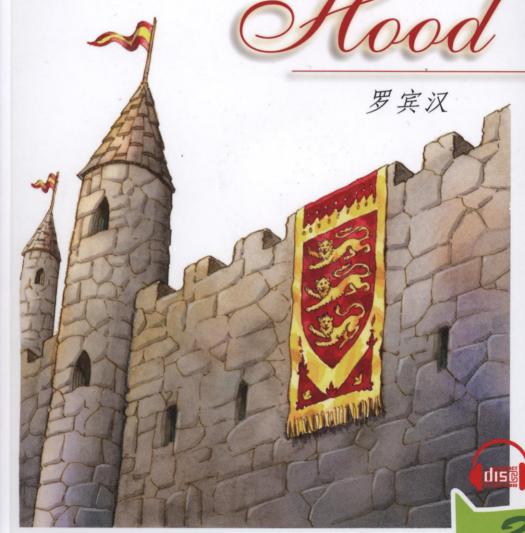
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Level 1 至 Level 3 出现的动词时态形式和句子结构比较简单。动词时态形式以一般现在时(present simple)、现在进行时(present continuous)、一般过去时(past simple)为主,句子结构大部分是简单句(simple sentences)。此外,还包括比较级和最高级(comparative and superlative forms)、可数和不可数名词(countable and uncountable nouns)以及冠词(articles)等语法知识点。

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泛读,指阅读大量适合自己程度(可稍浅,但不能过深),不同内容、风格、体裁的读物,但求明白内容大意,不用花费太多时间钻研细节,主要作用是多接触英语,减轻对它的生疏感,巩固以前所学过的英语,让脑子在潜意识中吸收词汇用法、语法结构等。

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《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》中的作品均值得精读,如时间有限,不妨尝试每两个星期泛读一本,辅以每星期挑选书中一章精彩的文字精读。要学好英语,持之以恒地泛读和精读英文是最有效的方法。

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程度稍浅的品种。

若将 CD 随身携带,反复聆听、诵读,日积月累,对英语理解能力和表 达能力的提高必有显著成效。

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听力练习分两类,一是重听故事回答问题,二是聆听主角对话、书信朗 读或模拟记者访问后写出答案,旨在以生活化的练习形式逐步提高听力。

模仿录音朗读故事或模仿主人翁在戏剧中的对白,则是训练口语能力的 好方法。

阅读理解练习形式多样化,有纵横字谜、配对、填空、字句重组等等,注重训练读者的理解、推敲和联想等多种阅读技能。

写作练习尤具新意,教读者使用网式图示(spidergrams)记录重点,采 用问答、书信、电报、记者采访等多样化形式,鼓励读者动手写作。

书后更设有升级测试(Exit Test)及答案,供读者检查学习效果。 充分利用书中的练习和测试,可全面提升听、说、读、写四项技能。

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#### BEFORE READING

#### Match these words with their meanings:

- a. greedy
- 1. likes to cause suffering in others

b. cruel

- 2. steals from others
- c. outlaw
- 3. things that a person has
- d. robber
- 4. person with a bow and arrow
- e. possessions
- 5. lives outside the protection of the law/ a criminal
- f. archer
- 6. strong desire to have more and more

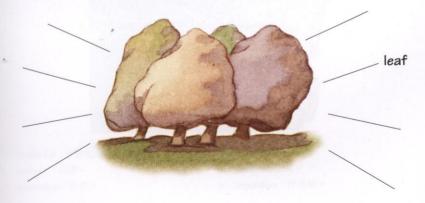
#### Which of the words below do you think of when you read the title Robin Hood?

sheriff green buildings chairs outlaws bow and arrow money stars church trees ships science castles horses hunting explorers shops

swords books justice music



What other English words do you associate with 'forest'? Complete the spidergram below.





#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Have you ever seen a film on Robin Hood?
- Have you ever read a story about Robin Hood?
- Did you like it or not? Why?
- Who was your favourite character?



# Did Robin Hood really exist?

obin Hood is a legend and a hero. There are a lot of medieval <sup>1</sup> ballads <sup>2</sup> about Robin Hood's life and adventures. It is probable that he really lived in Sherwood Forest at the beginning of the 13th century, but we are not sure. Today there are numerous <sup>3</sup> stories, poems and films about Robin Hood and his outlaws <sup>4</sup>. Robin took from the rich and gave to the poor. He created justice <sup>5</sup> at a time when there was none. This is why he became a legendary <sup>6</sup> hero.

Robin and his men lived in Sherwood Forest near the town of Nottingham. Today this area is called Nottinghamshire. A 'Tales of Robin Hood Centre' opened in Nottingham in 1989. Thousands of tourists visit it every year.



1. medieval:中世纪的。

2. ballads:民谣。

3. numerous:很多。

4. outlaws:逃犯。

5. justice: 正义。

6. legendary: 传奇的。



# Robin Bood becomes an Outlaw

obin Hood was born near the end of the 12th century. His real name was Robert. He was the son of the Earl <sup>1</sup> of Huntingdon. At that time, England had many problems. King Richard was away on a crusade <sup>2</sup> in the Land <sup>3</sup>. He was away many years.

His brother, John, became king. He was a cruel and greedy <sup>4</sup> king. His men were arrogant <sup>5</sup> and brutal <sup>6</sup>. The poor people of England suffered a lot. They paid very high taxes to King John and his sheriffs <sup>7</sup>. Many families died of hunger!

1. Earl:伯爵。

2. crusade:圣战。

3. Holy Land: 圣地耶路撒冷。

4. greedy: 贪婪的。

5. arrogant: 高傲的。

6. brutal: 残忍的。

7. sheriffs: 郡长。



# Robin Bood becomes an Outlaw



One day, the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham killed Robin's father, and took away his lands. Young Robin lost his father, his home, his lands and all his possessions.

He escaped to Sherwood Forest with his loyal <sup>1</sup> servants. They decided to live as free men in the forest. They didn't want to be slaves of King John. However, the King considered them outlaws.

When Robin and his men reached Sherwood Forest, they sat down to rest. Robin Hood smiled at his loyal servants. Then he said to them, 'My friends, Sherwood Forest is our new home. Now we are free but we are outlaws. Everyone in the kingdom is against 2 us!'

'Master, we are not afraid because you are with us,' said Much. 'Yes, I will stay with you, but you must do what I tell you. We



1. loyal:忠诚的。

2. against:反对。



must not become robbers. We must never harm 1 the poor, the old, women or children. We must respect and protect them.

'We take only from rich merchants, noblemen and fat churchmen! Here is my plan: when rich travellers come into Sherwood Forest, we invite them to eat with us. Then, they must pay for their food. They must give us half of everything they have! We then give this money to the poor. Do you promise to do what I tell you?'

'Yes, we do!' they cried.

Robin and the outlaws lived in caverns <sup>2</sup> in the forest. The caverns were a perfect hiding place. They were warm and dry in the winter. In the summer they were cool.

They were happy in the forest. They all wore green clothes and carried bows and arrows. Robin had a horn 3 to give signals 4.

Soon, other honest men joined the outlaws of Sherwood Forest: Nat, Will Scarlett and others.

The outlaws were excellent archers <sup>5</sup>. Robin Hood became the best archer in the region. In the forest, Robin and his men practised <sup>6</sup> with their bows and arrows.

1. harm: 伤害。

2. caverns:大洞穴。

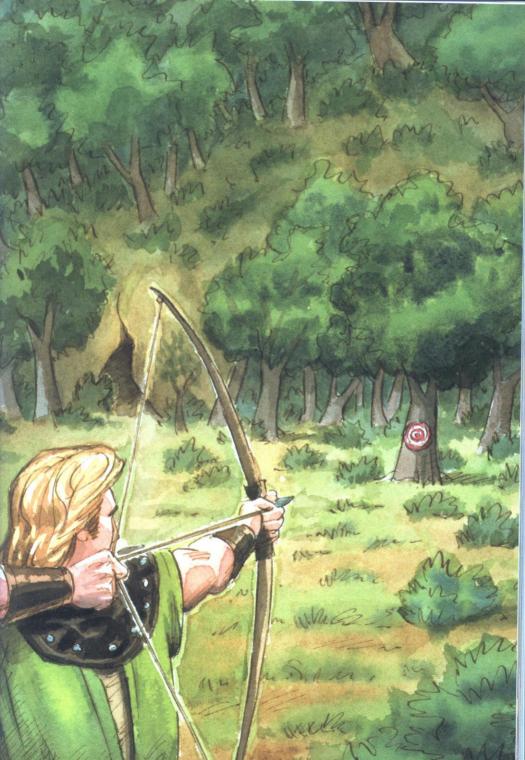
3. horn:



4. signals:信号。

5. archers: 弓箭手。

6. practised:练习。



#### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



#### 1 Choose the correct answer.

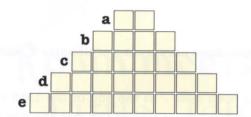
a.	the Earl of Huntingdon.  Richard.  Robert.
b.	He was born  near the end of the 1200's.  near the end of the 12th century.  at the beginning of the 12th century.
c.	King Richard was away on a crusade. on holiday. for a month.
d.	King John was an old man. King Richard's brother. King Richard's father.
e.	He was greedy and cruel. honest and kind. well educated.
f.	Robin Hood escaped to Sherwood Forest alone. with his servants. with King John.
g.	Robin and his outlaws wanted to  fight against King Richard.  take from the rich and give to the poor.  become robbers.
h.	In Sherwood Forest, Robin and his outlaws lived in caverns. in the treetops. near the river.

## 2

#### WORD PYRAMID

#### Find the missing words and build the word pyramid.

- a. Robin Hood was born near the end \_\_\_ the 12th century.
- b. The caves were \_\_\_\_ and dry in the winter.
- c. In the \_\_\_\_ they were cool.
- d. He escaped to \_\_\_\_\_ Forest with his servants.
- e. The Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ killed Robin's father.



