

Robin Hood

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Vocabulary: meanings of words from the story

1 common 2 taxes 3 hunt 4 deer 5 blinded 6 hanged 7 robber 8 needy 9 rule
 10 archery 11 prize 12 weapon 13 afford 14 contest 15 compete 16 honest
 17 determined 18 aim 19 wanted 20 bush 21 damp 22 slope 23 hollow
 24 collect 25 wagon 26 miller 27 disguise 28 outlaw 29 steward 30 beggar

Writing: rewrite sentences

- 1 Robin's grandfather could not afford to pay the Sheriff's high taxes.
- 2 The King ordered all young men to practise archery.
- 3 Every year there were special archery contests.
- 4 Archers came to compete in the contest from all over England.
- 5 Robin came to a clearing.
- 6 'I am a barber,' Will Stutely explained to Robin.
- 7 They went to explore the deepest parts of the forest.
- 8 The men made a camp in the clearing.
- 9 'It is not an easy target,' said Robin.
- 10 I do not love the men who collect taxes from the common people.
- 11 The outlaws built a great fire and roasted an ox over it.
- 12 Knights and soldiers guarded the money as he travelled.
- 13 'I am sure that he will try to steal the tax money from the Abbot.'
- 14 'My lord, I shall take care of it,' said the Sheriff.
- 15 There was always a great festival after the harvest.
- 16 'He will try to disguise himself, but we will know him.'
- 17 But underneath his clothes he was wearing armour.
- 18 They all hit the centre of the bull's eye.
- 19 'I am a poor minstrel,' said Alan a Dale.
- 20 'Who is this rude minstrel?' said Sir Stephen.

Vocabulary: anagrams

1 forest 2 archer 3 pole 4 sword 5 sheriff 6 baron 7 invade 8 knight 9 handsome
 10 determined 11 shield 12 surrounded 13 justice 14 harvest 15 protect 16 brave
 17 wounded 18 demand 19 immediately 20 preparation 21 remind 22 castle
 23 company 24 bishop 25 friar

Grammar: *syntax*

- 1 The dead tree had come back to life.
- 2 How can honest men live in times like these?
- 3 I can show you my purse, but it has no money in it.
- 4 He turned his horse and rode back through the gates of the town.
- 5 He carried a sword underneath his clothes.
- 6 They hid in the clearing and did not show themselves to anyone.
- 7 You can eat my meat, drink my ale and live under my roof.
- 8 He held the golden arrow high above his head.

Vocabulary Choice: *words which are related in meaning*

- 1 lift 2 reward 3 happy 4 instrument 5 cover 6 mask 7 catch 8 robber 9 follow
10 churchman

Vocabulary: *opposite meanings*

- 1 open 2 calm 3 poor 4 rude 5 attack 6 sober 7 dull 8 clever