

'THE HOBBIT' by Tolkien
CHAPTER 1: 'AN UNEXPECTED PARTY', *more extracts*

Comme nous l'avons vu dans le texte de présentation 'Concerning Hobbits', les Hobbits sont de gros mangeurs, bon-vivants et fiers de l'être : "...ils aimaient les simples facéties en tout temps et six repas par jour (quand ils pouvaient les avoir)...".

Le volume 1 du 'Seigneur des anneaux' commence d'ailleurs par la grande réception de Bilbo, où les Hobbits venus par centaines mangent et boivent tout au long de la journée. Nulle surprise alors que, dès le premier chapitre de 'The Hobbit', le lecteur soit plongé dans la cuisine de Bilbo alors que les nains (dwarves) arrivent les uns après les autres, accueillis par Gandalf.

"What on earth did I ask him to tea for!" Bilbo said to himself, as he went to the pantry. He had only just had breakfast, but he thought a cake or two and a drink of something would do him good.

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Just before tea-time there came a tremendous ring on the front-door bell, and then he remembered! He rushed and put on the kettle, and put out another cup and saucer and an extra cake or two, and ran to the door.

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Some dwarves called for ale, and some for porter, and one for coffee, and all of them for cakes; so the hobbit was kept very busy for a while. A big jug of coffee had just been set in the hearth, the seed-cakes were gone, and the dwarves were starting on a round of buttered scones.

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"Now we are all here!" said Gandalf, I hope there is something left for the late-comers to eat and drink! What's that? Tea! No thank you! A little red wine, I think, for me."

"And for me," said Thorin.

"And raspberry jam and apple-tart," said Bifur.

"And mince-pies and cheese," said Bofur.

"And pork-pie and salad," said Bombur.

"And more cakes - and ale - and coffee, if you don't mind," called the other dwarves through the door.

"Put on a few eggs, there's a good fellow!" Gandalf called after him, as the hobbit stumped off to the pantries. "And just bring out the cold chicken and pickles!"

"Seems to know as much about the inside of my larders as I do myself!" thought Mr. Baggins, who was feeling positively flummoxed, and was beginning to wonder whether a most wretched adventure had not come right into his house. By the time he had got all the bottles and dishes and knives and forks and glasses and plates and spoons and things piled up on big trays, he was getting very hot, and red in the face, and annoyed.

Gandalf sat at the head of the party with the thirteen, dwarves all round: and Bilbo sat on a stool at the fireside, nibbling at a biscuit (his appetite was quite taken away), and trying to look as if this was all perfectly ordinary and not in the least an adventure. The dwarves ate and ate, and talked and talked, and time got on. At last they pushed their chairs back, and Bilbo made a move to collect the plates and glasses.

"I suppose you will all stay to supper?" he said in his politest unpressing tones.

"Of course!" said Thorin. "And after. We shan't get through the business till late, and we must have some music first. Now to clear up!"

Thereupon the twelve dwarves-not Thorin, he was too important, and stayed talking to Gandalf-jumped to their feet and made tall piles of all the things. Off they went, not waiting for trays, balancing columns of plates, each with a bottle on the top, with one hand, while the hobbit ran after them almost squeaking with fright: "please be careful!" and "please, don't trouble! I can manage."

Lisez ces extraits du chapitre 1 et répondez aux questions en français et justifiez en anglais en citant le texte.

A. Où Bilbo conserve-t-il ses provisions ? _____ Justifie : « _____ »

B. Quels différents repas de la journée sont évoqués dans ces extraits ?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____




Justifie : 1. « _____ » 2. « _____ » 3. « _____ »

C. Quels sont les aliments cités ? Classez-les dans la bonne catégorie.


ALIMENTS SUCRÉS	JUSTIFICATIONS
1. _____	1. « _____ »
2. _____	2. « _____ »
3. _____	3. « _____ »
4. _____	4. « _____ »
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ALIMENTS SALÉS	JUSTIFICATIONS
1. _____	1. « _____ »
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4. _____	4. « _____ »
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6. _____	6. « _____ »
7. _____	7. « _____ »

D. Quels récipients servent aux différentes boissons ?

E. Quels sont les récipients et ustensiles qui permettent de manger cités dans les extraits ?

F. Cite un passage qui prouve que Bilbo est gourmand :

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