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1. Read and answer

There can be no doubt about Sherlock Holmes or Indiana Jones. They are definitely invented characters. But Robin Hood: fact or fiction? That question has many answers.

It depends a bit on what you mean by a "real person". If we mean: "Was there a man called Robin Hood, who did all the things we can read about?", then the answer is *no*. But if we mean: "Was there a man who lived in the Middle Ages, and is remembered in the legends of Robin Hood", then the answer is *yes*.

The legend of Robin Hood is a very old one; and it is certainly based on reality. According to one story, Robin was really an Anglo-Saxon nobleman, perhaps called Robin of Huntingdon, or Robin Fitz-Ooth, and he was a rebel against England's Norman rulers. After William the Conqueror conquered England in 1066, England was ruled by Norman kings and Norman barons. Most of the ordinary Anglo Saxon people accepted their new masters; but some didn't. They became enemies of the Norman barons and the people who worked for them.

The legend tells us that he took money from the rich, and gave it to the poor. In fact, he probably took money from the Normans (who were relatively rich), and gave it to poor Anglo Saxons. This is why he soon became a legendary hero among Anglo Saxons.

Many old stories said that Robin lived in Sherwood Forest, near Nottingham. In Nottingham, Robin is now a very popular character. Visitors to the city can learn all about him at the "Tales of Robin Hood" exhibition. They tell you about his life and friends

Maybe Robin never lived at all in the past; but too bad! His spirit is certainly alive today.



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| 1. There was a real man called Robin Hood. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. Robin was a nobleman. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. When did Robin Hood live? | | |

4. What did Robin do with the money he took from the rich?

5. Where did Robin live?

2. Complete with words from the box

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There are many legends about Robin Hood. Robin was the son _____ a nobleman.

He lived in Locksley, in Yorkshire. Richard I was the king of England at that time. _____

the King was fighting a war, his brother, Prince John, was in charge of the kingdom. He took the lands and houses of _____ of the King's friends and tried to make himself king. He killed Robin's father, _____. Robin escaped to Sherwood Forest. "_____ I can't live in my castle, I will live forever in the woods."

A _____ of men were also afraid for their lives. They joined Robin in the forest _____ hide from the evil Prince. When they came near a town, one of Robin's friends whistled like a bird. That meant: "_____ is someone coming. You can't make _____ noise." Then everybody made silence and got ready to attack the strangers and take their money.

"_____ give it to the poor" suggested Robin, and he became famous for his generosity.



3. **Read about Robin and complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There’s an extra word.**

HERO	BEST	ANYTHING	ADVENTURES	BIGGER	SOMETHING
	DIED	PRETTIEST	CAREFUL	RICH	MONEY

History books do not tell us _____ about Robin Hood. But all the British boys and girls know _____ about him. They know him from books, songs, films and television. For them Robin Hood is a popular _____ and they know all his stories.

After his father _____, he soon became the head of a band of villagers and outlaws. Robin and his “merry men” lived in Sherwood Forest. They lived on the King’s deer and what they stole from _____ merchants and churchmen, and they shared their _____ with the poor and the weak. They had many adventures but they were very _____. They didn’t want the King’s men to catch them and kill them. One of his _____ friends was called *Little John*. In fact, he was not little at all. He was _____ than all the other men.

Robin was in love with a beautiful lady called Marion. She was the _____ woman in Sherwood and she loved Robin, too.



4. Choose the correct verb.

Robin Hood and his friends lived in the woods. They **WOKE UP/ WAKE UP** very early in the morning and followed Robin’s orders. “You mustn’t make loud noises. If John’s friends are near, they **DISCOVER / WILL DISCOVER** us.”

Robin and his friends **WORE / WERE WEARING** green clothes to hide in the forest. They built their homes on top of the trees. They **ARE MADE / WERE MADE** of wood and straw. It was difficult **SEE / TO SEE** them behind the leaves of the trees.

The stories say that Robin Hood told his men: “John and his friend **CAN’T GO / AREN’ T GOING** through the forest. **TAKE / TAKING** all the money from them.” Robin and his men never kept the money. They gave it back to the poor people because they **WERE NEEDING / NEEDED** it.

While the men **WERE GUARDING / GUARDED** the forest, the women **COOKED / ARE COOKING** and took care of their children.

5. Paul and Tom are reading about different legends. Complete their conversation with the bubbles. Be careful! There’s an extra bubble.

Did you see Robin’s film	What does it look like	Shall we go to
What time does it close	What would you like to do	How did you get here

Paul: I like reading legends. Robin Hood was very interesting. _____
_____ now?

Tom: I’d like to get the video. _____?

Paul: No, I didn’t. I usually watch horror movies.

Tom: _____ the video shop?

Paul: Great idea! But it’s a bit late. _____?

Tom: At ten. Let’s hurry.

Paul: We need some money. Let’s look for my wallet. I can’t find it!

Tom: _____?

Paul: It’s brown with a sticker on it...Here it is! Let’s go!

6. Composition

Choose ONE of the following:

- a- Write about a legend you read. OR b- Describe a character from a story you read.