Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow

Robin Hood was a legendary hero who was loved by the poor people of England. He and his Merry Men lived in Sherwood Forest. When the poor were oppressed by the rich, he gave them food and shelter. The Sheriff of Nottingham, who was as sly as a fox, tried to arrest him but never succeeded in doing it.

At last the Sheriff decided to hold an archery contest. The prize was a golden arrow. He knew that Robin Hood was a famous archer and hoped to catch him. The risk was great but it was decided that Robin and his men would take part in the contest.

The town was decorated with flags and the field was full of people. The Sheriff knew that Robin Hood and his men were always dressed in green, so he looked everywhere for them but couldn't find anybody dressed in that colour.

The contest was won by a fellow dressed in red, who had come from a village with a whole company of young men. He received the beautiful golden arrow and left the town. Nobody ever thought that it was Robin Hood. As he was leaving the town, Robin shot an arrow through the Sheriff's open window. There was a paper attached to it with the following words: "Robin Hood thanks the Sheriff for the Golden Arrow."

III Choose True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).

1. Robin Hood's parents lived in London. ____
2. The Sheriff was fond of Robin and his men. ____
3. Robin Hood was good at shooting. ____
4. The contest took place in Nottingham. ____
5. The winner of the contest was dressed in white and black. ____
6. Robin and his Merry Men helped the poor. ____
7. Robin Hood married a beautiful Lady. ____

V Find the similar words or expressions in the text and write them next to these words:

1. to participate _____
2. to be cunning, tricky _____
3. to suffer from unfair and cruel treatment _____
4. a competition _____
5. a man / men _____
6. a thin pointed stick to be shot from a bow _____
7. make something look more attractive _____