Haruki Murakami is a famous Japanese writer. He has written many bestselling books. These books have sold millions of copies all over the world. He was born in Japan in 1949, and he used to run a jazz club. Some of his most famous books are A Wild Sheep Chase, Norwegian Wood, The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle, Kafka on the Shore, and more recently 1Q84. He has been described as one of the best modern writers, and if you haven’t read any of his books, you really should. He has won many awards for his novels, and many people around the world love his books.

His hobbies are listening to jazz, running, and watching movies. He said that when he is running, he prefers to listen to rock music though. He said this is because the rhythm of rock music is more suitable for running. When he is writing a new novel, he usually writes early in the morning. He then goes running and then listens to music. Perhaps this routine helps him write such amazing novels.

1. Where is Haruki Murakami from?
   a) Korea  
   b) Japan  
   c) Thailand  
2. What did Haruki Murakami do before he became a bestselling writer?
   a) he was a salesman  
   b) he ran a jazz club  
   c) he owned a restaurant  
3. Haruki Murakami prefers to listen to jazz music when he is running.
   a) True  
   b) False  
4. Haruki Murakami usually writes his novels late at night.
   a) True  
   b) False

Answers: 1. (b)  2. (b)  3. (a)  4. (b)