



Harley... with catch

# Monster skate fish outsizes angler, 10

By PAUL SIMS

A BOY of ten has landed a huge skate fish that was bigger than him. Harley Thompson was fishing from shore with dad Ryan when he caught the 109lb monster. The schoolboy spent half an hour reeling the flatfish in from 40ft away. At one stage, Ryan had to hold the rod to stop him being dragged in. The 5ft 4in youngster was exhausted when he pulled out the fish – 5ft 7in long by 4ft 4in wide. The 7st 11lb skate, hooked in Highlands seaside town Oban, is believed to be the biggest caught by a child under 14 in the UK. Joiner Ryan of South Shields, Tyne-side, said: "He was gobsmacked. He was really tired but had a huge adrenaline rush." The UK shore-caught record for a skate is 169lbs, caught off the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides in 1994.



Vital... headphones

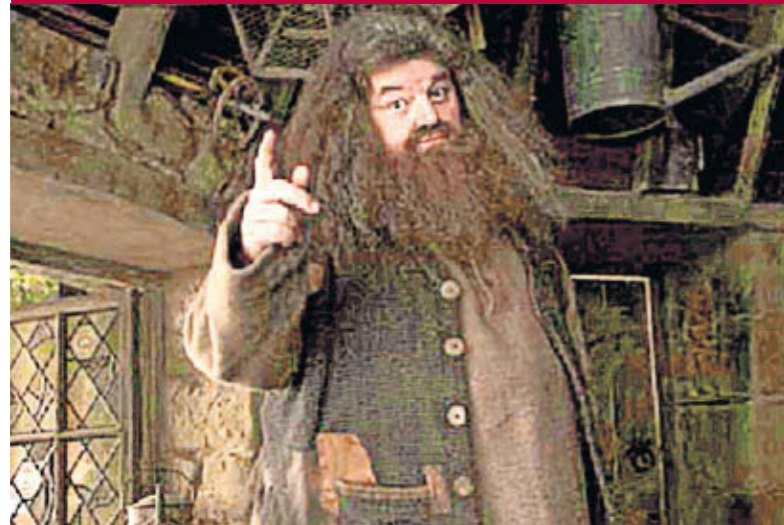
# 'Phones to cancel out work buddies

By THOMAS GODFREY

MORE than half of young people wear headphones at work to drown out colleagues, a poll claims. Just over four in ten struggle to get anything done without them. The survey found that 52 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds use listening devices at work – as do nearly as many 25 to 34-year-olds. Sixty per cent of the first group – and 40 per cent of under-35s – say remembering earbuds going out is more important than their wallets. The majority of both age groups said they would return home to get them if they forget. They are now considered more important than a watch. The survey of 2,000 people by smart device brand OPPO also found the average Brit listens to music for nine hours and 12 minutes a week. One in five does so for at least two hours a day.

# 25 YEARS AFTER FIRST BOOK, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE BOY WIZARD

## The questions

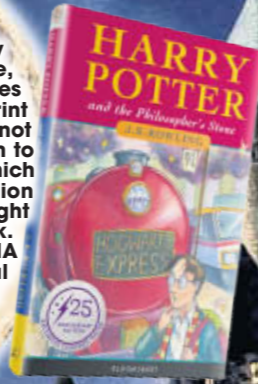


- Which character said, "Harry – yer a wizard"?
- What is the name of the wizarding bank in Diagon Alley?
- What is the book that is on the first year reading list and helps students identify magical creatures and their habitats?
- Who is the first that Harry ever meets, inside Madam Malkin's Robes For All Occasions?
- What was the name/model of the first broomstick owned by Harry Potter?
- What did Hagrid take from Gringotts' Vault 713? This object can be used to harness eternal life.
- What date, time and from where does the Hogwarts Express leave?
- What is the Hogwarts school motto?
- Who is the house ghost for Gryffindor?
- What is the house symbol for Slytherin?
- What are Ravenclaw's house colours?
- Who was the founder of Hufflepuff house?
- What is the name of the daily newspaper that has all the latest wizarding news?
- What subject does Professor McGonagall teach?
- Unscramble the anagram NOBLE VOLT LONGTIME to reveal the name of a Hogwarts student.
- Ron Weasley has five brothers and one sister. Can you name them all?
- What subject does Professor Quirrell teach?
- What are the names of the Hogwarts caretaker and his cat?
- On a Quidditch pitch, how many goal posts are there in total?
- Which spell can levitate objects? (Hint: This spell is used in charms class.)
- What are the four positions on a Quidditch team?
- What magical creature attacks Hermione in the toilets at Halloween?
- In Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone, who reports the commentary for the Quidditch matches at Hogwarts?
- Unscramble the anagram RAVE SUSPENSE to reveal the name of a Hogwarts professor.
- What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?