## 3

#### Match the opposites.

cruel big

fat difficult

small old

new beginning

dry kind

easy thin



#### Put the correct possessive adjective (物主形容词) in the gaps.

- a. ..... real name was Robert.
- **b.** '..... friends, Sherwood Forest is ..... new home,' said Robin.
- **c.** They paid very high taxes to King John and ...... sheriffs.
- d. Young Robin lost ...... father.
- e. Robin and ...... men practised with ...... bows and arrows.



# Listen to the first three paragraphs of Chapter 1, and circle the words you hear.

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Robin Hood was born near / at the end of the 12th century. His real name was Rupert / Robert. He was the son of the Earl of Huntingdon. At that time, Great Britain / England had many problems. King Richard was / went away on a crusade in the Holy Land. He was away many years / months.

His brother, John, became king. He was a cruel and greedy man / king. His men were arrogant and brutal. The poor / good people of England suffered a lot. They paid / gave very high taxes to King John and his sheriffs. Many / Some families died of hunger!



# Robin meets Little John



ne day Robin came to a stream <sup>1</sup> with a small bridge <sup>2</sup>. When he began to cross it, he heard a loud voice say, 'I want to cross the stream first!' Robin turned around and saw an enormous <sup>3</sup>, young man. He was very tall.

'No, I was first!' answered Robin.

'Çan you push me off the bridge?' asked the enormous man. He was holding a wooden staff 4.

1. stream:小河。

2. bridge:



3. enormous: 非常大的。

4. staff:

# Robin Bood

Robin cut a long branch from a tree and made a staff. Then he began to fight on the bridge. Robin was fast and light. But

soon, the enormous man pushed Robin into the water. He was very strong.

The enormous man laughed. Then he pulled Robin out of the water. Robin started to laugh too. 'You are an honest fighter!' said Robin. 'What is your name?'

'My name is John Little. I am an honest man. I fought with good King Richard's men in the Holy Land. I made King Richard's sword and the swords of his men. He is a great king. But his brother John is cruel and greedy! I don't want to serve King John. I am looking for Robin Hood. I want to join his outlaws.'

'Welcome to our merry 1 company 2 of outlaws! I am Robin Hood!' said Robin, smiling. 'A friend of King Richard is a friend of mine!'

John Little was very surprised. Then the two men embraced and became good friends.

'Now that you are an outlaw, you must change your name. Your new name is Little John.'

Robin took Little John to the secret hiding place in the forest. The outlaws welcomed Little John with a big meal.

1. merry:快乐的。

2. company:同伴。



Robin Bood

Little John was an expert <sup>1</sup> sword maker. Soon every outlaw had a new sword. The outlaws liked Little John because he was friendly and kind. At night, everyone sat around the fire and listened to his stories. He told them about his adventures in the Holy Land.



1. expert:技术高超的。

### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



#### Circle the correct answer.

- a. One day Robin came to a lake / stream with a small / big bridge.
- b. Robin turned around and saw an enormous, old / young man.
- c. 'Can you push me off the bridge / road?' asked the enormous man.
- d. Robin cut a long / short branch from a tree and made a staff.
- e. The enormous man pushed Robin into the water / forest.
- f. 'I fought with good King John's / King Richard's men in the Holy Land. Now I want to join / kill Robin Hood's outlaws.'
- g. Robin took Little John to the lake / hiding place in the forest.
- **h.** Little John was an expert *sword maker / teacher*. Everyone liked him because he was *strong / kind*.



#### WORD SEARCH

Can you find the names of four of Robin's outlaws? Circle them.

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0	R	L	P	L	T	B	x	D	R	T	A
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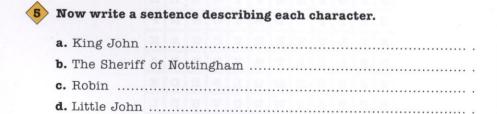
#### Write the names of these characters under each picture.



Now choose the words from the arrow that describe these characters and write them under the pictures.

Some words can be used twice.

greedy friendly brutal arrogant enormous honest kind cruel good archer





#### Look at this sentence:

King Richard was unable to free Jerusalem.

In English we often put the prefix (前缀) 'un' before a word to mean 'not'. Look at these examples:

- King Richard was not able to free Jerusalem. King Richard was unable to free Jerusalem.
- Marian was not happy.
  She was unhappy.

Make the opposite of these words and then fill in the gaps in the sentences.

interesting decided kind comfortable usual popular

a.	I didn't like the book because it was
	The chair was old and very
	The abbot did not help the poor. He was
d.	The people didn't like King John. He was an king.
	king.
e.	Maid Marian's disguise was
	They were unable to decide. They were

# The Crusades

crusade is a religious war. The most famous crusades were to Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

For centuries, Christians visited Jerusalem and the Holy Land. They were called pilgrims <sup>1</sup>. They wanted to see the places where Christ lived. The Arabs <sup>2</sup>, who ruled <sup>3</sup> the Holy Land, treated



the pilgrims well. The Arabs were Muslims 4, but they respected the Christians. In the 11th century, the Turks 5 conquered 6 the Arabs. The Turks were Muslims too. But they did not like the Christians. They caused problems for them.

Europeans got spices <sup>7</sup> in the Holy Land. Spices were very important because they were used to preserve <sup>8</sup> food. Europe wanted the Holy Land to be open to everyone.

The head of the Christian Church, Pope Urban II, decided to fight

1. pilgrims:朝圣者。

2. Arabs:阿拉伯人。

3. ruled: 统治。

4. Muslims: 伊斯兰教信徒。

5. Turks: 土耳其人。

6. conquered:击败。

7. spices: 香料。

8. preserve:保存。

the Turks. This was the First Crusade of 1096. Crusaders came from all parts of Europe. At that time, the Church had great power over the people of Western Europe.

One of the most important Crusades was the Third Crusade. Three of Europe's most powerful kings led 1 the Crusade. They were Richard the Lionheart of England, Philip Augustus of France, and Frederick Barbarossa of Germany.

Frederick Barbarossa died at sea before arriving at the Holy Land.

Philip Augustus returned home.

King Richard and his men fought alone. They won many battles.

King Richard was unable to free <sup>2</sup>
Jerusalem. He made an agreement <sup>3</sup> with the Muslim leader,
Saladin. The agreement said that the Turks could have control of Jerusalem, but the Christians could visit it freely.



The Crusades continued for more than 200 years. By the year 1291, Western Europe lost all political power in the Holy Land.

1. led: (动词 lead 的过去式)带领。

2. free:解放。

3. agreement:协议。

# What did the Crusaders bring back to Europe?

Look at the list below and look in the dictionary for any words you don't know.

Damask (cloth decorated with a special pattern)

Apricot plants

Spices

Silks

Oriental rugs

Perfumes

Muslin (very fine cotton cloth)

Rice

Sugar

Lemons

Dyes

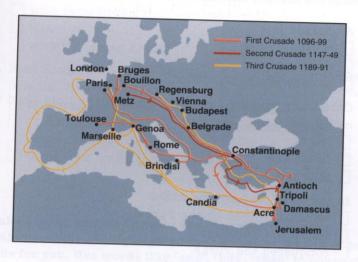
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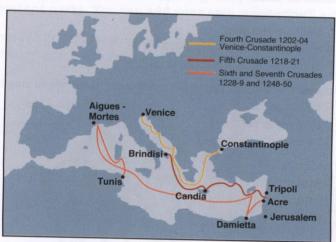


An old picture of the Crusades outside the Holy City, Jerusalem.

Are any of these things produced in your country?

# Maps of the Crusades





### Choose the correct answer.

a.	A crusade is a  religious book.  religious war.  holiday to a distant land.
b.	Christians who visited Jerusalem and the Holy Land were called  friars.  Crusaders.  pilgrims.
c.	In the 11th century, the Arabs  were conquered by the Turks.  began the Holy War.  conquered the Turks.
d.	The Turks  had no religion.  respected the Christians.  did not like the Christians.
e.	Spices were very important because they were used to make cloth.  to preserve food.  to make perfumes.
f.	The First Crusade started in 1096. ended in 1096. started in 1196.

g.	King Richard led the Third Crusade
	with Pope Urban II.
	alone.
	with two other kings.
h.	King Richard made an agreement with the Muslim leader
	Saladin. This agreement said that
	Christians could visit Jerusalem freely.
	Christians could visit Jerusalem in the month of
	December.
	Christians could buy spices there.

Make a short summary about the Crusades using the sentences that are highlighted in the dossier. The first part is done for you. Use words like 'and', 'but', 'then' to connect the important parts. You can add your own words too.

A crusade is a religious war. For centuries, Christians visited Jerusalem and the Holy Land. But.....





# friar Tuck joins the Outlaws



ill Scarlett told Robin that a big, fat man lived in a cavern near a river in Sherwood Forest.

One day Robin decided to meet him. He went to the river and saw a fat friar who was fishing. 'Good morning, young man,' said the friar.

'Good day,' answered Robin Hood. 'You are fishing in an outlaw river. The fish you catch are mine. You can fish here today, but only if you carry me across the river.'

The friar did not like what Robin said. So, he looked at him and said, 'I can carry you across the river. You are very thin! Can you carry me across the river?'

Robin was surprised to hear this. 'Of course, I can carry you! I am thin, but I am very strong.'

1. friar:修道士。





Robin lifted the enormous friar with great difficulty. Then he carried him across the river.

'You are very heavy, friar. But I can carry you,' said Robin. At the other side of the river Robin said, 'Now you must carry me back.'

