



James Bond is a fictional character (1),
a sophisticated British secret agent spy
invented by and appearing in books by Ian

Fleming (and later Kingsley Amis, John Gardner and
Raymond Benson). Bond has a code name: 007 (pronounced: double-oh seven).
There are a series of films, and some videogames about the character.

Fleming saw (2) the cover of a book on ornithology (3) by an American author
named "James Bond", and thought it would be a good name for his spy.

James Bond was most famously played by Sean Connery and Roger Moore.
Bond movies are known for their cartoonish villains, beautiful women and
amazing gadgets manufactured by "Q".

Bond is employed by the British Secret Intelligence Service, or MI6, a real-
life institution. His superiors are known by single letters such as M and Q, a
practice which is also
used in the real
institution where the
chief, for example, is
known as C.

GLOSSARY

- (1) Fictional Character: any person who appears in a
work of fiction/imagination (a book, a movie...)
- (2) Saw: past of the verb "to see"
- (3) Ornithology: the science of birds

QUESTIONS

1. Who is James Bond?

2. Who is the writer of James Bond's books?

3. Where does the name "James Bond" come from?

4. What does James Bond do?
