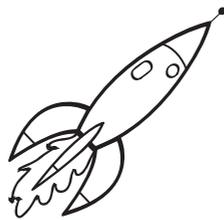


Explorers 4



Teacher's notes for the Comprehension Test: *Robin Hood and his Merry Men*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that this is part of the *Robin Hood and his Merry Men* story.
- Ask them to read the text silently.
- Remind them to look at the picture, too.
- If there are any words they have forgotten, tell them not to worry. Tell them to read everything they can.
- When they have finished reading the text, ask them to read each question one at a time.
- Do not give any help.
- Then ask them to read the three possible answers that are given.
- Ask them to underline which answer they think is correct.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

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Comprehension Test: *Robin Hood and his Merry Men*

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Robin was talking to his Merry Men in the forest. He said, 'The Sheriff has taken Sir Richard's money. He and his men are riding through the forest with Sir Richard's money! But I have a plan. First, I want you all to dig a big hole, a little way from the path. Cover it with branches and leaves, and then go and hide in the trees.'

'What are you going to do, Robin?' one of his men asked.

'I am going to take my bow and arrow, and go to hunt deer,' he replied.

The Merry Men were surprised, but they did not ask any more questions. They went to dig the hole.

Robin waited under a tree with his bow and arrow. He pretended to hunt deer, but he was listening for the sound of horses.

Soon he heard horses' hooves on the path. Then he heard a voice.

'Sheriff! Look at that man with the bow and arrow. I think it's Robin Hood!'

'That scoundrel! He's hunting deer – right under my nose! Ha! But he hasn't seen us. This is my chance to make him my prisoner!'

The Sheriff turned his horse away from the path, and his men followed. They all galloped towards Robin. They shouted and waved their swords.

Then they reached the trap! One after another, the horses stumbled and fell through the branches and leaves that covered the hole. The men fell off their horses and tumbled in, too. Some of the horses jumped out, and galloped away.

Robin laughed, and blew his horn. The Merry Men ran from their hiding places and crowded round the trap.

The Sheriff and his men lay at the bottom of the hole. Robin and his Merry Men jumped in and took their swords away.

Then the Sheriff's horse jumped out of the hole, and Robin heard the jingle of coins in its saddlebags. He untied the saddlebags, and waved goodbye to the Sheriff as he carried them off into the forest.

Back at the camp, Robin opened the fat saddlebags and tipped out the gold coins.

'Look at this!' he cried. 'Sir Richard's money is all here – and there is more!' Robin smiled.

Choose and underline the correct answer.

1. What was the name of the friend that Robin was helping?
a) Sheriff b) Sir Richard c) John
2. What did Robin want his men to dig?
a) a path b) a tree c) a hole
3. What did his men cover the hole with?
a) branches and leaves b) trees c) bows and arrows
4. What did Robin pretend to hunt?
a) rabbits b) horses c) deer
5. How did Robin know the Sheriff and his men were coming?
a) He heard them talking. b) He heard some coins jingling.
c) He heard the sound of horses' hooves on the path.
6. When the Sheriff and his men galloped towards Robin, what did they do?
a) shouted and waved their swords b) made Robin their prisoner
c) smiled at him
7. What happened when the Sheriff and his men reached the trap?
a) They stopped. b) They fell in the hole.
c) They turned round and ran away.
8. Who blew his horn?
a) the Sheriff b) Sir Richard c) Robin
9. What did Robin hear when the Sheriff's horse jumped out of the hole?
a) a horn b) swords c) coins jingling
10. Where was Sir Richard's money?
a) in the hole b) in the saddlebags c) in the trees

Teacher's notes for the Word Recognition Test: *Robin Hood and his Merry Men*

- Do this test after you have read the whole book with the class.
- Ask the children to fill in their name and the date at the top of the page.
- Tell the children that the words all come from the *Robin Hood and his Merry Men* book.
- Tell the children to listen to each sentence that you read. Read the first sentence to the class and stress the word in bold print. Say the word in bold print again, on its own, when you have finished the sentence.
- Ask the children to choose which word they think it is from the three possible words they are given for that sentence.
- Ask them to underline the word of their choice. (If they make a mistake and want to change their mind, tell them to cross out the wrong answer and underline the correct answer.)
- Repeat this procedure with each sentence.
- Make sure the children know which number sentence you are reading each time.
- Do not give any help.
- Do not allow the children to talk or to copy each other's work.
- Collect the test papers, mark the scores and fill in the results on the class record sheet.

Test sentences and words

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| 1. I ate an apple when I was hungry . | hungry |
| 2. The day after today is called tomorrow . | tomorrow |
| 3. I spent all my money in the shop. | money |
| 4. My present was a lovely surprise . | surprise |
| 5. Can you climb a tall tree? | climb |
| 6. I walked on the path . | path |
| 7. Robin crossed the bridge over the river. | bridge |
| 8. There were a lot of people in the crowd . | crowd |
| 9. The man and lady were talking. | lady |
| 10. Robin Hood was very strong . | strong |

Word Recognition Test: *Robin Hood and his Merry Men*

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Underline the correct word.

1. a) angry b) hunger c) hungry
2. a) tomato b) tomorrow c) today
3. a) many b) money c) moan
4. a) surprise b) surprised c) surprising
5. a) cling b) climate c) climb
6. a) pass b) path c) bath
7. a) badge b) budge c) bridge
8. a) crowd b) cows c) cloud
9. a) lad b) ladder c) lady
10. a) strong b) string c) strung