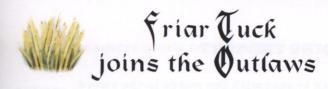
The friar started to carry Robin Hood across the river. But when they arrived at the middle of the river, the friar stopped. He sniffed 1 Robin and said, 'Goodness! You smell like an old rat! You need a good, cold bath!' And so, the friar threw Robin into the cold water. He laughed loudly and then pulled Robin to the river bank 2.

Robin was angry at first. Then, he smiled and said, 'You were right. I needed a bath. I feel better now. My good friar, you are free to fish in this river when you want.'

'Let us shake hands <sup>3</sup> before I go away,' said the friar.
'Oh, don't go away, ' said Robin. 'My name is Robin Hood.'

- 1. sniffed:闻。
- 2. bank:河岸。
- 3. shake hands:







'What! You are Robin Hood?' asked the friar. He was very surprised.

'Yes! Come and live with me and my outlaws. We are all good, honest men. We take from the rich and give to the poor. We want a friar because we need the word of God. What is your name?'

'I am Friar Michael Tuck, of Fountains Abbey <sup>1</sup>. I had a quarrel <sup>2</sup> with my abbot <sup>3</sup>. He was very greedy and rich. He never helped the poor. He forgot God's teachings <sup>4</sup>. When I told him this, he wanted to punish me. I escaped to the forest. Now I live a simple life.

'If you want to live a simple life, and help the poor, then come to Sherwood Forest,' said Robin.

The two men shook hands and promised 5 to be friends for life.



1. Abbey:修道院。

2. quarrel:争吵。

3. abbot: 男修道院院长。

4. teachings: 教导。

5. promised: 承诺。

## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



Fill in the blank spaces with the words in the sword.

man promised across quarrel threw fat cavern difficulty fishing angry can carry smiled river escaped enormous

a.	will Scarlett told Robin that a big, fat lived in a near a river.
b.	Robin went to the river and saw a friar who was
	'You can fish here today, but only if you me the river,' said Robin.
d.	' you carry me across the?' asked the friar.
e.	Robin lifted the friar with great
f.	The friar Robin into the cold water.
	Robin was at first. Then he
h.	'I had a with my abbot. I to the forest.'
i.	The two men shook hands and to be friends



### Here's a crossword puzzle for you to do.

#### ACROSS





3 Sherwood .....



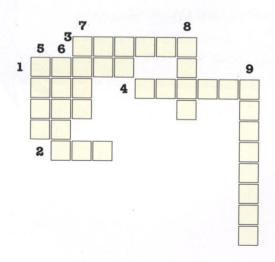
#### DOWN







- 8 not fat
- 9 very big



3

When Friar Tuck sniffed Robin, he said, 'you smell like an old rat. You need a bath.' We use need when it is necessary to do something. Look at these examples:

I'm hungry! I **need** to eat. John is dirty. He **needs** a bath.

F	ill in the gaps with the correc	t words from the tree.
	. She is tired. She needs to	SERVICE CONTRACTOR OF THE SERVICE CONTRACTOR
b.	They are They need to drink.	m gunnaran
c.	It's very late. You need to home.	sleep study
d.	We don't know the lesson. We need to	sit down thirsty
	····· it.	dictionary
e.	Robert wants to	go si
	He needs a chair.	how gran som
f.	I don't understand this word. I need a	{



#### WHO DID WHAT?

Write the name of the person who did the following actions. Some names can be used more than once. The names are in the tree trunk.

#### Who...

a.	told Robin that a stranger lived in a cave?	
b.	fished in the outlaw river?	
c.	pushed Robin off a bridge?	
d.	threw Robin into the river?	
e.	killed Robin's father?	
f.	took King Richard's place?	
g.	made swords for King Richard's men?	
h.	carried a fat friar across the river?	

King John Little John Robin Hood Friar Tuck Will Scarlett The Sheriff of Nottingham

## Who were the Crusaders?

rusaders were people of all classes <sup>1</sup>. Some were beggars <sup>2</sup>, and others were noblemen. They left their homes to join this enormous army.

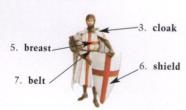
Many wanted to free the Holy Land from the Turks. Some wanted to find treasures and lands. Others went for adventure.

The Crusaders wore a grey cloak <sup>3</sup> with a hood <sup>4</sup>. Every Crusader wore a red cross on his breast <sup>5</sup>. This was the symbol of Christianity. Each Crusader had a big, heavy sword and a shield <sup>6</sup>. He had a big belt <sup>7</sup> around his waist. Many things hung from his belt.

Crusaders often brought chickens and goats 8 with them. They wanted to have fresh eggs and milk during their journey.

To arrive at the Holy Land, many Crusaders rode horses. Some went on ships full of people and others walked! The journey was very long and difficult. The sanitary of conditions were terrible. A great number of Crusaders died of illness. Others died in the Holy Wars. Some returned home and brought many new things with them.



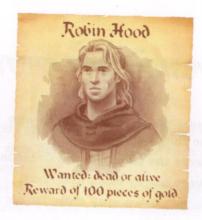


- 2. beggars: 乞丐。
- 4. hood: 风帽。
- 8. goats:



9. sanitary: 卫生的。

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e.	Crusader	rs had a shi	eld and	a bov	w ai	nd a	rrow.			
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# Wanted: dead or alive!



ome years passed, and there were more than 200 outlaws living in Sherwood Forest. Robin Hood was the hero of the poor. He continued robbing the rich to give to the poor. Robin Hood called this 'The Sherwood Tax 1'. All the rich travellers who passed

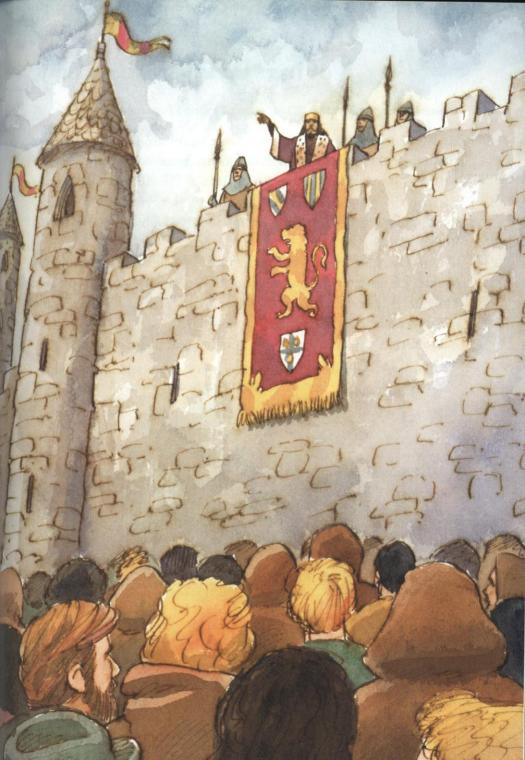
through Sherwood Forest paid 'The Sherwood Tax'.

The Sheriff of Nottingham sent an army of soldiers to Sherwood Forest to capture <sup>2</sup> Robin Hood. But Robin and his outlaws were in the trees. They killed all the soldiers except one.

Robin and his men were the best archers of the region. They

1. Tax:税。

2. capture:捕获。



# Robin Bood

knew the forest perfectly 1. They were never afraid of fighting the soldiers of the wicked 2 Sheriff of Nottingham.

It was impossible to stop Robin Hood. The Sheriff was furious because the people laughed at him. He was never able to capture Robin Hood. King John was furious too. His subjects <sup>3</sup> loved King Richard and hated him.

One day, King John stood on the castle walls. He spoke to all his people. He said, 'We must capture Robin Hood and his outlaws. They are our enemy. I can pay a hundred pieces of gold for Robin Hood, dead or alive! Bring me that outlaw!'

From that day on, Robin's life was in great danger.



1. perfectly:非常。

2. wicked: 邪恶的。

3. subjects:臣民。

### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

î	Ar	e these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the fa	alse or	es.
			T	F
	a.	There were more than 200 outlaws living in Sherwood Forest.		
	b.	Robin was the hero of the churchmen.		
	c.			
	d.	Robin and his outlaws killed all the soldiers except one.		
	e.	The Sheriff was furious because the people didn't pay taxes.		
	f.	King John was furious because the people hated him.		
	g.	King John said, 'I can pay a hundred pieces of gold for Robin Hood, dead or alive!'		. b
2		ORD PUZZLE		
		rite the words below and discover the missing wo emplete the sentence.	rd to	
	a.	person who travels:	_ L _	_
	b.	men who fight: <b>S</b> _ <b>L</b>		
	c.	where the king lives: $\_$ $\_$ $\_$ $\_$ $\_$		
•	d.	. name of a forest:		_ <b>D</b>
	e.	not alive: <b>D</b>		
	f.	very angry: <b>u</b>		
	R	obin was the best		

## 3

#### ODD ONE OUT!

### Circle the word that doesn't belong to the group.

- a. big poor broad huge enormous
- b. greedy corrupt arrogant kind brutal
- c. friar king clothes soldier outlaw
- d. eat food meal milk swords
- e. taxes archer bow arrow target
- f. Richard Marian John Nat England

## 4

### Fill in the blanks with the odd words circled out.

- a. Little John made ...... for King Richard's army.
- **b.** The poor people paid high .....
- c. Robin and his men wore green .....
- d. Robin protected the ...... and the weak.
- e. Everyone liked Little John because he was .....
- f. The poor people of ..... suffered a lot.



#### Look at these sentences:

Will Scarlett was a good archer, but Robin was the best.

Robin and his men were the best archers of the region. Best is a superlative (最高级).

Some superlatives are irregular (不规则的) . Look at these:

adjective	superlative
good	best
bad	worst

Other superlatives are formed by adding -est to the adjective (形容词) . Look at these:

adjective	superlative
tall	tallest
long	longest
near	nearest
easy	easiest
friendly	friendliest
happy	happiest
heavy	heaviest

Fill in the gaps to complete the Grammar Rule.

