

Before you read

Reading

1 How much do you already know about Robin Hood?

Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

| | T | F |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 The Sheriff of Nottingham was Robin's friend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Robin lived with his mother and father in the forest. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 King Henry wasn't kind to his people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Robin only stole from the rich. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Robin and his Merry Men used guns. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 The ordinary people of Nottingham hated Robin Hood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Robin was in love with Marian. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2a Match the words that mean the same.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> harm | z hurt |
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> help | a criminal |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> outlaw | b rob |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> angry | c wealthy |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> rich | d aid |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> steal | e annoyed |

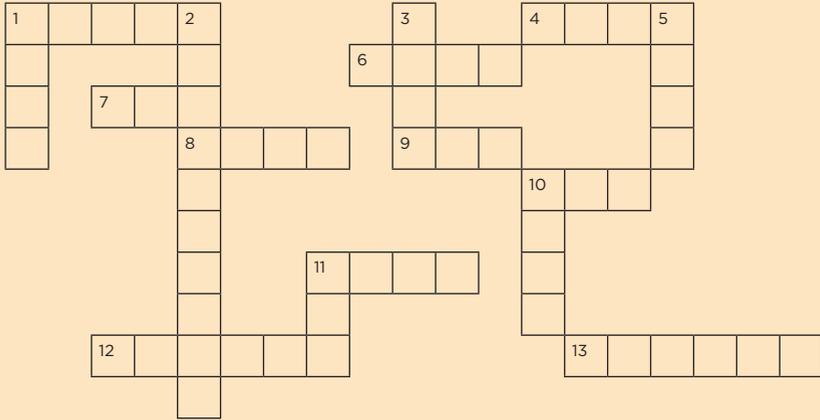
2b Complete the following sentences with a word from the first column.

Robin Hood didn't steal from the poor.

- 1 The Sheriff got _____ when he couldn't catch Robin Hood.
- 2 Robin Hood tried to _____ the poor.
- 3 The _____ people of Nottingham were afraid of being robbed.
- 4 The Sheriff of Nottingham called Robin an _____.

Vocabulary

3 Read the clues and complete the crossword.



ACROSS

- 1 The hero of the story.
- 4 right, fair or a moment ago.
- 6 Part of a tree.
- 7 to allow, permit.
- 8 Robin and his men made a good one.
- 9 to steal.
- 10 ... name is Robin.
- 11 To give a hand, aid.
- 12 Robin was this for his men.
- 13 A person who uses a bow and arrow.

DOWN

- 1 The kind of person Robin stole from.
- 2 The Sheriff of...
- 3 An animal of the forest.
- 5 A big plant in the forest.
- 10 Robin used this to cover his head.
- 11 ... name is Marian.

Robin Hood and Will Scarlett

▶ 2 It was a warm sunny day in Sherwood Forest. Robin Hood was enjoying the peace and quiet under the shade of a big oak tree. He loved this forest where he lived with his band of Merry Men. They were his family now, since the Sheriff of Nottingham had killed his parents and taken all his land.

‘Probably the Sheriff is looking for me now,’ thought Robin.

The Sheriff called him ‘The Outlaw¹ Robin Hood’ because Robin and his men helped the poor people of Nottingham: they stole from the rich to give to the poor.

King Henry wanted to become richer and richer and invented a new tax every day, so many people did not have enough money to live. Robin Hood and his men tried to help these people, so the poor loved them but the rich hated them.

Robin and his band of men were all good archers². This was important for hunting and

1. **outlaw**: 亡命之徒 SYN criminal

2. **archers**: 弓箭手

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defending themselves against the Sheriff's soldiers. However they never harmed¹ their rich victims. Instead they outwitted² them.

Suddenly Robin heard a noise. He jumped up quickly and hid behind the tree. Nearby, a young man was about to shoot a deer with his bow and arrow³.

'Put down your arrow at once!' Robin said.

'Who do you think you are to give me such orders?' asked the stranger.

Robin was about to get angry, when he noticed something familiar about the boy, so he said:

'I am Robin Hood. May I have the pleasure of knowing your name?'

The young man was very surprised and, in a trembling⁴ voice, he asked:

'Robin, do you really not recognise your cousin? Has the war changed me so much?'

'Do you mean you are William Gamwell? William Gamwell, better known as Will Scarlett because of the colour of your hair?'

In reply, William pushed back his hood to show

1. **harmed:** 傷害 ▶SYN◀ to hurt

2. **outwitted:** 以機智取勝

3. **bow and arrow:** 弓箭

4. **trembling:** 顫抖 ▶SYN◀ shaky

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his head of curly red hair. The two young men laughed and cried at the same time; they were so happy to see each other!

However, this happy moment ended when Will asked Robin about his family.

