

Bhagirathi Bal Shiksha Sadan Sec. School

Class-IV, Subject-Eng. R., Lesson - 2 'Harry Potter'

Harry's birthday was never celebrated, as he lived with his uncle, aunt and their son and they **loathed** him. Harry's parents passed away when he was one year old, so he was always a burden to Dursley family he was living with, as they have to look after for all the expenses of Harry.

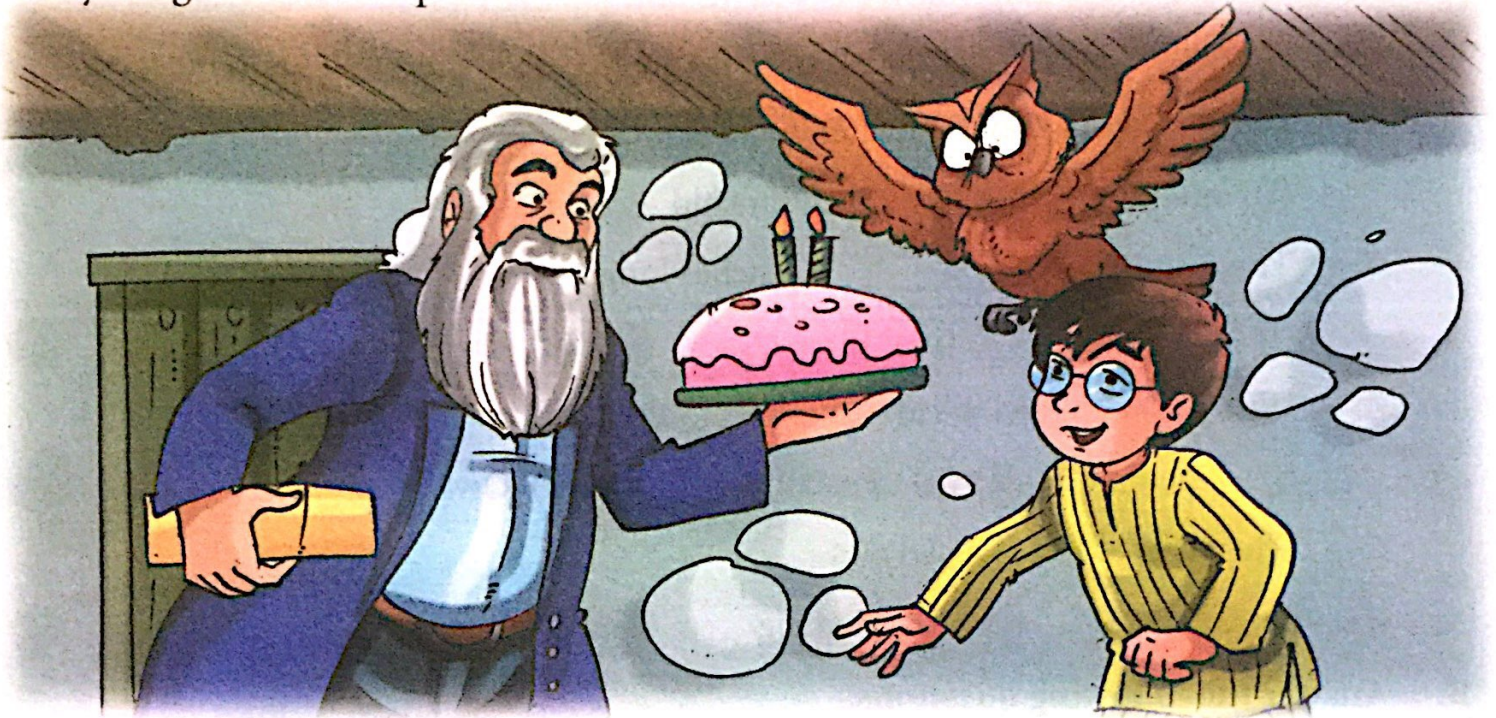


But on his eleventh birthday, he was to discover the **exceptional** reality of his real identity and his birthday was to be celebrated. A week before his birthday, the Dursleys started getting letters, hundreds of them from 'Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry'. Uncle Dursley turned pale when he read the first letter as he didn't want Harry to be contacted by Hogwarts because he was **reluctant** for Harry to be a **wizard**. Mr. Dursley didn't want Harry to become a magician.

To avoid receiving letters and to keep Harry from reading any of them, they moved from place to place. But an owl who carries the letters always followed them.

In a final **desperate** move, the Dursleys relocated themselves to a **shack** on a rocky island on the edge of the sea.

At midnight on Harry's 11th birthday, Rubeus Hagrid arrived in the shack to know why Harry had not received his letter. He **rebuked** Dursleys and explained to Harry that he was a wizard and how his parent died. Rubeus Hagrid told Harry that he was to be sent to Hogwarts school of **Witchcraft** and wizardry. Harry silently listened everything and he was spell bound to know all this.



Hagrid gave him a small home-made birthday cake. He put the candles on cake and celebrated Harry's birthday. Hagrid also gave Harry a gift which was a snow-white coloured owl. Harry thanked Hagrid very happily as he loved the owl and named it 'Hedwig'.

Hagrid then took Harry in his arms and flew away to a street 'Diagon Alley' in their wizard world.

Hagrid bought his first **wand** from a shop on that street. Harry was **rhapsodic** to hold that eleven inches long wand. He couldn't be happier than that day. After all the necessary stuff had been shopped, Hagrid took Harry to the 'Hogwarts'. It was a legendary moment, most awaited by the **iconic** wizards. All knew that Harry Potter was going to be the biggest **polymath** in the wizard world who will kill 'Lord Voldemort' the strongest devil alive.



Read and Write

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Harry potter use to live with his
(i) parents (ii) neighbours (iii) uncle, aunt and their son
2. Harry's parent had died when he was
(i) one year old (ii) five years old (iii) ten years old
3. The wand was _____ inches longer :
(i) 11 (ii) 13 (iii) 15
4. Who of the following carried letters to the Dursleys?
(i) Pigeon (ii) Peacock (iii) Owl
5. The name of Harry's owl was
(i) Sharky (ii) Hedwig (iii) Pikul



Play with Words

F. Choose the words which best complete each analogy:

- Carrot : Vegetable :: Peach : _____ .
(a) Juice (b) Fruit (c) Pulp (d) Orange
- Student : Study :: Teacher : _____ .
(a) Teach (b) Learn (c) Beat (d) Scold
- Teller : Bank :: Waiter : _____ .
(a) Money (b) Table (c) Restaurant (d) Worker
- Football : Field :: Basketball : _____ .
(a) Court (b) Horp (c) Team (d) Baseball

G. Complete the following words picked from the chapter :

1. W _ _ A _ D

2. R H _ _ S _ _ I _

3. E X _ _ _ _ I O _ _ L