When the adjective ends in consonant ....., for example 'friendly', change the ..... to ..... and add .....

## Now fill in the gaps with the correct superlative from the two boxes.

- a. The Sheriff of Nottingham was the ...... sheriff in England.
- b. Robin's outlaws were tall, but Little John was the
- c. Friar Tuck was the ..... outlaw.
- d. Nottingham was the ..... city to Sherwood Forest.
- e. Robin was the ..... archer.
- f. Robin's story was long, but Will Scarlett's was the



## Listen to the last two paragraphs of Chapter 4 and fill in the missing words.

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One day, King John sto	ood on the walls. He spoke
to all hisand his	He said, 'We must capture Robin Hood

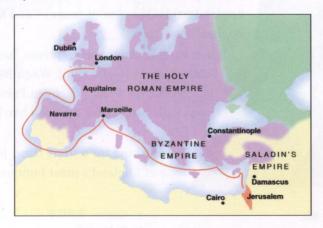
From that day on, Robin's ..... was in great danger.

# King Richard, the Lionheart

ing Richard was born in Oxford on 8th September 1157. He was the third son of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. He was also called the Lionheart, because of his great courage.

Richard was a tall, athletic <sup>1</sup> man. He was well educated <sup>2</sup>. He loved music and composed <sup>3</sup> songs in French and Provençal. He spoke Latin very well.

He became King of England in 1189, but he only stayed in England seven months! After, he went to the Holy Land on the Third Crusade. He wanted to free the city of Jerusalem from the Muslim leader, Saladin. At that time, everyone in Western Europe wanted to free the Holy Land.



1. athletic: 健壮的。 2. well educated: 教养良好的。 3. composed: 创作。

He organised a fleet <sup>1</sup> and an army. In 1190, he led them to the Eastern Mediterranean <sup>2</sup>. There he conquered Cyprus <sup>3</sup> and freed the coast of the Holy Land. He was a great warrior. But he did not free Jerusalem.

Duke <sup>4</sup> Leopold of Austria captured King Richard in Vienna when he was returning from the

Holy Land. Richard remained in a German prison

for fourteen months.
After

fourteen months.

England paid a big sum of money 5 and King Richard was freed.

When King Richard was in prison, his brother John became King. When Richard left prison, he went to fight in France. He was killed in France during a battle, in 1199.

He was king for a short time, but he is one of England's most famous kings.



<sup>2.</sup> the Eastern Mediterranean: 东地中海 地区。

<sup>3.</sup> Cyprus:塞浦路斯。

<sup>4.</sup> Duke:公爵。

<sup>5.</sup> a big sum of money: 一大笔钱。



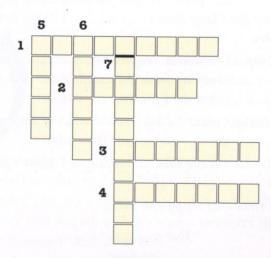
### Here is a crossword puzzle about King Richard.

#### ACROSS

- 1. King Richard was called this because of his courage.
- 2. He composed songs in this language.
- 3. Muslim leader.
- 4. Duke who captured King Richard.

#### DOWN

- 5. He spoke this language well.
- 6. King Richard was born here.
- 7. He wanted to free this city.



② Complete this letter to King Richard's wife. Make full sentences and fill in the missing words. Some words can be

> husband army fleet free me Holy Land but was me sum prison When

Dear Berengaria,
When / I / leave / you, I / organize a
Joint long time, I / do / not for
Duke Leopold / Austria / capture / when I
He / mit
prison.
Now / Duke / want / a big of money to
France. I leave this, I want / go /
I / be / tired / unhappy / in this
Уоит,
Richard



# Robin meets Maid' Marian

W

hen Robin Hood was a boy, his best friends were Marian Fitzwater and her brother, Mark. Robin played with them and taught them to use the bow and arrow. He also taught them to fight with the sword.

Robin loved only Maid Marian, and she loved only him. One spring day Marian's father, Lord Robert Fitzwater of Malaset, said to her, 'Marian, you are a beautiful maid. Soon you must marry. There is a very rich nobleman who wants to marry you.'

'What is his name?' Marian asked.

# Robin Bood

'His name is Sir Guy of Gisbourne, a good friend of the Sheriff of Nottingham.'

When Marian heard this, she was very unhappy. This was terrible! She did not want to marry Sir Guy of Gisbourne. She loved Robin Hood and wanted to marry him.

She decided to run away to join Robin Hood. She disguised <sup>1</sup> herself as a knight <sup>2</sup>. Then she took her horse and went to Sherwood Forest.

Robin Hood was in the forest. He was coming from Nottingham, and was disguised as a beggar.

They met in the forest. It was evening and it was almost dark.

When Robin saw the knight, he asked, 'What are you doing in the forest?'

'What are you doing here, beggar man?' answered the knight.

They did not recognise each other.

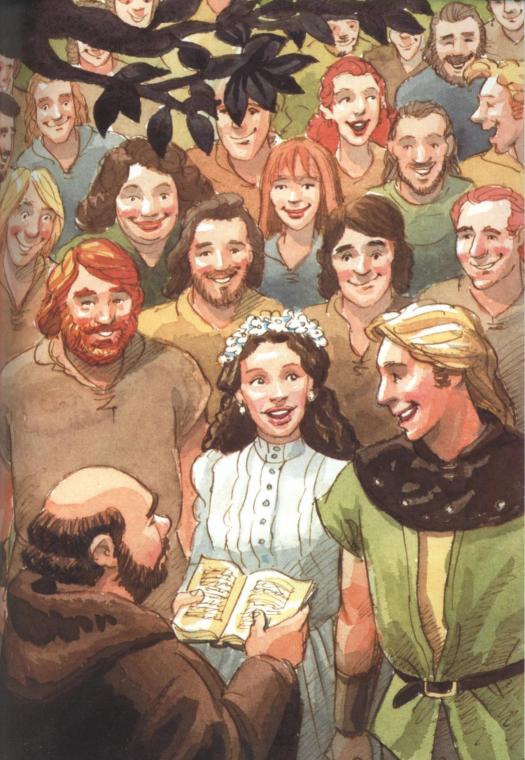
'This is outlaw country. Go back! You can't stay here. We don't know you.' Robin said.

'I cannot go back! I am not afraid of outlaws,' answered the knight, taking out a sword. 'I am ready to fight you!'

And so the fight began. Both were experts with the sword. But Robin fell to the ground.

The knight said, 'Now, take me to your leader. Take me to

- 1. disguised: 伪装。
- 2. knight:



# Robin Bood

Robin Hood!' She took off <sup>1</sup> her helmet <sup>2</sup> and Robin was very surprised. It was his dear Marian! Robin took off his beggar clothes. Marian recognised Robin. She, too, was very surprised! Then, they kissed.

There was great happiness in Sherwood Forest that evening. Marian and Robin were finally together. Friar Tuck married <sup>3</sup> them after a few days. There was a big wedding celebration in the forest.

Maid Marian was now part of Sherwood Forest. She was gentle and kind to all. Everyone loved her.



- 1. took off: 脱掉。
- 2. helmet:



3. married:证婚。

### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

Choose the correct answer.

a	<ul> <li>When Robin was a boy, he played with</li> <li>Marian and Mark Fitzwater.</li> <li>Lord Fitzwater.</li> <li>Sir Guy of Gisbourne.</li> </ul>
b	<ul> <li>Marian's father wanted her</li> <li>to go to Sherwood Forest.</li> <li>to marry Sir Guy of Gisbourne.</li> <li>to marry the Sheriff of Nottingham.</li> </ul>
c.	Marian loved Robin Hood and decided to run away and become a beggar. to tell her father. to run away and join him in Sherwood Forest.
d.	Marian disguised herself as a  knight.  beggar. archer.
e.	She met Robin in the forest. He was disguised as a peasant.  beggar. knight.
f.	Robin and Marian had a sword fight and Marian's sword broke. Marian fell to the ground. Robin fell to the ground.
g.	When Marian took off her helmet, Robin recognised her. she recognised Robin. Robin did not recognise her.
h.	There was great happiness in Sherwood Forest because Robin returned from Nottingham. Marian and Robin were finally together. good King Richard returned.



#### WHO SAID IT?

Put the name of the person next to the sentence he or she said. Choose from the names in the helmet. Some names can be used more than once.

- a. 'We take only from the rich merchants, noblemen and fat churchmen.'
- b. 'Can you push me off the bridge?' .....
- c. 'Your new name is Little John.'
- d. 'Goodness! You smell like an old rat!' .....
- e. 'I can pay a hundred pieces of gold for Robin Hood, dead or alive.'
- f. 'I am ready to fight you!' .....
- **g.** 'Marian, you are a beautiful young maiden. Soon you must marry.' .....
- h. 'I had a quarrel with my abbot.' .....





#### HIT THE TARGET!

The Past Simple (过去时) of a verb is often used to tell a story. Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple of the verbs given. Some verbs can be used more than once.



- a. Robin ...... Mark and Marian to fight with the sword.
- **b.** When Marian ...... this, she ..... very unhappy.
- **c.** She ...... her horse and ..... to the forest.
- d. They ..... in the forest.
- e. Robin ..... to the ground.
- f. Robin ...... his big hood.
- g. They ..... for a long time.
- h. Marian ..... now part of Sherwood Forest.