OWL PLAY... Harry with his companion

ATTENTION Muggles, tomorrow it will be 25 years since Harry Potter cast his spell on our lives. JK Rowling's 1997 novel, Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone, about the boy wizard and his adventures at Hogwarts, initially had just a tiny print run as publisher Bloomsbury was not expecting it to be a success. JK went on to write six more books in the series, which together have sold more than 500million copies worldwide. Add to that the eight films, a play, studio tour and theme park. To mark the anniversary, NATASHA HARDING has conjured up a magical quiz, answers bottom right, and fun facts about the debut book. She looks at what else was going on in the UK when it was released.



Spungen was Draco Malfoy's surname in an early draft

## Fantastic facts and where to find them

HERE we bring you some incredible facts about Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone...  
 ● The book, JK Rowling's first, contains 77,674 words.  
 ● There are 1,100,086 words in the entire Harry Potter series.  
 ● Publisher Bloomsbury's initial hardback print run of the book in 1997 was just 500 copies.  
 ● The name Harry Potter appears 29 times in the main text of the debut novel, while his nemesis Voldemort appears more often with 38 mentions.  
 ● Harry doesn't say anything in the first chapter, The Boy Who Lived, as he is only a baby. His first word in the Philosopher's Stone comes in the second chapter, The Vanishing Glass, and is "nearly".  
 ● The first teacher Harry meets at Hogwarts is Professor McGonagall when he enters Hogwarts School Of Witchcraft And Wizardry in chapter seven, The Sorting Hat.

● Harry and Ron meet for the first time on page 99 between platforms nine and ten at King's Cross.  
 ● Harry meets Hermione for the first time on page 112 as they travel on the Hogwarts Express.  
 ● In foreign language editions of Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone the four House names change. For example, Gryffindor becomes Grifondoro (Italian), Garúddwaar (Hindi), Nevelivir (Czech), Llereurol (Welsh).  
 ● In early manuscript drafts Draco Malfoy's surname was Smart, Spinks and Spungen.  
 ● The name Voldemort comes from the French words meaning "flight of death".  
 ● JK Rowling said that chapter 12, The Mirror of Erised, is her favourite of the book and one of her most treasured from the entire series.



AUTHOR... JK Rowling



29 times Harry's name is mentioned in first book

38 times Voldemort's name is mentioned



MILESTONE... Queen and Philip

## OTHER PIVOTAL EVENTS IN 1997

- Tony Blair, then 43, became the youngest Prime Minister since Robert Jenkinson in 1812 after Labour's win in the General Election in May.
- The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 20.
- A new 50p coin was introduced on September 1.
- Titanic was the big movie of the year.
- Midsomer Murders and Teletubbies both aired for the first time on UK terrestrial television.
- MmmBop by US boyband Hanson was at No1 in the UK singles chart on the day the book was published.
- Dolly the Sheep, the first successfully cloned mammal, was born on July 5, 1996, but she was not announced to the world until seven months later.
- The Spice Girls took the UK Christmas No1 spot with Too Much.
- Diana, Princess of Wales died in a car crash in Paris on August 31, and a week-long period of mourning followed.
- The UK won the Eurovision Song Contest with Love Shine A Light by Katrina And The Waves – and we have failed to win it again since.
- Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone: 25th Anniversary Edition, by JK Rowling (Bloomsbury) is out now, £16.99.



EWWE WHAT... cloned Dolly

# Quizzarding world of Harry Potter

## The answers

1. Rubeus Hagrid; 2. Gringotts Wizarding Bank; 3. Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them by Newt Scamander; 4. Draco Malfoy; 5. Nimbus 2000; 6. The Philosopher's Stone; 7. September 1 at 11am, from Platform 9¾ at King's Cross station; 8. Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus (Never tickle a sleeping dragon); 9. Nearly Headless Nick; 10. A snake; 11. Blue and bronze; 12. Helga Hufflepuff; 13. The Daily Prophet; 14. Transfiguration; 15. Neville Longbottom; 16. Bill, Charlie, Percy, Fred, George and Ginny; 17. Defence Against The Dark Arts; 18. Filch and Mrs Norris; 19. Six; 20. Wingardium Leviosa; 21. Keeper, Chaser, Beater and Seeker; 22. A mountain troll; 23. Lee Jordan; 24. Severus Snape; 25. Hedwig.