

'THE HOBBIT' by Tolkien
CHAPTER 5: 'RIDDLES IN THE DARK', extracts

There are strange things living in the pools and lakes in the hearts of mountains. /.../

Deep down here by the dark water lived old Gollum, a small slimy creature. I don't know where he came from, nor who or what he was. He was Gollum - as dark as darkness, except for two big round pale eyes in his thin face. He had a little boat, and he rowed about quite quietly on the lake; for lake it was, wide and deep and deadly cold. He paddled it with large feet dangling over the side, but never a ripple did he make. Not he. He was looking out of his pale lamp-like eyes for blind fish, which he grabbed with his long fingers as quick as thinking. He liked meat too. Goblin he thought good, when he could get it; but he took care they never found him out. /.../ Sometimes he took a fancy for fish from the lake, and sometimes neither goblin nor fish came back.

Actually Gollum lived on a slimy island of rock in the middle of the lake. He was watching Bilbo now from the distance with his pale eyes like telescopes. Bilbo could not see him, but he was wondering a lot about Bilbo, for he could see that he was no goblin at all.

Gollum got into his boat and shot off from the island, while Bilbo was sitting on the brink altogether flummoxed and at the end of his way and his wits. Suddenly up came Gollum and whispered and hissed:

"Bless us and splash us, my precioussss! I guess it's a choice feast; at least a tasty morsel it'd make us, gollum!" And when he said gollum he made a horrible swallowing noise in his throat. That is how he got his name, though he always called himself 'my precious.'

The hobbit jumped nearly out of his skin when the hiss came in his ears, and he suddenly saw the pale eyes sticking out at him.

"Who are you?" he said, thrusting his dagger in front of him.

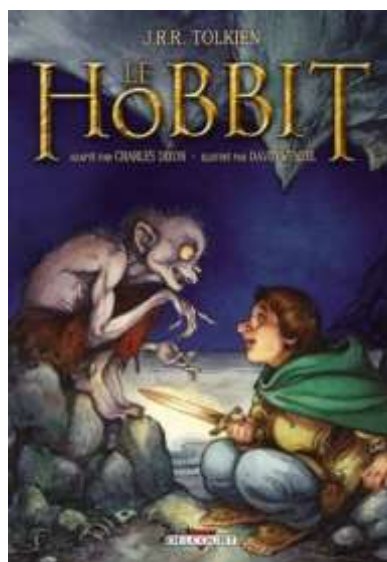
"What iss he, my precious?" whispered Gollum (who always spoke to himself through never having anyone else to speak to). This is what he had come to find out, for he was not really very hungry at the moment, only curious; otherwise he would have grabbed first and whispered afterwards.

"I am Mr. Bilbo Baggins. I have lost the dwarves and I have lost the wizard, and I don't know where I am; and "I don't want to know, if only I can get away."

"What's he got in his handses?" said Gollum, looking at the sword, which he did not quite like.

"A sword, a blade which came out of Gondolin!"

"Sssss," said Gollum, and became quite polite.



Lisez ces passages du chapitre 5.
Répondez aux questions en français et justifiez en anglais en citant le texte.

A. Où vit Gollum ? a. _____

Justification 1 : « _____ »

b. _____

Justification 2 : « _____ »

B. Gollum n'est pas très âgé. O vrai O faux

Justifiez : « _____ »

C. Retrouvez quatre caractéristiques physiques de Gollum :

DESCRIPTION PHYSIQUE	JUSTIFICATIONS
1. _____	1. « _____ »
2. _____	2. « _____ »
3. _____	3. « _____ »
4. _____	4. « _____ »
5. _____	5. « _____ »

D. Le physique de Gollum vous paraît : O correctement proportionné O disproportionné

E. Quel élément du physique de Gollum impressionne le plus Bilbo ?

O ses pieds O ses yeux O ses doigts O son visage

Justification 1 : « _____ »

Justification 2 : « _____ »

Justification 3 : « _____ »

Justification 4 : « _____ »

F. À quel animal vous fait penser la façon de s'exprimer de Gollum ? _____

Justification 1 : « _____ »

Justification 2 : « _____ »

G. Quels sont les aliments préférés de Gollum ?

a. _____ Justifiez : « _____ »

b. _____ Justifiez : « _____ »

H. Dans ces extraits Gollum n'a pas faim. O vrai O faux

Justifiez : « _____ »

I. Lorsque Gollum s'approche de Bilbo, il pense d'abord à le manger. O vrai O faux

Justification : « _____ »

J. Bilbo sait très bien où il se trouve car il est toujours avec les nains et Gandalf. O vrai O faux

Justification : « _____ »

K. En quête de vocabulaire. Retrouvez les mots signifiant :

1. visqueux = _____

2. siffler = _____

3. murmurer = _____

4. un magicien = _____

5. s'enfuir = _____

6. une épée = _____