

# Haruki Murakami

## True/False Questions

1. Haruki Murakami's parents were both teachers.  
**True**
  2. Murakami opened his first jazz bar in Kyoto.  
**False** (It was in Tokyo)
  3. Haruki Murakami didn't start writing novels until he was 29 years old.  
**True**
  4. *Norwegian Wood* was Murakami's first novel to gain international success.  
**True**
  5. Murakami prefers public attention and enjoys being a celebrity.  
**False** (He dislikes attention and prefers privacy)
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## Comprehension Questions

1. **Where was Haruki Murakami born?**  
Murakami was born in Kyoto, Japan.
2. **What was the name of Murakami's jazz bar?**  
The jazz bar was called "Peter Cat."
3. **Why did Murakami become interested in Western culture?**  
He grew up in Kobe, a city with many foreigners, and was exposed to American music and films.
4. **At what age did Murakami start writing, and what inspired him?**  
He started writing at the age of 29, after watching a baseball game that inspired him.
5. **What is Murakami's first novel called?**  
His first novel is called *Hear the Wind Sing*.
6. **Why did Murakami move away from Japan after *Norwegian Wood* became popular?**  
He didn't like the attention and fame, so he moved to Europe for a while.
7. **What are some of the themes Murakami explores in his novels?**  
His themes include isolation, memory, music, and the blending of fantasy with reality.
8. **How does Murakami describe the relationship between his writing and running?**  
He believes running helps him stay focused and gives him the energy to write.
9. **What style of writing is Murakami famous for, and how is it unique?**  
He is famous for magical realism, blending everyday life with dreamlike and strange events.
10. **Has Murakami won the Nobel Prize in Literature?**  
No, he has not won the Nobel Prize yet, but many people believe he might one day.