

Solution to Philosopher's Stone

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You may notice a few hints in the flavor text that indicate what to look for. First, the linguist's name, Roth Raperty, is an anagram for Harry Potter. Second, the *series of seven* passages allude to the seven books in the Harry Potter series. Lastly, the text tells you that the second excerpt says *Philosopher's Stone*, which is name of the first book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (released as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in the United States).

The excerpts corresponding to the rest of the seven excerpts also turn out to be names of the Harry Potter books in various languages. In the order of appearance, they are:

1. *Half-Blood Prince* (Malay: Putera Berdarah Kacukan)
2. *Philosopher's Stone* (Russian: философский камень)
3. *Order of the Phoenix* (Arabic: جماعة العنقاء)
4. *Chamber of Secrets* (Persian: تالار اسرار)
5. *Prisoner of Azkaban* (Bengali: প্রজিনার অব আজকাবান)
6. *Goblet of Fire* (Korean: 불의 잔)
7. *Deathly Hallows* (Chinese [Traditional]: 死神的聖物)

(The official translations of these titles in the various languages are available online, in particular from Wikipedia's "Harry Potter in translation" page.)

Taking the order in which the passages appear on the stone as an index into the language name yields:

MALAY
RUSSIAN
ARABIC
PERSIAN
BENGALI
KOREAN
CHINESE

MUASANE

If you then reorder the letters in the order that the books appear in the series, you get:

<i>Philosopher's Stone</i>	RUSSIAN
<i>Chamber of Secrets</i>	PERSIAN
<i>Prisoner of Azkaban</i>	BENGALI
<i>Goblet of Fire</i>	KOREAN
<i>Order of the Phoenix</i>	ARABIC
<i>Half-Blood Prince</i>	MALAY
<i>Deathly Hallows</i>	CHINESE

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Taking the Harry Potter book that has the same name as the title of this puzzle, the answer is its name as released in the U.S.A.: **SORCERER'S STONE**.