‘I’m sorry Will, but the King forced¹ your family to leave Gamwell Hall and took all your land. They are now living in a smaller house in Barnsdale with Maude and Marian.’

‘But are they all well?’ asked Will.

‘Yes, my dear cousin,’ Robin answered. ‘They are all well, even if less rich. But it is more important that they still have each other to love.’

‘You are right Robin,’ agreed Will, ‘but my father made his fortune as an honest man. This is all so unfair²!’

‘I know,’ said Robin. ‘Why don’t you join me and my band of Merry Men? Together we can fight against the King and his friends!’

‘I would be honoured!’ exclaimed Will.

‘In that case you must meet my men,’ said Robin, and he blew on his horn³. In a few seconds,

1. forced: 威逼 ▶SYN◀ to oblige

2. unfair: 不公平 ▶PET◀ ▶SYN◀ unjust, wrong

3. horn: 號角



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about a hundred men appeared, all dressed in green like Robin.

That evening, at their hideout¹ in the forest, they had a big dinner to celebrate Will's return. During the meal, Will said he wanted to go to Barnsdale the next day to see his family again. Robin and two of his men, Much and Little John, decided to go with him.

Early next morning, they happily set out² on foot for Barnsdale. Will Scarlett was excited about seeing his family again and the girl he loved: Maude... his sweet, beautiful Maude. Will was lost in his dreams and only realised that he had spoken his thoughts aloud³, when Robin and Much laughed and said: 'Maude, Maude, my sweet beautiful Maude!' William became as red as his curly hair.

'You shouldn't laugh, Robin,' he said. 'While you were sleeping last night, I heard you say the name of your loved one, Marian.'

Now it was Robin's turn to feel embarrassed and everyone laughed again.

1. **hideout:** 巢穴

2. **set out:** 出發 ▶PET◀ ▶SYN◀ to leave

3. **aloud:** 大聲地 ▶PET◀

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On the road to Barnsdale, they decided to stop at an inn¹ for the night. Robin pulled his hood down over his face in case the Sheriff's men were in town. They sat at a table drinking and talking. Will Scarlett looked up as two men came into the inn. One of the men looked at Will intensely, then quickly left the room. Will was excited about seeing his family again, and said nothing about the stranger² to his friends.

The following morning, Much and Little John decided to return to Sherwood Forest. Robin and Will continued their journey.

When they arrived at the house, Robin entered first, to prepare Will's parents: he was afraid the shock would be too much for them.

At last Will embraced³ his mother and father again and his two sisters, and everyone cried for joy.

Maude and Marian were not there. They were out walking, so the two young men went to look for them. They soon saw the girls in the garden. Will was suddenly⁴ afraid.

1. inn: 小旅館

2. stranger: 陌生人 ▶PET◀

3. embraced: 擁抱

4. suddenly: 突然 ▶PET◀ ▶KET◀ ▶SYN◀ unexpectedly

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‘And if Maude doesn’t like me anymore, what shall I do Robin?’ he asked sadly.

‘Are you mad Will Scarlett? You are talking about Maude, who loves you so much. How can you doubt¹ her love?’ asked Robin.

Will had no time to answer, because at that moment the girls turned round and saw the two young men. They ran to each other, shouting for joy.

‘Will, you are safe at last!’ exclaimed Maude.

‘Yes my beautiful Maude,’ replied Will, kissing her tenderly. ‘I will never leave you again. Please say you will marry me my dear Maude and we can be together forever!’

‘Yes, of course my love. I will be the happiest woman in England!’ she exclaimed.

Meanwhile Robin and Marian stood together hand in hand, watching the scene. They too were in love, but Robin did not want his beautiful Marian to live like an outlaw in the forest.

Moreover, Marian was also worried about her brother Allan. He was away fighting in the war and nobody knew exactly where he was.

1. **doubt:** 懷疑

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‘Marian, I will bring you back your brother! Then, when I have my home and land again, we too will marry,’ promised Robin.

‘Bring me back my brother, but do not worry about the house or land. I will be happy to live anywhere with you,’ replied Marian.

The young couple kissed, then followed Maude and Will who were running home to tell everyone about their wedding¹ plans.

The ceremony was arranged² for the following day and everyone prepared for the happy event.

Next morning, however, when they went to call Will, they could find him nowhere.



1. **wedding**: 婚禮 ▶PET◀ ▶SYN◀ marriage

2. **arranged**: 安排 ▶PET◀ ▶SYN◀ to organise

After-reading Activities

Reading

1 Each of the following sentences refers to one of the characters in chapter 1. Write the name of the character in the space provided.

He loved this forest where he lived with his band of Merry Men *Robin Hood*

- 1 He had killed Robin's parents and taken all his land.....
- 2 He wanted to become richer and richer and invented a new tax every day.....
- 3 He pushed back his hood to show his head of curly red hair.....
- 4 He pulled his hood down over his face.....
- 5 'I will be the happiest woman in England'
.....
- 6 She was also worried about her brother Allan.....

