Harry Potter Books Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. A British copy of the first Harry Potter novel says Philosopher’s Stone on the cover. What name replaced Philosopher’s Stone for the original United States edition?

A. Sorcerer’s Stone
B. Wizard’s Stone
C. Alchemist’s Gold
D. Stone of Hogwarts

Correct answer: A. Sorcerer’s Stone

Scholastic published the first novel in the United States as Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone in 1998.

2. Which Hogwarts poltergeist is still making trouble in the novels when Harry and his friends are students?

A. The Grey Lady
B. Nearly Headless Nick
C. Peeves
D. The Fat Friar

Correct answer: C. Peeves

Peeves is the castle’s poltergeist. The other names belong to Hogwarts ghosts.

3. In Philosopher’s Stone, whose friends agree to collect Hagrid’s young dragon from Hogwarts?

A. Percy Weasley’s
B. Charlie Weasley’s
C. Bill Weasley’s
D. Arthur Weasley’s

Correct answer: B. Charlie Weasley’s

Charlie works with dragons. His friends collect Norbert after Harry and Hermione bring the dragon out secretly.

4. Which Hogwarts student starts S.P.E.W. to campaign for better conditions for house-elves?

A. Padma Patil
B. Neville Longbottom
C. Luna Lovegood
D. Hermione Granger

Correct answer: D. Hermione Granger

Hermione starts the group in her fourth year and calls for changes such as pay and better working conditions.

5. On Christmas morning in Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry receives an anonymous gift that Hermione fears may be unsafe. What is it?

A. A set of Quidditch balls
B. A Firebolt broomstick
C. A Time-Turner
D. A new Potions textbook

Correct answer: B. A Firebolt broomstick
The unexpected gift is a Firebolt. Hermione asks Professor McGonagall to have it checked.

6. In Chamber of Secrets, which ghost invites Harry and his friends to mark five hundred years since his death?

A. Nearly Headless Nick
B. The Bloody Baron
C. The Fat Friar
D. Moaning Myrtle

Correct answer: A. Nearly Headless Nick
The Gryffindor ghost holds his five hundredth Deathday Party on Halloween.

7. Which small owl becomes Ron’s pet after he loses Scabbers?

A. Hermes
B. Errol
C. Hedwig
D. Pigwidgeon

Correct answer: D. Pigwidgeon
Pigwidgeon, whom Ron often calls Pig, joins him at the end of the third novel. Sirius gives Ron the tiny owl after the events involving Scabbers.

8. In Order of the Phoenix, Harry visits Arthur Weasley at a hospital concealed behind the façade of a shabby department store. What is the hospital called?

A. The Leaky Cauldron
B. The Hogwarts infirmary
C. St Mungo’s
D. The Ministry dispensary

Correct answer: C. St Mungo’s
The shopfront provides a cover for St Mungo’s, where Arthur is recovering from an attack.

9. In Goblet of Fire, what form lets Rita Skeeter overhear private conversations without being recognized as a reporter?

A. A beetle
B. A moth
C. A mouse
D. A toad

Correct answer: A. A beetle
Rita is an unregistered Animagus who becomes a beetle. Hermione discovers her method and catches her.

10. After the Weasley twins leave a swamp inside Hogwarts, which professor deliberately preserves a small part of it?

A. Sybill Trelawney
B. Minerva McGonagall
C. Pomona Sprout
D. Filius Flitwick

Correct answer: D. Filius Flitwick
Flitwick removes most of the swamp but leaves a small patch in recognition of the twins' skill.

11. Which student is named a Slytherin prefect alongside Draco Malfoy in Order of the Phoenix?

A. Padma Patil
B. Hannah Abbott
C. Pansy Parkinson
D. Hermione Granger

Correct answer: C. Pansy Parkinson
Pansy receives the other Slytherin badge. The other options are prefects from Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Gryffindor.

12. Which Minister for Magic arrives at the Weasley home with Percy on Christmas Day in Half-Blood Prince?

A. Cornelius Fudge
B. Rufus Scrimgeour
C. Pius Thicknesse
D. Kingsley Shacklebolt

Correct answer: B. Rufus Scrimgeour
Rufus Scrimgeour uses the visit to speak to Harry. The encounter takes place at the Burrow.

13. In the account of Voldemort’s family in Half-Blood Prince, who sells the locket that later becomes one of his Horcruxes?

A. Narcissa Malfoy
B. Hepzibah Smith
C. Bellatrix Lestrange
D. Merope Gaunt

Correct answer: D. Merope Gaunt
Merope Gaunt sells the inherited locket when she needs money. Voldemort eventually turns it into a Horcrux.

14. Which pair correctly matches two of the Marauder’s Map signatures to their authors?

A. Moony is Remus Lupin and Prongs is James Potter
B. Moony is Sirius Black and Prongs is Peter Pettigrew
C. Moony is James Potter and Prongs is Sirius Black
D. Moony is Peter Pettigrew and Prongs is Remus Lupin

Correct answer: A. Moony is Remus Lupin and Prongs is James Potter
Lupin is Moony and James is Prongs. Sirius signs as Padfoot, and Pettigrew signs as Wormtail.

15. During the battle in Deathly Hallows, what does Ron want to do for the house-elves in the kitchens?

A. Send them to search for a Horcrux
B. Ask them to guard the entrance
C. Warn them and give them a chance to escape
D. Arrange for them to carry messages between towers

Correct answer: C. Warn them and give them a chance to escape
Ron realizes the house-elves should have a chance to leave the castle. Hermione is moved because he is thinking of their safety.