



## INTERVIEW WITH RITA SKEETER

Your team's next challenge is an interview with Rita Skeeter, the infamous journalist at the *Daily Prophet*. She believes that she needs to embellish stories in order to attract readers, so her articles often contain specious content.

In order to prevent having Rita publish lies about your team, you want to plan carefully what you will tell her. To do that successfully, you'll need to observe some of Rita's other interviews and find a safe place to discuss your plans without being overheard.

As you watch Rita interviewing, you see her Quick-Quotes Quill taking notes. The quill writes three-word phrases that are alliterative (each word starts with the same letter) and describe what it hears – but with one twist: one of the words the quill writes is the antonym of its meaning in the original statement. When one school's team tells Rita that they review their material regularly, the quill writes "students study sporadically." A new team, The Fire-Breathing Reptiles, says they are definitely entering the contest, and the quill writes "Dragons' debut doubtful."

Figure out what phrases will be written by the Quick-Quotes Quill for each of the following:

attorney departs early

LAWYER LEAVES **LATE**

bunny sprints slowly

RABBIT RUNS **RAPIDLY**

coward loathes time off

**HERO** HATES HOLIDAY

craftsman removes violet stone

ARTIST **ADDS** AMETHYST

delightful youngster stays the same

CHARMING CHILD **CHANGES**

eye doctor closes microwave

OPTOMETRIST **OPENS** OVEN

happy father interferes

MERRY **MOTHER** MEDDLES

lad finishes novel

BOY **BEGINS** BOOK

old-fashioned instructor speaks

**TRENDY** TEACHER TALKS

orb commences revolving

SPHERE **STOPS** SPINNING

pal lost pink bird

FRIEND **FOUND** FLAMINGO

physician erases scribbles

DOCTOR **DRAWS** DOODLES

prince's mother slowly sews bed cover

QUEEN **QUICKLY** QUILTS

rarely employing one-wheel transportation

**USUALLY** USING UNICYCLE

short high seas raider's right

PETITE PIRATE'S **PORT**

smart spotted dog makes holes

**DUMB** DALMATION DIGS

uncoordinated black bird's wrong

CLUMSY CROW'S **CORRECT**

young lady receives present

GIRL **GIVES** GIFT



Now that you've learned how Rita Skeeter's Quick-Quotes Quill works and found all the picnic tables where it's safe to meet, you're ready to prepare for your interview.

Review the lies that Rita's quill fabricated – while you're at picnic tables that Rita hasn't bugged, of course! – to reveal a phrase you can say to trick the Quick-Quotes Quill into writing something you'd like Rita to say about your team.

Fill in the blanks below with the antonyms written by the Quick-Quotes Quill on page 1, using the given letters to determine where to place each word. To find the phrase you'll say to the quill, select a letter from each antonym: the unbugged (unshaded) numbers from the map (page 2) – in order from left to right, top to bottom – specify which letter to use from each antonym (a 0 will take no letter from the corresponding word).

What phrase will Rita's Quick-Quotes Quill report for your team? **SPELLS SEEM STRONG**  
 (The quill's translation of CHARMS APPEAR WEAK)

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