

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J. K. Rowling

Lesson 2

Chapter Seven

On top of the stool she put a pointed wizard's hat. This hat was patched and frayed and extremely dirty. Aunt Petunia wouldn't have let it in the house.

Maybe they had to try and get a rabbit out of it, Harry thought wildly, that seemed the sort of thing — noticing that everyone in the hall was now staring at the hat, he stared at it, too. For a few seconds, there was complete silence. Then the hat twitched. A rip near the brim opened wide like a mouth — and the hat began to sing:

*“Oh, you may not think I'm pretty,
But don't judge on what you see,
I'll eat myself if you can find
A smarter hat than me.
You can keep your bowlers black,
Your top hats sleek and tall,
For I'm the Hogwarts Sorting Hat
And I can cap them all.
There's nothing hidden in your head
The Sorting Hat can't see,
So try me on and I will tell you
Where you ought to be.
You might belong in Gryffindor,
Where dwell the brave at heart,
Their daring, nerve, and chivalry
Set Gryffindors apart;
You might belong in Hufflepuff,
Where they are just and loyal,
Those patient Hufflepuffs are true
And unafraid of toil;
Or yet in wise old Ravenclaw,
if you've a ready mind,
Where those of wit and learning,
Will always find their kind;
Or perhaps in Slytherin
You'll make your real friends,
Those cunning folk use any means
To achieve their ends.
So put me on! Don't be afraid!
And don't get in a flap!
You're in safe hands (though I have none)
For I'm a Thinking Cap!”*

Comprehension

1. What type of person might be sorted into Slytherin?
2. What type of person might be sorted into Hufflepuff?
3. What type of person might be sorted into Ravenclaw?
4. What type of person might be sorted into Gryffindor?
5. Why would Aunt Petunia have not let a hat like the Sorting Hat into the house?
6. Why did Harry think they might take a rabbit out of the hat?
7. What makes this hat so special?
8. Which house would you most like to be sorted into? Why?
9. Which house would you least like to be sorted into? Why?
10. How would you feel if you were waiting to be sorted?

Vocabulary

1. Chivalry
2. Unafraid
3. Wit
4. Folk
5. Toil
6. Applause
7. Parchment
8. Declare
9. Jammed
10. Gales
11. Relieved
12. Turban
13. Pompously
14. Beaming
15. Uncertainty
16. Unbearable
17. Sallow
18. Frowning
19. Bare
20. Conducted

HOMEWORK

Using the **work we did today as inspiration**, write a **story** about being sorted into **Slytherin**.

OR

Write a **short story** using **at least 5 new words** (above) that we learned from these chapters.