Before going to Sherwood Forest, Marian wrote a letter to her father. What did she tell him? Write full sentences, using the words in the feather to fill in the gaps.

marry taking
angry forest happy going
because him true love

Dear father,
I / not / want to
I / be / my horse and I / be to Sherwood Forest.  Robin / live / in the
Please / not / be with / me / Robin.  I / be / with him. I / visit / you Christmas.
Your daughter Marian



# The Sheriff's Ride

obin Hood's fame was everywhere. The people called him Saint Robin, and Robin, Sheriff of Sherwood Forest. A lot of new outlaws joined Robin Hood. They were loyal to him and followed him everywhere. The Sheriff's men did not want to go to Sherwood Forest to capture Robin Hood. They were afraid. The Sheriff of Nottingham was very angry. He wanted to capture Robin, dead or alive!

'What is wrong with my men? They're afraid of Robin Hood. They are all stupid cowards 1! I don't need anyone! I am going to Sherwood Forest alone! I'm not afraid of a legend.'

The Sheriff left for <sup>2</sup> Sherwood Forest alone. He entered the dark forest and saw no one for a long time. Suddenly, a group of outlaws jumped down from the treetops. They made a big circle

1. cowards: 胆小鬼。

2. left for:动身去。



around the Sheriff. Then they took out their swords.

The Sheriff was terrified. His face became white.

One outlaw said, 'Well, well! What do we have here? The Sheriff of Nottingham in person!!'

'Oh, please, don't kill me!' said the cowardly Sheriff. 'I can give you everything I have!'

The outlaws laughed at the Sheriff and said, 'Our master is waiting for you.'

'Robin Hood?' asked the Sheriff.

'Yes! Robin Hood! You are invited to eat with us.'

'I'm not hungry. Let me go! I can give you money, gold, jewels! But please let me go!' the Sheriff said.

'Start walking, you butcher 2,' said Will Scarlett. The outlaws took the Sheriff to Robin Hood.

'Let's kill him!' the outlaws cried. 'Let's kill this fat butcher now!'

Robin Hood looked at the Sheriff with disgust <sup>3</sup>. He wanted to kill him too. But Marian stopped him. 'We are not butchers like this man,' said Marian. 'We are honest people.'

'Sit down and eat with us, Sheriff,' said Robin. 'After the meal, I have a surprise for you.'

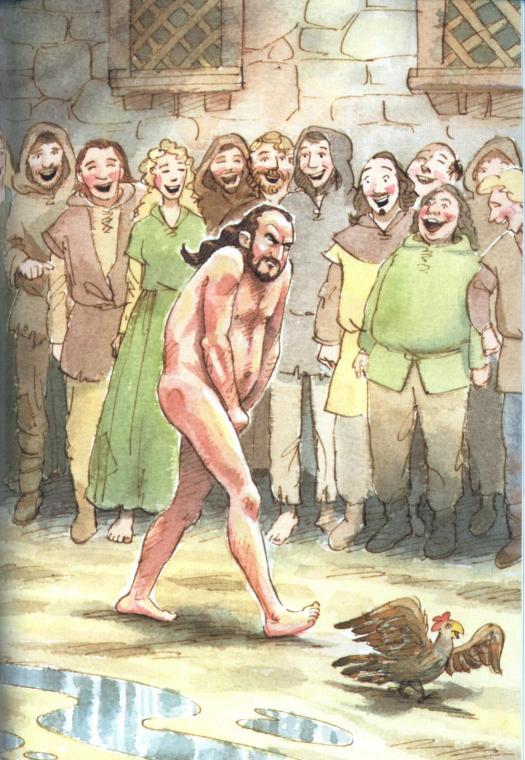
The Sheriff was not hungry. At the end of the meal, Robin said, 'Now give us everything you have — money, gold, jewels! Then, take off all your clothes. Get on your horse and return to Nottingham naked 4!'

1. in person:本人。

2. butcher:屠夫。

3. disgust: 厌恶。

4. naked:裸体的。





Robin, Marian and the outlaws laughed wildly <sup>1</sup>. The Sheriff got on his horse and returned to Nottingham. He was very cold and very angry.

'I must capture that Robin Hood and destroy him!' shouted the Sheriff. When he reached Nottingham, the people saw him naked. Everyone looked at him. They pointed at <sup>2</sup> him and laughed loudly. 'Long live Robin Hood, the Sheriff of Sherwood Forest!' they cried.



1. wildly:失控地。

#### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

fa	lse ones.		
		T	F
a.	The people called Robin the Sheriff of Nottingham.		
b.	The Sheriff's men were afraid of Robin.		. 30
c.	The Sheriff of Nottingham went to Sherwood Forest alone.		
d.	Robin captured the Sheriff.		
e.	The cowardly Sheriff said, 'Please don't kill me. I can give you everything I have.'		
f.	Robin decided to kill the Sheriff.		
g.	Robin said, 'Give us half of everything you have. Then return to Nottingham naked.'		
h.	When the Sheriff reached Nottingham, he was naked.		

Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the



#### Here is a crossword puzzle for you to do.

#### ACROSS

- 1. Past Simple of 'to write'
- 2. what the people pay to the Sheriff
- 3. precious yellow metal
- 4. Robin's men

#### DOWN

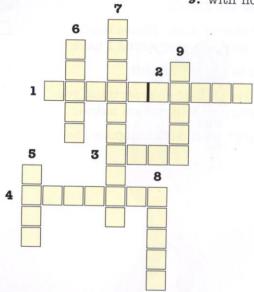
5. opposite of hot



7. Sheriff of ..



9. with no clothes on





### Match the two parts of these sentences.

- 1. Robin's fame
- 2. He entered the dark forest
- 3. They made a big circle
- 4. Robin looked at the Sheriff
- 5. He was very cold

- a. around the Sheriff.
- b. with disgust.
- c. and very angry.
- d. was everywhere.
- e. and saw no one.



#### Look at these sentences:

Robin Hood's fame was everywhere. From that day on, Robin's life was in great danger.

In both sentences the genitive (所有格) 's' is used:

Hood's Robin's

We use the genitive 's' to show origin or possession when we talk about people or animals.

#### Look at these examples:

The bow and arrow of Robin becomes Robin's bow and arrow. The men of the Sheriff becomes the Sheriff's men.

#### Use the genitive 's' in the following sentences.

a.	the	money of the people:
b.	the	sword of the King:
c.	the	horse of the knight:
d.	the	father of Marian:
		clothes of the Sheriff:
f.	the	head of the dog:



# The Silver Arrow

fter his adventure in Sherwood Forest, the Sheriff of Nottingham said to his men, 'I must capture Robin Hood and destroy him. How can we capture him?' The Sheriff thought for some time. Then he said, 'I know how we can capture him. Let's have an archery <sup>2</sup> competition <sup>3</sup> here in Nottingham. The best archers of the region always come to the competition. The prize for the best archer is the famous silver arrow.'

One of his men asked, 'But will Robin come to the competition?'

'Of course! Robin loves challenges 4!' said the Sheriff. 'He will come disguised and we must discover 5 him.'

1. silver:银制的。

2. archery:射箭。

3. competition:比赛。

4. challenges:挑战。

5. discover:发现。



# The Silver Arrow



The Sheriff's messengers went everywhere and told everyone about the competition. One day Friar Tuck heard the news. He immediately told Robin and the outlaws.

Robin said, 'I'm the best archer in the region. I can easily win the silver arrow!'

'Oh, Robin, don't go!' said Marian. 'It's a trap! The Sheriff wants to kill you!'

'Yes, Robin,' said Friar Tuck, 'it's a trap. It's

dangerous for you to go.'

'I must go! I never refuse a challenge. I will disguise myself as a poor peasant <sup>1</sup>. No one will recognise me.'

'Can we come to protect you?' asked Robin's men.

'Yes, you can come disguised as peasants too. You can stay in the crowd <sup>2</sup>. But be ready to fight, if necessary.'

One morning in May, Robin and his

outlaws went to the archery competition.

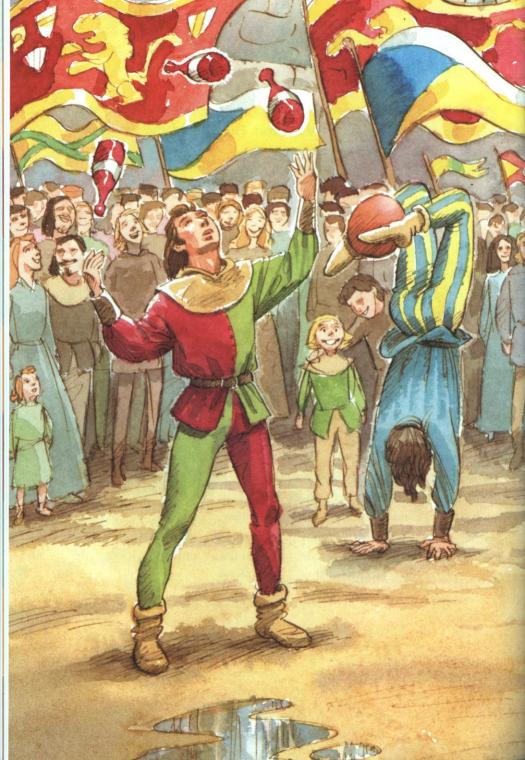
When they arrived in Nottingham, the castle square <sup>3</sup> was full of people. An archery competition was a special event. There were musicians, acrobats <sup>4</sup>, children, lords, and ladies. There were colourful flags everywhere.

