

Charles Dickens was a British novelist. He was born in 1812 in Portsmouth, England. He moved to London with his family when he was about two years old. The family was very poor and Charles Dickens's father couldn't earn enough to support his wife and his eight children. So, at the age of twelve, Charles Dickens
5 had to work ten hours a day in a factory. He couldn't go to school and it was his mother who taught him to read and developed his love for books.

Later, Dickens started writing and became famous by the age of twenty-four. He married Catherine Hogarth in 1836. They had ten children. But as time went by, they became unhappy and divorced in 1858.

10 During his life, Charles Dickens also found the time to work for organizations to help poor people. He died suddenly in 1870.

Answer the following questions:

- ➔ When was Charles Dickens born?
- ➔ Where did Charles Dickens go when he was two years old?
- ➔ What was his family's situation?
- ➔ What did his mother teach him?

True or false? :

- ➔ Charles Dickens decided to work in a factory.
- ➔ When he was young, it wasn't possible for him to go to school.
- ➔ He became famous when he was old.
- ➔ Charles Dickens cared for the poor and needy.