Unit 2: Life's Great Mysteries

Name: _____

Listening

Activity 2

Look at questions 1-8 in 3 below and answer these questions in your head.

1. You've already heard of the first part of the talk. Can you remember which words complete the first two sentences? If not, can you guess?
2. Sometimes, you can work out what kind of answer will go in the gaps. What sort of answers will go in the gaps in questions 3 and 5?
3. Question 4 refers to something being 'passed down.' What sort of things can people pass down?
4. What possible answers are there for question 6?
5. Have a guess at the answers for other questions, and write your guesses in pencil at the end of each question. After you have done task 3, see how close your guesses were.

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Activity 3

Now listen to the whole of the speech about the legend of Robin Hood. For question 1-8, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

1. The legend says that Robin Hood would steal money from wealthy _____ passing through Sherwood Forest.
2. Although they were really criminals, Robin and his men were actually thought of as _____ because they helped the poor.
3. The legend of Robin Hood has interested people for over _____.
4. Before modern communications, people used to pass down _____ using songs and poems.
5. King Edward II was king if England from 1284 to _____.
6. South Yorkshire is an area which is a short distance to the _____ of Nottingham.
7. King John ruled England _____ before King Edward II.
8. Robin Hood is a popular character in films and on television because he helped the _____ and was against the wealthy rulers of the period.

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It's important to read the questions carefully before you listen to the recording, and to think about what sort of words the answers might be. That way you'll know what to listen out for when you hear the recording.

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