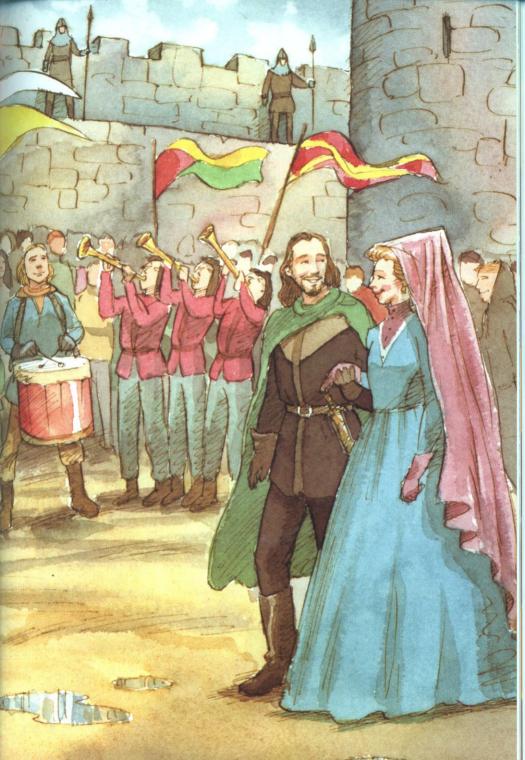
1. peasant:农民。

2. crowd:人群。

3. square:广场。

4. acrobats:杂技演员。







All around the castle square, there were difficult targets <sup>1</sup>. There were many excellent archers at the contest <sup>2</sup>. They all tried to hit the targets. But the best archer was the peasant in the red cloak and hood. He hit all the most difficult targets. The crowd shouted with joy. He was the winner!

The Sheriff was silent.

He knew that the peasant with the red cloak and hood was Robin.

'Guards! Stop that peasant in the red cloak!' cried the angry Sheriff. 'He is our enemy, Robin Hood, the outlaw.'

The Sheriff's guards ran to capture Robin. But Robin's men attacked the guards. There was a lot of fighting. Robin and his men killed or injured most of the Sheriff's men.

Then they quickly left Nottingham and returned to Sherwood Forest. When they arrived, they celebrated their victory 3.







contest:比赛。
 victory:胜利。

#### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



Fill in the blank spaces with the correct words from the shield.

peasant archery
everyone
Guards targets
capture
news attacked
archers
messengers
red



#### FIND THE HIDDEN WORD

Take the letters you need to make the words that match the pictures. Put the remaining letter in the numbered box below. What word do you get?

- 1. FWOB
- 2. OWARRL
- 3. NRHAO
- 4. GTARTEG











Something every country has:

## 3

#### Match these words with their definition.

- 1. revenge
- a. person who brings news
- 2. challenge
- b. person who works on the land
- 3. discover
- c. many people assembled together
- 4. messenger
- d. punishment in return for a bad action
- 5. trap
- e. invitation to compete in a contest or fight
- 6. peasant
- f. to find out something new
- 7. crowd
- g. plan for tricking or catching a person



When we want to say that something will happen in the future, we can use the word 'will' before the verb. Look at these examples:

Robin says: 'No one will recognise me.'

He says 'will' because he is talking about a future event: the archery competition.

'Will Robin come to the competition?'

He says 'will' because he is talking about a future event: the competition.

Put these sentences into the future (将来时) by adding 'will'. Choose the correct verb from the flag.



- a. There are black clouds in the sky. Tomorrow it .......
- b. John studies Spanish. Next year he ...... it.
- c. You didn't sleep. Tomorrow you ...... tired.
- d. They went away yesterday. They ...... next month.
- e. At the archery competition, he ...... the silver arrow.



#### WHO SAID WHAT?

# Listen to Chapter 7 and decide who said the following sentences. Write the name of the person after the sentence.

a.	'How can we capture him?'
b.	'I can easily win the silver arrow.'
c.	'Oh, Robin, don't go!'
d.	'It's dangerous for you to go.'
e.	'I never refuse a challenge.'
f.	'Can we come to protect you?'
g.	'Guards! Stop that peasant in the red cloak!'



# Alan a' Dale

obin and Marian were walking through the forest when they saw a young man sitting near a river. He was playing a lyre 1 and singing a sad song.

'Who are you and why are you singing this sad song?'
Robin.

'My name is Alan of Barnsdale, but people call me Alan a'Dale. I am very unhappy because I love a girl called Alice. She loves me too. But her father wants her to marry a rich old baron <sup>2</sup>. The marriage is tomorrow at Papplewick Church!' The young man was so unhappy that he started to cry.

Robin and Marian looked at each other. Marian remembered her similar<sup>3</sup> situation some time ago. Then Robin said, 'I want to help you, Alan a'Dale. I have a plan! Come with me!'

1. lyre:

asked

2. baron:男爵。

3. similar:相似的。

# Robin & Bood

Early the next morning, Robin sent his best archers to Papplewick. They hid inside the church and all around it. Robin, Friar Tuck and Alan a'Dale disguised themselves as simple peasants. Then they went to Papplewick. They entered the church and sat down.

At midday, the bishop 1 and the rich old baron entered the church. Then Alice arrived with her father. She wore a white dress and she had flowers in her hair. She was beautiful, but very sad and pale 2.

Sile was beautiful, but very sad a

When the bishop began the marriage ceremony <sup>3</sup>, Robin stood up and said, 'My lord, an ugly old man cannot marry this beautiful young woman. Winter cannot marry spring!'

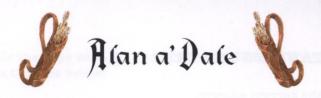
'What!' cried the bishop.
'Sit down and be silent!'

'There is no love between that old man and this young woman. You must not marry them.'

The bishop was furious. He cried, 'Guards, arrest this peasant immediately!'

At that moment, Robin's

- 1. bishop:(基督教的)主教。
- 2. pale: 面色苍白的。
- 3. ceremony:仪式。



men stood up and pointed 1 their bows and arrows at the guards. The guards did not move. The bishop ran out of the church.

Alan a'Dale ran to Alice and embraced her. 'My sweet Alice, I want to marry you!' Alice was very happy and said, 'You are the only man I want to marry!'

Friar Tuck married the happy couple <sup>2</sup> at Papplewick Church. Then everyone returned to Sherwood Forest to enjoy the wedding banquet <sup>3</sup>. Alan a'Dale and Alice lived in Sherwood Forest with Robin, Marian and the outlaws.



1. pointed:瞄准。

2. couple:夫妻。

3. banquet:宴会。

#### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



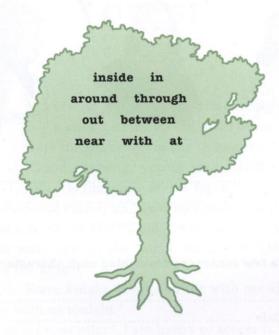
#### Choose the correct answer.

a.	Alan a'Dale was sitting by the river and singing a sad song.  eating his lunch.  fishing.
b.	He told Robin, 'I love a girl named Alice  but she is leaving England tomorrow.'  but she doesn't love me.'  but her father wants her to marry a rich old baron.
c.	Robin and Marian decided to invite Alan a'Dale to Sherwood Forest. help him with a plan. talk to Alice.
d.	Robin sent his best archers to Papplewick, and they all hid inside the church. they hid in the forest. they hid inside the church and all around it.
e.	When the bishop began the marriage ceremony Robin stood up and spoke. the archers stood up. Alan a'Dale ran to embrace Alice.
f.	The bishop was furious and said,  'Guards, arrest these people!'  'Guards, arrest this peasant!'  'Guards, take these peasants out of the church!'
g.	Robin's men pointed their bows and arrows at the guards. at the bishop. at the rich old baron.
h.	Friar Tuck married Alan a'Dale and Alice in Sherwood Forest. at Papplewick Church. in Barnsdale.



# Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition $(\hat{\gamma}_{ij})$ . Choose from the tree below.

- a. Robin and Marian were walking ..... the forest.
- b. They saw a young man sitting ...... a river.
- **c.** The archers hid ...... the church and all ..... it.
- d. She had flowers ..... her hair.
- e. 'There is no love ...... that old man and this young woman.'
- f. Robin's men pointed their bows and arrows ...... the guards.
- g. The bishop ran ..... of the church shouting.





Choose the words from the target that describe these characters and write them under the pictures. Some words can be used more than once.

beautiful
played the lyre
expert with the sword
pale unhappy sad
kind sang gentle
wore a white dress
young







Now	write	a f	ew	sentences	describing	each	character.
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- a. Marian
- **b.** Alan a'Dale .....
- **c.** Alice .....



# A Stranger in the forest



ne evening Robin was hunting in the forest. He saw a knight riding an old, tired horse. The knight wore the red cross <sup>1</sup> of the Crusader.

'Good evening, young man,' said the knight.
'What is the name of this forest?'

'This is Sherwood Forest, sir,' answered Robin.

'I have come from the Holy Land. I was there for many years. I fought many wars against the Turks. Now I am very tired and hungry,' said the knight.

Robin said, 'Brave knight, come and eat with me and my men. You can stay with us tonight.'

'Thank you for your offer 2. I am happy to accept it.'

1. cross:十字架。

2. offer: 提供帮助。

The two men rode through the forest together. Robin told the stranger about greedy King John and his wicked sheriff. He told him how the poor people suffered. He explained why he became an outlaw. The stranger listened carefully.

There was a good meal of roast pork <sup>1</sup> that evening. The stranger liked the merry company of Robin, Marian and the outlaws. He talked about his adventures in the Holy Land.

At the end of the meal, Robin stood up and said, 'Let us drink to good King Richard, and to his return!'

Everyone cheered and drank to good King Richard and to his return.

Then the stranger stood up, took off his head-covering, and said, 'My friends, I must tell you the truth. I am not a knight. I am your King Richard, also called the Lionheart!'

There was silence for a moment. The surprise was so great! Then everyone at the table cheered and cried, 'Welcome home, King Richard!'

Everyone knelt <sup>2</sup> down. Robin said, 'We thank God for King Richard's return.'

'I am a lucky <sup>3</sup> king. I have loyal people,' said King Richard, with tears in his eyes. 'I know that my brother John and his men are dishonest <sup>4</sup> and greedy. Now I am here to punish the bad and bring justice to all.'

