



Emma Watson may quit acting

Emma Watson has told a magazine that she may quit acting after the Harry Potter film series has finished. The young English actress plays the character of Hermione in the movie series.

During an interview with the American magazine *Teen Vogue*, Emma said that she was feeling exhausted. "I don't think I've ever been this tired in my life," she said. Because of this, she said it was hard to keep up with filming.

The sixth Harry Potter movie – called *The Half-blood Prince* – is finished and will start in cinemas around the world from July 15.

Currently, Emma is working on the seventh and eighth movies in the series. Although JK Rowling wrote seven books in total for the Harry Potter series, the final book is very long and the movie producers decided to make two separate films for it.

However, it isn't just the hard work that made Emma consider giving acting away. She says that she only wants to play special characters like Hermione. "Until something comes along that I feel as strongly about as I did Hermione... I don't want to act again," she told *Teen Vogue*.



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A. Reading Skills

Word Power – Use a dictionary and write down what these words mean:

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|---------------|---|------------------|---|
| ① quit | ⇒ | ⑥ keep (up with) | ⇒ |
| ② film series | ⇒ | ⑦ currently | ⇒ |
| ③ character | ⇒ | ⑧ producer | ⇒ |
| ④ interview | ⇒ | ⑨ separate | ⇒ |
| ⑤ exhausted | ⇒ | ⑩ give (s.) away | ⇒ |

Reading Questions

1 Will Emma stop acting?

- A. Yes, definitely
- B. It's possible
- C. No, she won't
- D. She already stopped

2 Who interviewed Emma?

- A. A magazine reporter
- B. A television reporter
- C. An internet news company
- D. A radio reporter

3 Where does Emma come from?

4 How does Emma feel right now?

5 How many movies is Emma working on right now (in the news article)?

6 How does Emma feel about her character?





B. News Extra: All about Hermione!



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Missing words help

member | major | trouble
 smart | character | talented
 brightest | strong | extremely
 ideas | witch | meaning

True or False?

- ① Hermione is a character. T / F
- ② Hermione comes from a family of wizards. T / F
- ③ Hermione is a member of House Gryffindor. T / F
- ④ Hermione is shy about answering questions in class. T / F
- ⑤ Hermione is friends with Draco Malfoy. T / F

Listen and fill in the gaps

Hermione Granger is _____ in the Harry Potter series. She is “muggle-born” – _____ neither of her parents were wizards – but quickly becomes _____ at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hermione becomes _____ Harry Potter and Ron Weasley. Like them, Hermione is _____ House Gryffindor at Hogwarts. She is _____ and her knowledge often helps the boys _____. She also has _____ right and wrong, and _____ people do bad things.

Hermione is _____. She studies really hard and always _____ in her subjects at school. She is usually the first person _____ to answer a question from the teacher in class. Many teachers like her _____, while some – like Professor Snape – think she is annoying.

Some bad characters like Draco Malfoy tease Hermione because _____ of wizards. However, Hermione knows more about magic _____, and she becomes _____.





C. Talk Time!

Person A

- ⇒ **Hey – off to science class?**
- B. Yeah, I am. What’s happening?
- ⇒ **Have you heard the new *Harry Potter* movie is out July 15th?**
- B. Yep, I’m getting tickets. Wanna come, too?
- ⇒ **Oh, you bet! I can’t wait!**
- B. Great! Well, I’ll buy the tickets if *you* pay for the popcorn n’ drinks!
- ⇒ **It’s a deal! Hey, is Brian coming?**
- B. Sure is! I saw him yesterday.

Person B

- A. Hey – off to science class?
- ⇒ **Yeah, I am. What’s happening?**
- A. Have you heard the new *Harry Potter* movie is out July 15th?
- ⇒ **Yep, I’m getting tickets. Wanna come, too?**
- A. Oh, you bet! I can’t wait!
- ⇒ **Great! Well, I’ll buy the tickets if *you* pay for the popcorn n’ drinks!**
- A. It’s a deal! Hey, is Brian coming?
- ⇒ **Sure is! I saw him yesterday.**

Ask the class!

- ❶ **Where are we?**
⇒ *At school.*
- ❷ **When is the new movie out?**
⇒ *July 15th.*
- ❸ **Do I want to go, too?**
⇒ *Yes.*
- ❹ **What did I say to show I’m excited?**
⇒ *You bet! / I can’t wait*

Ask the class!

- ❶ **Where am I going right now?**
⇒ *To science class.*
- ❷ **Am I planning to get tickets?**
⇒ *Yes.*
- ❸ **What do I offer to do?**
⇒ *Buy the tickets.*
- ❹ **How many ways did I say “yes”?**
⇒ *Three (yeah / yep / sure is!)*





D. Class Discussion

Questions	1 Do you like the Harry Potter books or movies? Why or why not?	2 Would you like to be an actor or actress in a movie? Why/ why not?	3 Why are movies about witches and wizards so popular?
<u>MY</u> Answers			
Friend 1			
Friend 2			
Friend 3			





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Teacher's Notes

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Answer Keys:

A. Reading Skills

- ① B ② A ③ England ④ Exhausted/very tired
 ⑤ Two ⑥ (Strongly) / Really likes her / She's special

B. News Extra: All about Hermione!

Hermione Granger is **a major character** in the Harry Potter series. She is "muggle-born" – **meaning that** neither of her parents were wizards – but quickly becomes **one of the brightest students** at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hermione becomes **best friends with** Harry Potter and Ron Weasley. Like them, Hermione is **a member of** House Gryffindor at Hogwarts. She is **extremely smart** and her knowledge often helps the boys **get out of trouble**. She also has **strong ideas about** right and wrong, and **doesn't like to see** people do bad things.

Hermione is **a great student**. She studies really hard and always **wants to be the best** in her subjects at school. She is usually the first person **to put her hand up** to answer a question from the teacher in class. Many teachers like her **because of this**, while some – like Professor Snape – think she is annoying.

Locality Note

The Harry Potter books and films are generally very well-known to children worldwide, but if your learners are not familiar with them, it would be helpful to give them an overview and summary of some of the stories and characters in advance.

Some bad characters like Draco Malfoy tease Hermione because **she doesn't come from a family** of wizards. However, Hermione knows more about magic **than most other students**, and she becomes **a very talented witch**.

True or False?

- ① T ② F ③ T ④ F ⑤ F

