

# Generous JK

## Overview

1. **Topics.** Tick the three main topics that are mentioned in this video.

J.K. Rowling's...  success.  **latest book**.  house.  **charitable work**.  **wealth**.  family.

## Zoom in

2. **The book.** a. Final price: **£1,950,000**. → Comment on that.

b. The price is:  usual.  **exceptional**.

→ Justify your choice with one adjective: “**record-breaking**”

c. Type of book:  **fantasy fiction**.  crime fiction.  non-fiction.

d. Title of one of the stories: *The **Tale of the Three Brothers***

e. Tick the correct box(es). The book is:  **handwritten**.  **leather bound**.  **author-illustrated**.

f. How many copies of it are there?  1  3  7

g. “This book is the **first thing** J.K. Rowling **has written** since the last *Harry Potter novel was published*.”

3. **Helping out.** True or false? Justify your answers with quotations.

a. J.K. Rowling wants to help Middle Eastern children.  True.  **False**.

→ **vulnerable children in Eastern Europe**

b. She wants to help children who are physically disabled.  True.  **False**.

→ **a child with mental health issues, or mental illness, or mentally handicapped,**

c. She thinks some families treat those children like animals.  **True**.  False.

→ **placed in a cage.**

d. She wants to help the people who need it the most.  **True**.  False.

→ **I couldn't think of anyone more vulnerable and anyone more in need of... of an articulate voice.**

4. **The reporter's question.**

“You are incredibly **wealthy**. And I wanted to ask you about the **connexion** between that **wealth** and your **social conscience**. Have you always had a very strong **social conscience**?”

5. Find the adjectives the speaker uses to describe...

Her money: **enormous** • How it felt at first: **scary**

6. Tick the right answer, then justify your choice by quoting what she says.

a. Today, she is...  **quite happy**  very embarrassed ... to be so rich.  
→ **I don't complain!**

b. Her money has made her feel:  **more responsible**.  a bit selfish.  
→ **I think they do bring a certain responsibility**

c. She thinks her generosity is:  **normal**.  exceptional.  
→ **Most people in my position would do that.**