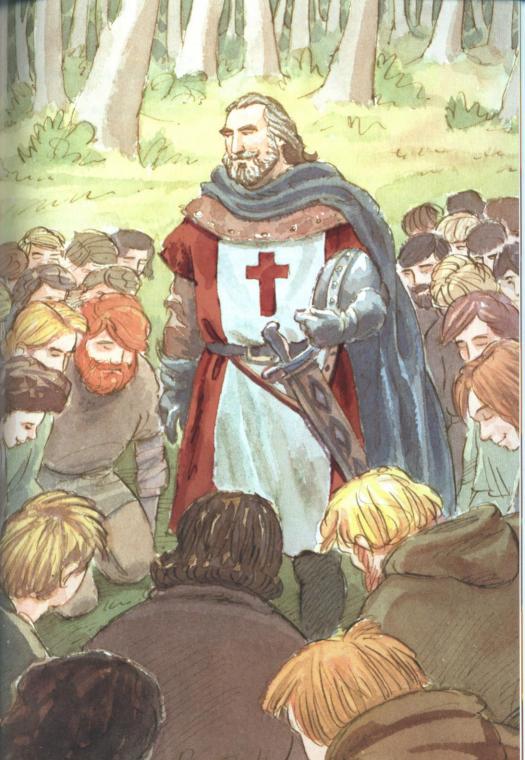
King Richard looked at everyone and said, 'You are not outlaws anymore. You are now free men and all friends of mine. Robin, the lands of Locksley are yours again! You can all leave Sherwood

1. roast pork: 烤肉。

2. knelt: 跪下。

3. lucky:幸运的。

4. dishonest: 不诚实的。





Forest and live as free men.' There was great excitement 1 in the air.

That night, King Richard slept in Sherwood Forest. The following morning he rode to Nottingham with Robin, Marian and his friends of Sherwood Forest.

When the Sheriff saw them, he ran away and never returned!

After the King's return, Robin, Marian and Little John went to Locksley. They lived a long and happy life. Some of the outlaws returned to their old homes and villages. Some went looking for adventure. Others became soldiers in the King's army.

In everyone's heart, there was a beautiful memory <sup>2</sup> of the years spent in Sherwood Forest.



1. excitement:兴奋。

2. memory:回忆。

#### UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT



#### Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a. The knight wore the red / blue cross of the Crusader. He fought many wars against the Turks / Egyptians.
- b. Robin invited the knight to visit / eat with him and his men.
- c. Robin told the stranger about good / greedy King John.
- **d.** There was a good meal of roast pork that evening / afternoon.
- e. Robin said, 'Let us drink to good King Richard and to his victory / return.'
- f. The stranger sat down / stood up and said, 'I am not a Crusader / knight. I am your King Richard, also called the Lionheart / Brave Lion.'
- g. Everyone at the table cried / shouted for joy.
- h. King Richard said, 'I am here to punish the sheriff / bad and bring justice to the poor / all.'
- i. After the King's return, Robin, Marian and Little John went to live in *Locksley / the Holy Land*.



# Fill in the gaps with the words below.

#### who when where why what

a. ..... was Robin hunting? He was hunting one evening. **b.** ..... was riding an old, tired horse? A knight was riding an old, tired horse. c. ..... did he come from? He came from the Holy Land. d. ..... did he do in the Holy Land? He fought against the Turks in the Holy Land. e. ..... did Robin thank God? He thanked God for King Richard's return. f. ..... was King Richard's other name? His other name was the Lionheart. g. ..... did King Richard sleep? He slept in Sherwood Forest. h. ..... went to live in Locksley? Robin, Marian and Little John went to live in Locksley.



#### WHO ARE THEY?

Read the clues and decide who the person is. The names you need are in the sword.

Little John King John Sheriff of Nottingham Marian

Friar Tuck Lord Robert Fitzwater King Richard Alan a'Dale

W)	ho
<b>a</b> .	played the lyre; sang songs; loved Alice?
b.	was very fat; had a quarrel with his abbot?
Э.	was kind and gentle to all; and was Robin's wife?
ı.	wanted his daughter to marry Sir Guy of Gisbourne?
е.	was in the Holy Land; fought against the Turks?
ľ.	was enormous and strong; made swords?
g.	was a greedy King; made the people pay high taxes?
h.	was wicked rode naked through the streets?

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# How many words with 3 or more letters can you make with this title?

ROBIN HOOD AND HIS OUTLAWS					
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# Here is one of the most popular ballads about Robin Hood:

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through the glen, Robin Hood, Robin Hood, with his Merry Men; Feared by the bad, loved by the good, Robin Hood, Robin Hood.

1. glen:峽谷。

# King John and the Magna Carta

fter the death of King
Richard in 1199, King John
became the King of England.

He liked hunting and taking baths <sup>1</sup>! Almost no one took baths at that time. He lost most of the lands England had in France. His people paid very high taxes. There was little justice during this rule. He never followed the laws <sup>2</sup>.

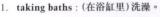
Nobody liked King John. His noblemen decided to change things. They made a document<sup>3</sup> and forced <sup>4</sup>

King John to sign 5 it. This famous charter 6 was called the Magna Carta.

King John signed it at Runnymede on 15th June 1215.

The Magna Carta limited <sup>7</sup> the king's control over others. The Great Council became stronger. The Great Council was composed of <sup>8</sup>





2. followed the laws: 遵守法律。

3. document:文件。

4. forced:强迫。



5. sign: 签名。

6. charter: 宪章。

7. limited:限制。

8. was composed of:由…组成。

nobles, abbots and bishops.

The Magna Carta was an important step towards democracy  $^{\scriptscriptstyle \perp}$  and justice.

When King John died in 1216, his country was divided by a civil war <sup>2</sup>. His people were not sorry that he was dead.



A 14th century illustration of John's favourite pastime: hunting.

A Medieval picture of King John.

1. democracy:民主。

2. civil war: 内战。

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#### Choose the correct answer.

a. King John was King Richard's

father.
uncle.
brother.

b. He liked hunting and

taking baths.
archery contests.
singing.

c. Nobody liked King John because

he made his people pay high taxes.
he enjoyed a life of leisure.

he was always at war.



The ruins of the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds, where the noblemen created the Magna Carta.

d.	His noblemen created a document called the Magna (	Tanta.
	which helped the poor.	Jai ta
	which limited the king's power.	
	which limited the Sheriff of Nottingham's power.	
e.	They forced King John to sign it at Runnymede at Christmas 1215.	•
	on 12th June 1215.	
	on 15th June 1215.	
f.	The Magna Carta was an important step towards civil war.	
	freedom of speech.	
	democracy and justice.	

Make a short summary about King John and the Magna Carta. Use words like 'and', 'but' and 'then' to connect the parts of the summary. You can use your own words too. The first part is done for you. In 1199, King John became the King of England.

# **EXIT TEST**

#### CONTEXT



#### Match the correct parts of the sentences:

- 1. Robin Hood lived
- 2. A crusade was
- **3.** King Richard was also called **c.** in Sherwood Forest.
- 5. The Crusaders went

- a. the Lionheart.
- b. the King's power.
- 4. The Magna Carta limited d. to fight in the Holy Land.
  - e. a religious war.

#### COMPREHENSION



Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

		T	F
a.	Robin Hood and his outlaws took from the rich to give to the poor.		
b.	Little John was a small, weak man.		
c.	Robin carried Friar Tuck across a bridge.		
đ.	King John and the Sheriff of Nottingham were Robin's enemies.		
e.	King John wanted to capture Robin Hood, dead or alive!		
f.	Maid Marian married Sir Guy of Gisbourne.		
g.	Robin went to the archery competition disguised as a beggar.		
h.	Friar Tuck married Alan a'Dale and Alice at Papplewick Church.		
i.	The Crusader that Robin met in the forest was good King John.		
j.	King Richard returned to punish the bad and bring justice to all.		

#### GRAMMAR



# Fill in the gaps with the correct superlative. Use the adjective in brackets.

- **f.** Dinner was the (bad) ..... meal of the day.

#### ODD ONE OUT!



# Circle the word that doesn't belong to the group. Then use that word to fill in a sentence below.

- a. sugar rice apricots perfumes lemons
- b. warrior prison king sheriff friar
- c. Jerusalem Latin French English Spanish
- d. abbey bridge monastery church cathedral
- 1. Pilgrims visited ......
- 2. The Crusaders brought ..... back to Europe.
- 3. Robin and Little John fought on a ......
- 4. King Richard remained in ...... for fourteen months.



#### Who was your favourite character and why?



What was your favourite part of the story?

# Robin Hood

# KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

#### KEY TO THE EXERCISES

#### BEFORE READING

#### Page 9 Exercise 1

a. 6

b. 1

c. 5

**d.** 2

e. 3f. 4

#### Page 9 Exercise 2

Open answer.

#### Page 9 Exercise 3

Open answer.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### Page 16 Exercise 1

a. Robert

b. near the end of the 12th century

c. on a crusade

d. King Richard's brother

e. greedy and cruel

f. with his servants

g. take from the rich and give to the

h. in caverns

#### Page 17 Exercise 2

a. of

b. warm

c. summer

d. Sherwood

e. Nottingham

#### Page 17 Exercise 3

cruel - kind

end - beginning

fat - thin

small - big

new - old

dry - wet

easy - difficult

#### Page 18 Exercise 4

a. His

b. My, our

c. his

d. his

e. his, their

#### Page 18 Exercise 5

near, Robert, England, was, years, king, poor, paid, Many

#### CHAPTER 2

#### Page 23 Exercise 1

a. stream, small

b. young

c. bridge

d. long

e. water

f. King Richard's, join

g. hiding place

h. sword maker, kind

#### Page 23 Exercise 2

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#### Page 24 Exercises 3 and 4

King John: cruel, greedy Sheriff of Nottingham: arrogant, brutal, greedy

Robin Hood: honest, friendly, good archer

Little John: honest, enormous, friendly, kind

#### Page 24 Exercise 5

Open answer.

