

# HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU READ :

- Dumbledore is headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Professor McGonagall is one of the teachers there. She can change shape. She has been waiting outside a house, number four Privet Drive, in the suburbs of London. Dumbledore has just arrived.
- Sherbet lemons are sweets.
- Owls are used in the magic community to carry messages. There have been a lot of owls flying around in the last few hours.

## NOW READ THE TEXT. USE A DICTIONARY. PUT ONE WORD IN EACH SPACE.

After you finish reading the text answer the following questions:

- 1) What has Voldemort just done?  
*He has killed Harry's parents*
- 2) Why do people call him "You-Know-Who"?  
*They are afraid to say his name*
- 3) Prof. McGonagall can change into an animal. What kind?  
*a cat*
- 4) What is Dumbledore's first name?  
*Albus*
- 5) How did Prof. McGonagall find out that Dumbledore was coming to the house?  
*from Hagrid*
- 6) What has happened to Voldemort?  
*He has disappeared*
- 7) What is Dumbledore waiting for?  
*for Hagrid to bring the baby, Harry.*
- 8) Who is Harry going to live with?  
*his aunt and uncle*
- 9) Why is Prof. McGonagall worried about this?  
*she doesn't think they are the right kind of people*
- 10) So why does Dumbledore still think it's the best thing to do?  
*Harry won't be spoilt with them*
- 11) What is unusual about Hagrid?  
*He's a giant (actually a half-giant)*
- 12) Who does the motorbike belong to?  
*Sirius Black*