

## Student Worksheet

**Read opening lines of J.K. Rowling's commencement speech at Harvard in 2008. What makes them impressive?**

*President Faust, members of the Harvard Corporation and the Board of Overseers, members of the faculty, proud parents, and, above all, graduates.*

*The first thing I would like to say is 'thank you.' Not only has Harvard given me an extraordinary honour, but the weeks of fear and nausea I have endured at the thought of giving this commencement address have made me lose weight. A win-win situation! Now all I have to do is take deep breaths, squint at the red banners and convince myself that I am at the world's largest Gryffindor reunion.*

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**Read the closing lines of Rowling's speech. Are there similarities compared with Job's speech?**

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*As is a tale, so is life: not how long it is, but how good it is, is what matters.*

*I wish you all very good lives.*

*Thank-you very much.*