#### Page 25 Exercise 6

- a. uninteresting
- b. uncomfortable
- c. unkind
- d. unpopular
- e. unusual
- f. undecided

#### THE CRUSADES

#### Page 30 Exercise 1

- a. religious war
- b. pilgrims
- c. were conquered by the Turks
- d. did not like the Christians
- e. to preserve food
- f. started in 1096
- g. alone
- h. Christians could visit Jerusalem freely

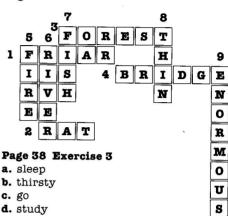
#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### Page 36 Exercise 1

- a. man, cavern
- b. fat, fishing

- c. carry, across
- d. Can, river
- e. enormous, difficulty
- f. threw
- g. angry, smiled
- h. quarrel, escaped
- i. promised

#### Page 37 Exercise 2



#### Page 39 Exercise 4

a. Will Scarlett

e. sit down f. dictionary

- b. Friar Tuck
- c. Little John
- d. Friar Tuck
- e. The Sheriff of Nottingham
- f. King John
- g. Little John
- h. Robin Hood

#### WHO WERE THE CRUSADERS?

#### Page 41 Exercise 1

- a. T
- **b.** F The Turks were the enemy of the Crusaders.
- c. T
- **d.** F Every Crusader wore a red cross on his breast.
- **e.** F-Crusaders had a shield and a big sword.
- f. T

#### Page 41 Exercise 2

1. left

3. went 4. wore 5. had 6. hung 7. brought 8. rode 2 9. walked W 10. died 6 A 11. returned H 11 N В R U 0 G H T 4 E N 10 E 3 W EN T G D D 0 U I R 8 R 0 D E 1 L F T N D 5 H E W A L KE

#### CHAPTER 4

D

#### Page 45 Exercise 1

- a. T
- **b.** F Robin was the hero of the poor.
- c. F All the rich fravellers who passed through Sherwood Forest paid 'The sherwood Tax'
- d. T
- **e.** F The Sheriff was furious because the people laughed at him.
- f. T
- g. T

#### Page 45 Exercise 2

- a. traveller
- b. soldiers
- c. castle
- d. Sherwood
- e. dead
- f. furious

Robin was the best archer.

#### Page 46 Exercise 3

- a. poor
- b. kind
- c. clothes
- d. swords

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#### Page 46 Exercise 4

- a. swords
- b. taxes

e. taxes

f. England

- c. clothes
- d. poor
- e. kind
- f. England

#### Page 47 Exercise 5

When the adjective ends in consonant **y**, for example 'friendly', change the **y** to **i** and add **est.** 

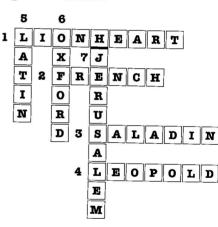
- a. worst; b. tallest; c. heaviest;
- d. nearest; e. best; f. longest

#### Page 48 Exercise 6

impossible, people, capture, loved, him, castle, people, outlaws, enemy, gold, bring, life

### KING RICHARD, THE LIONHEART

#### Page 51 Exercise 1



#### Page 52 Exercise 2

Dear Berengaria,

When I left you, I organized a fleet and an army. Then I went to the Holy Land to fight. I fought for a long time, but I did not free Jerusalem.

Duke Leopold of Austria captured me when I was returning from the Holy Land. He put me in a dark prison. Now the Duke wants a big sum of money to free me.

When I leave this prison, I want to go to France.

I am tired and unhappy in this prison.

Your husband, Richard

#### **CHAPTER 5**

#### Page 57 Exercise 1

- a. Marian and Mark Fitzwater
- b. to marry Sir Guy of Gisbourne
- c. to run away and join him in Sherwood Forest
- d. knight
- e. beggar
- f. Robin fell to the ground
- g. Robin recognised her
- h. Marian and Robin were finally together

#### Page 58 Exercise 2

- a. Robin Hood; b. Little John;
- c. Robin Hood; d. Friar Tuck;
- e. King John; f. Marian;
- g. Lord Fitzwater; h. Friar Tuck.

#### Page 59 Exercise 3

- a. taught; b. heard, was; c. took, went; d. met; e. fell; f. took off;
- g. kissed; h. was

#### Page 60 Exercise 4

Dear father,

I do not want to marry Sir Guy of Gisbourne because I do not love him. Robin is my true love.

I am taking my horse and I am going to Sherwood Forest.

Robin lives in the forest.

Please do not be angry with me and Robin.

I am happy with him. I will visit you at Christmas.

Your daughter, Marian

#### CHAPTER 6

#### Page 65 Exercise 1

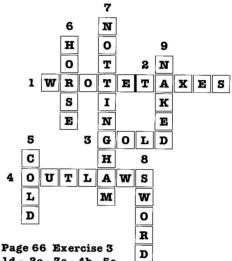
**a.** F – The people called Robin the Sheriff of Sherwood Forest.

**b.** Т

- е. Т
- **d.** F The outlaws captured the Sheriff.
- e. T
- **f.** F The outlaws decided to kill the Sheriff.
- g. F Robin said, 'Give us everything you have. Then return to Nottingham naked.'

h. T

#### Page 66 Exercise 2



#### 1d - 2e - 3a - 4b - 5c.

- Page 67 Exercise 4
  a. the people's money
- b. the King's sword
- c. the knight's horse
- d. Marian's father
- e. the Sheriff's clothes
- f. the dog's head

#### CHAPTER 7

#### Page 73 Exercise 1

- a. capture
- b. archery, archers
- c. messengers, everyone
- d. news
- e. peasant, red
- f. targets
- g. Guards

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#### Page 74 Exercise 2

- 1. bow
- 2. arrow
- 3. horn
- 4. target

Something every country has: FLAG

#### Page 74 Exercise 3

1d - 2e - 3f - 4a - 5g - 6b - 7c.

#### Page 75 Exercise 4

- a. will rain
- b. will speak
- c. will be
- d. will return
- e. will win

#### Page 76 Exercise 5

- a. Sheriff of Nottingham
- b. Robin Hood
- c. Marian
- d. Friar Tuck
- e. Robin Hood
- f. Robin's men
- g. Sheriff of Nottingham

#### CHAPTER 8

#### Page 80 Exercise 1

- a. singing a sad song
- b. but her father wants her to marry
- a rich old baron.'
- c. help him with a plan
- **d.** they hid inside the church and all around it
- e. Robin stood up and spoke
- f. 'Guards, arrest this peasant!'
- g. at the guards
- h. at Papplewick Church

#### Page 81 Exercise 2

- a. through
- b. near
- c. inside, around
- d. in
- e. between
- f. at
- g. out
- h. with

#### Page 82 Exercise 3

Marian: beautiful, expert with the

sword, kind, gentle, young Alan a'Dale: played the lyre, unhappy, sang, young

Alice: beautiful, pale, sad, wore a white dress, young

#### CHAPTER 9

#### Page 87 Exercise 1

- a. red, Turks
- b. eat
- c. greedy
- d. evening
- e. return
- f. stood up, knight, Lionheart
- g. shouted for joy
- h. bad, all
- i. Locksley

#### Page 88 Exercise 2

- a. When
- b. Who
- c. Where
- d. What
- e. Why
- f. What
- g. Where
- h. Who

#### Page 89 Exercise 3

- a. Alan a'Dale
- b. Friar Tuck
- c. Marian
- d. Lord Robert Fitzwater
- e. King Richard
- f. Little John
- g. King John
- h. Sheriff of Nottingham

#### Page 90 Exercise 4

Open answer.

### KING JOHN AND THE MAGNA

#### Page 93 Exercise 1

- a. brother
- b. taking baths
- c. he made his people pay high taxes
- d. which limited the king's power
- e. on 15th June 1215
- f. democracy and justice

#### Key To exit test

- 1. 1.c 2.e 3.a 4.b 5.d
- 2. a. T
  - b. F He was an enormous, strong man.
  - c. F He carried him across the river.
  - d. T
  - e. T
  - f. F She didn't want to marry him because she loved Robin Hood.
  - g. F He went disguised as a peasant.
  - h. T
  - i. F He was good King Richard.
  - j. T
- 3. a. best b. fattest c. friendliest d. nearest e. happiest f. worst
- 4. a. perfumes b. prison c. Jerusalem d. bridge
  - 1. Jerusalem 2. perfumes 3. bridge 4. prison
- 5. Open answer.
- 6. Open answer.









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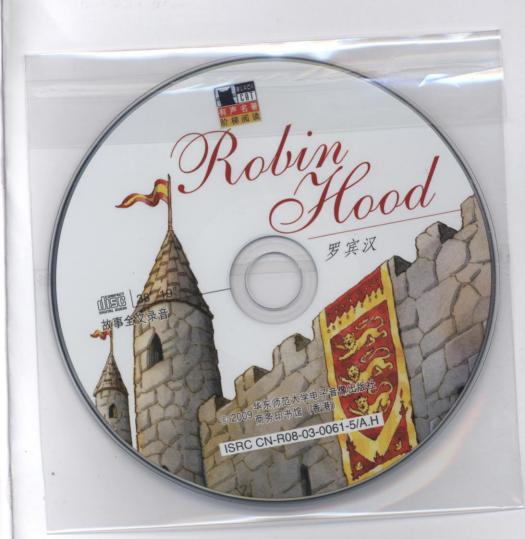
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