

CONCERNING HOBBITS

from 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings'
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The regions in which Hobbits originally lived were in the North-West of the Old World, east of the Sea. Then they crossed the Misty Mountains to settle into Eriador, in a well-ordered and well-farmed countryside (their favourite place).

Hobbits were a very ancient people who loved peace, quiet and genealogy. They were not very passionate about learning and although they were skilful with tools, they did not understand or like machines more complicated than a water-mill.

Hobbits were divided into three different breeds : Harfoots, Stoors and Fallohides. The Hartfoots were the smallest and they were beardless and bootless; they preferred highlands and hillsides. They were the most representative variety of Hobbits. The Stoors were the heaviest in build; they preferred flat lands and riversides. They were friendly with Men. The Fallohides were the tallest and slimmest group. They were lovers of trees and woodlands. They were friendly with Elves.

All breeds of Hobbits were quick of hearing and possessed the art of disappearing rapidly and silently when big creatures walked near them. This art they developed until to Men it may seem magical. But Hobbits never had, in fact, studied magic of any kind.

They were a merry little folk, smaller than Dwarves, as their height usually ranged between 60 and 90 cm. They dressed in bright colours (they were fond of yellow and green). They rarely wore shoes because their feet grew natural leathering soles and thick warm brown hair, like the curly hair of their heads. They had long dexterous fingers and good-natured faces. They were bright-eyed, red-cheeked and their mouths liked laughing, eating and drinking. And Hobbits often laughed, ate, drank as they were hospitable and as they delighted in parties (they were crazy about Gandalf's famous fireworks) while having six meals a day: breakfast, second breakfast, elevenses, luncheon, afternoon tea and supper; supplemented with plenty of snacks in between. No wonder they were inclined to be fat in the stomach.



Hobbits lived quietly in Middle-Earth for many long years – they did not want any adventures. In fact, the world was so full of strange creatures that these little people seemed of very little importance. But in the days of Bilbo, and of Frodo his heir, they suddenly became both important and renowned ...

A. GEOGRAPHY

1. En anglais, le terme 'land', qui signifie 'terre', est souvent utilisé pour la fabrication de noms composés : 'landscape' (paysage) est un exemple. Trouvez-en 3 autres dans le 3^{ème} paragraphe:

mountain = forest = plain =

2. Découvrirez-vous les 3 autres lieux géographiques qui ont une terminaison commune (paragraphe 1 et 3) ?

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(campagne) (flancs de coteau) (bords de rivière)

B. COMPREHENSION (complétez EN FRANÇAIS)

1. Les Hobbits ont traversé les Misty Mountains pour s'installer dans l'Eriador. O vrai O faux

Justifie en citant le texte : '.....'

2. Ils se sont installés dans la Terre du Milieu (Middle-Earth) depuis de nombreux siècles. O vrai O faux

Justifie en citant le texte : '.....'

3. **Les différentes familles de Hobbits.** Réponds aux questions et justifie.

- Qui sont les plus petits Hobbits ? Justification : ‘ ’
 Qui sont les plus grands Hobbits ? Justification : ‘ ’
 Qui sont les plus costauds ? Justification : ‘ ’
 Qui sont les amis des Hommes ? Justification : ‘ ’
 Qui sont les amis des Elfes? Justification : ‘ ’

4. Repérez 6 éléments de la **description physique** des Hobbits :

- a. Justification : ‘ ’
 b. Justification : ‘ ’
 c. Justification : ‘ ’
 d. Justification : ‘ ’
 e. Justification : ‘ ’
 f. Justification : ‘ ’

5. Que pouvez-vous dire de **leurs vêtements** ?

- a. Justification : ‘ ’
 b. Justification : ‘ ’

6. Complétez ce tableau **en français**:

SEPT CHOSES QU’ILS AIMENT	3 CHOSES QU’ILS N’AIMENT PAS
1.	1.
2.	
3.	2.
4.	
5.	3.
6.	
7.	

7. **Are these sentences right or wrong ?**

- a. Hobbits were not a happy people. right wrong
 Justify : ‘ ’
 b. Hobbits could develop the art of magic. right wrong
 Justify : ‘ ’
 c. They could escape without making a lot noise. right wrong
 Justify : ‘ ’
 d. They didn’t eat a lot. right wrong
 - Justify : ‘ ’
 - Justify : ‘ ’
 e. With Bilbo and Frodo, Hobbits became famous. right wrong
 Justify : ‘ ’