

Reading Test

Read the text

Robin of Sherwood Forest

After Duke William conquered England he took away lands and houses, money and cattle from the Anglo-Saxons and gave them to the Normans. Many poor Anglo-Saxons became the serfs of the Normans. Two different peoples lived in England at that time, each spoke their own language, and each hated the other. This went on for a very long time. Robin Hood was a legendary hero of those times. He was well-known and loved by the poor people of England. He was tall, strong and handsome, and his songs were heard everywhere. He was brave too and there was no better archer in that part of the country. He was also kind and never hurt the weak or the poor.

One day the Normans came with many soldiers to Robin's house. There was a terrible fight in which Robin's father was killed. The Normans took everything from the house and burnt it down. Only Robin was saved, because he fought so bravely that no soldier could go near him, kill him or take him like a prisoner. But when Robin saw that his father was dead and that his house was burnt down he stopped fighting and ran away to the great forest of Sherwood.

Many other Saxons, who were oppressed by the Normans, soon learned that Robin was in Sherwood Forest. A great number of poor men joined him. In a short time there were very many men in the forest who wanted to take revenge upon the oppressors. They made Robin Hood their leader. The poor people loved Robin and his men whom they called the Merry Men. Robin became known as Robin of Sherwood Forest or Robin Hood.

1. Are the sentences true or false?

- _____ 1. The Normans owned lands, houses, money and cattle which were taken from the native people.
- _____ 2. Many poor Anglo-Saxons became the serfs.
- _____ 3. The Anglo-Saxons and the Normans spoke the same language.
- _____ 4. The Anglo-Saxons and the Normans didn't like each other.
- _____ 5. Robin Hood was a serf.
- _____ 6. Nobody knew about him.
- _____ 7. Poor people loved Robin Hood.
- _____ 8. He could sing very well.
- _____ 9. Robin fought with the Normans very bravely.
- _____ 10. After Robin's father had been killed, he went to the great forest of Sherwood.
- _____ 11. Robin became the leader of the men who wanted to beat the oppressors.
- _____ 12. Robin's men were called the Merry Men.

2. Finish the sentences.

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| 1. After England had been conquered by the Normans, many poor... | a) Robin of Sherwood Forest. |
| 2. People who lived in England at that time... | b) to the forest known as Sherwood. |
| 3. Robin Hood was a ... | c) Anglo-Saxons became serfs. |
| 4. He was well-known and ... | d) was burnt down. |
| 5. People heard his songs ... | e) legendary hero. |
| 6. Robin Hood was the best ... | f) killed his father. |
| 7. He never ... | g) poor people liked Robin. |
| 8. One day the Normans ... | h) spoke different languages. |
| 9. The house where Robin lived ... | i) archer in that part of the country. |
| 10. Robin ran away ... | j) in different parts of England. |
| 11. Many people joined ... | k) hurt the weak or the poor. |
| 12. People knew him as ... | l) Robin in the forest. |

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