

JOHN RONALD REUEL TOLKIEN



John Ronald Reuel Tolkien _____ (be) English, but he was born in South Africa in 1892. Both his parents _____ (die) when he was a boy, so he _____ (live) with his aunt in England. After he _____ (leave) school he _____ (go) to Oxford University and _____ (study) English. Then he _____ (get) a job as a teacher at the university.

Tolkien _____ (have) four children and he often _____ (tell) them stories. They really _____ (enjoy) one story. It _____ (start): 'In a hole in the ground lived a hobbit...?'. This story _____ (become) Tolkien's first book, *The Hobbit*. He later _____ (write) *The Lord of the Rings*. Both books _____ (be) fantastically popular, especially in the USA. Tolkien _____ (become) rich and famous, but he _____ (hate) being well known.

Tolkien _____ (create) an imaginary world called 'Middle Earth' for his stories. He _____ (invent) special languages for Middle Earth, and he _____ (can) speak and write these languages! He _____ (die) in 1973. Thirty years later, the New Zealand film director, Peter Jackson _____ (make) three films of *The Lord of the Rings*. They were big hits all over the world. Peter Jackson later _____ (make) another series of three films called *The Hobbit*, about the hobbit Bilbo Baggins which _____ (come) out in 2012.

Answer the questions.

- 1 What nationality was Tolkien? _____
- 2 What did he study at Oxford University? _____
- 3 Where did he work? _____
- 4 Who liked his stories? _____
- 5 What was the name of his first book? _____
- 6 What did he create in his books? _____
- 7 How old was he when he died? _____
- 8 Who was the director of *The Lord of the Rings* film? _____



PAST SIMPLE TENSE – NEGATIVE FORM

I	WAS NOT	
HE	WASN'T	at home.
SHE		English.
IT		at school.
WE	WERE NOT	my friend.
YOU	WEREN'T	
THEY		

HE	DID NOT	VISIT
SHE		LIVE
IT		STUDY
WE	DIDN'T	COME
YOU		GO
THEY		MAKE
		HAVE

False statements.

Eg. Tolkien was German. F He wasn't German.

His parents died when he was a baby. F His parents didn't die when he was a baby.

- 1 Tolkien was born in Germany. _____
- 2 He lived with his older brother. _____
- 3 He studied History and Art. _____
- 4 He had three children. _____
- 5 He wrote the book, Harry Potter. _____
- 6 He loved being famous. _____
- 7 He could speak Chinese. _____
- 8 Peter Jackson made only one film. _____