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the correct tense.

be not marry have (2) not be not catch
meet not see blow sit

Robin *has been* an outlaw since his parents died.

- 1 At the moment Robin..... under a tree in the forest.
- 2 The Sheriff Robin yet.
- 3 Two days ago Robin his cousin in the forest.
- 4 Last night they..... a big dinner at their hideout.
- 5 Now Will's parents as rich as before.
- 6 Will Maude for a long time and he can't wait to get home.
- 7 Robin Marian until he his land once more.
- 8 Robin's Men always come when he on his horn.

Grammar

3 Put the words in the correct order to make questions, then discuss the answers with a partner.

Robin / live / with/ does/ who ?

Who does Robin live with?

- 1** Will Scarlett / colour / got / hair/ of / has / what ?
- 2** rich / why / from / Robin / steal / the / does ?
- 3** parents / Sheriff of Nottingham / did / whose / kill / the ?
- 4** is / get / Maude / to / when / married / going ?
- 5** brother / is / in / whose / the / fighting / away / war ?
- 6** call / men / does / his / Robin / how ?
- 7** does / hunt / archer / to / what / an / use / deer ?
- 8** many / there / in / men / Robin's / how / are / band ?
- 9** say / sleeping / name / Robin / did / while/ was / whose / he ?
- 10** the / happened / wedding / of / day/ what / the / on ?

Before-reading Activity



PET-Speaking

4 At the end of chapter 1 nobody can find Will Scarlett. Work in pairs.

Discuss the following questions:

- 1** What do you think has happened to Will ?
- 2** Where could he be ?
- 3** Are there any suspicious characters in chapter 1 who could be involved ?
- 4** Did anything strange happen in chapter 1 before Will disappeared?
- 5** What's the best way to find him?

Once you have discussed your ideas with your partner, tell the rest of the class.

Answer Key 答案



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- 1** 1 False 2 False 3 True 4 True 5 False 6 False 7 True
2a 1 d 2 a 3 e 4 c 5 b
2b 1 angry 2 help 3 rich 4 outlaw
3 **Across:** 1 Robin 4 just 6 leaf 7 let 8 team 9 rob 10 his 11 help 12 leader 13 archer
Down: 1 rich 2 Nottingham 3 deer 5 tree 10 hood 11 her

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- 1** 1 The Sheriff of Nottingham 2 King Henry 3 Will Scarlett 4 Robin Hood 5 Maude 6 Marian
2 1 is sitting 2 hasn't caught 3 met 4 had 5 aren't 6 hasn't seen 7 won't marry, has 8 blows
3 1 What colour of hair has Will Scarlett got? 2 Why does Robin steal from the rich? 3 Whose parents did the Sheriff of Nottingham kill? 4 When is Maude going to get married? 5 Whose brother is away fighting in the war? 6 How does Robin call his men? 7 What does an archer use to hunt deer? 8 How many men are there in Robin's band? 9 Whose name did Robin say while he was sleeping? 10 What happened on the day of the wedding?
(Answers to questions Ex 3 - done orally)
1 He has got red hair. 2 He steals from the rich to give to the poor. 3 He killed Robin's parents. 4 She is going to get married the following day. 5 Marian's brother is away fighting in the war. 6 He calls them with his horn. 7 He uses a bow and arrow. 8 There are about a hundred men in his band. 9 He said Marian's name. 10 Will Scarlett could not be found.
4 **Possible answers:** 1 Someone has taken him away. 2 He could be lost in the forest. 3 The man who looked at Will in the inn. 4 The man in the inn looked at Will in a strange way. 5 Send Robin's men into the forest and the town to look for him.

Pages 26-27

- 1** 1 greedy 2 beautiful 3 ugly 4 rich 5 pretty 6 elegant 7 young
2
1 greedy greedier the greediest
2 beautiful more beautiful the most beautiful
3 ugly uglier the ugliest
4 rich richer the richest
5 pretty prettier the prettiest
6 elegant more elegant the most elegant
7 young younger the youngest
3 1 impatiently 2 immediately 3 well 4 sadly 5 triumphantly 6 instantly 7 quickly 8 angrily
4 1 no one as 2 young enough 3 to leave immediately 4 had taken 5 not to be

Pages 36-37

- 1** 1 A 2 B 3 B 4 C 5 B 6 C
2 1 money 2 deer 3 thief 4 dungeons 5 gallows 6 sword
3 1 B 2 A 3 B 4 B 5 A 6 B 7 B

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- 1** 1 B 2 B 3 D 4 C 5 C 6 A 7 C 8 D
2 1 b 2 f 3 d 4 a 5 c 6 e