

## 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

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| I<br>HE<br>SHE<br>IT | <b>WAS NOT<br/>WASN'T</b>   | at home.<br>English.<br>at school.<br>my friend. |
| WE<br>YOU<br>THEY    | <b>WERE NOT<br/>WEREN'T</b> |                                                  |

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| HE<br>SHE<br>IT<br>WE<br>YOU<br>THEY | <b>DID NOT<br/>DIDN'T</b> | <b>VISIT<br/>LIVE<br/>STUDY<br/>COME<br/>GO<br/>MAKE<br/>HAVE</b> |
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### 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. \_\_\_\_\_