final instalment.

Born in Yate, Gloucestershire, Rowling was working as a researcher and bilingual secretary for Amnesty International when she conceived the idea for the *Harry Potter* series on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990. The seven-year period that followed entailed the death of her mother, divorce from her first husband and poverty until Rowling finished the first novel in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (1997). Rowling subsequently published 6 sequels, the last, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (2007), as well as 3 supplements to the series.

In October 2010, Rowling was named the "Most Influential Woman in Britain" by leading magazine editors. She has become a notable philanthropist, supporting such charities as Comic Relief, One Parent Families, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain.

Although she writes under the pen name "J. K. Rowling", pronounced like *rolling*, her name when her first *Harry Potter* book was published was simply "Joanne Rowling". Anticipating that the target audience of young boys might not want to read a book written by a woman, her publishers demanded that she uses two initials, rather than her full name. As she had no middle name, she chose *K* as the second initial of her pen name, from her paternal grandmother Kathleen.

She met Portuguese television journalist Jorge Arantes in a bar. They married on 16 October 1992 and their child, Jessica Isabel Rowling Arantes (named after Jessica Mitford), was born on 27 July 1993 in Portugal. Rowling had previously suffered a miscarriage. They separated on 17 November 1993, 13 months and one day after their marriage. Biographers have suggested that Rowling suffered domestic abuse during her marriage, although the full extent is unknown.

1. Are the statements true or false?

Harry Potter saga is the best selling series of books of all times. **True**

She supports all families in her charity projects. **False**

She uses the initials because she does not like her first name. **False**

Her marriage has been happy. **False**

She has been expecting a baby twice in her life. **True**

2. Now use the information and prepare an oral presentation illustrated with pictures, books, other materials, it should be about 3 minutes long.