

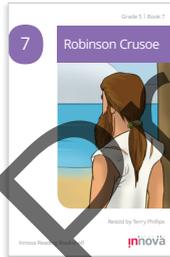
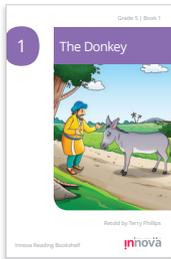
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Robin Hood



Robin Hood

Robin lived in a town called Locksley.
It was in the County of Nottingham in England.
He was an important man in the town, so people called him
Robin of Locksley.
“He’s Robin of Locksley,” they said.

Robin had a lot of land and many people worked for him.
He was a kind man and he had many friends.
People often said, “King Richard’s a friend of his.”

But one day, King Richard called his brother, Prince John,
into the throne room.
He said, “I have to go to a country a long way away.”
“I understand,” said John with a smile.
“You must take care of England,” said Richard.

Prince John had friends all over England.
The Sheriff of Nottingham was a friend of his.
The sheriff often told people, “Prince John’s a friend of mine.”

After King Richard left England, the sheriff wrote to Prince John,
“Robin of Locksley is rich. I want to take his land.”
Prince John wrote back,
“Good idea! Send men to his house. Put him in prison.”

What happened next? Read and choose.

1. The sheriff sent men to Robin’s house.
2. The sheriff sent a letter to Robin’s house.

Look at the next page. Check.



He's Robin of Locksley.

King Richard

King Richard's a friend of his.

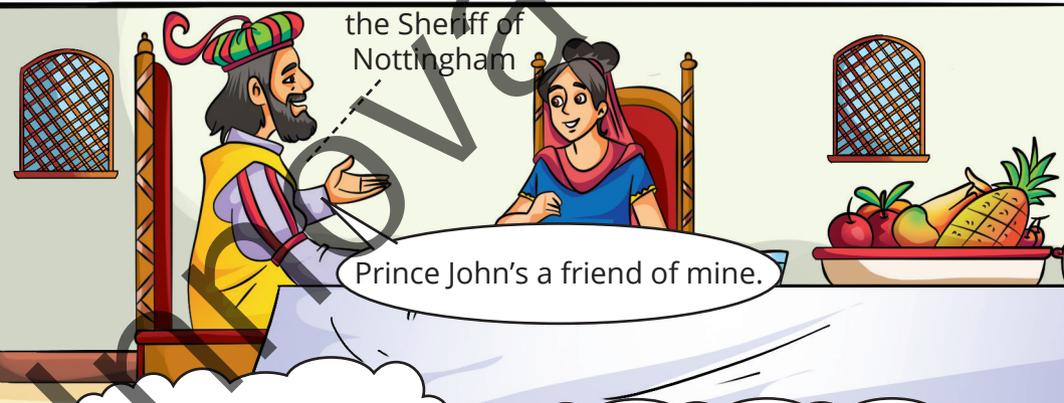


I have to go to a country a long way away.

I understand.

You must take care of England.

a throne



the Sheriff of Nottingham

Prince John's a friend of mine.



Robin of Locksley is rich. I want to take his land.

Good idea! Send men to his house. Put him in prison.

a letter

a prison

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The sheriff sent men to Robin's house.

The leader asked the villagers, "Where's Robin of Locksley's house?"

They pointed in different directions.

"It's up there," one man said.

"No, it's down there," a woman said.

The villagers hated the sheriff and they didn't want to help him.

One man ran to Robin's house. "Robin! Robin!" he said.

"The sheriff's men are in the town. You must run away!"

"Where to?" asked Robin.

"Run into the forest!" said the man.

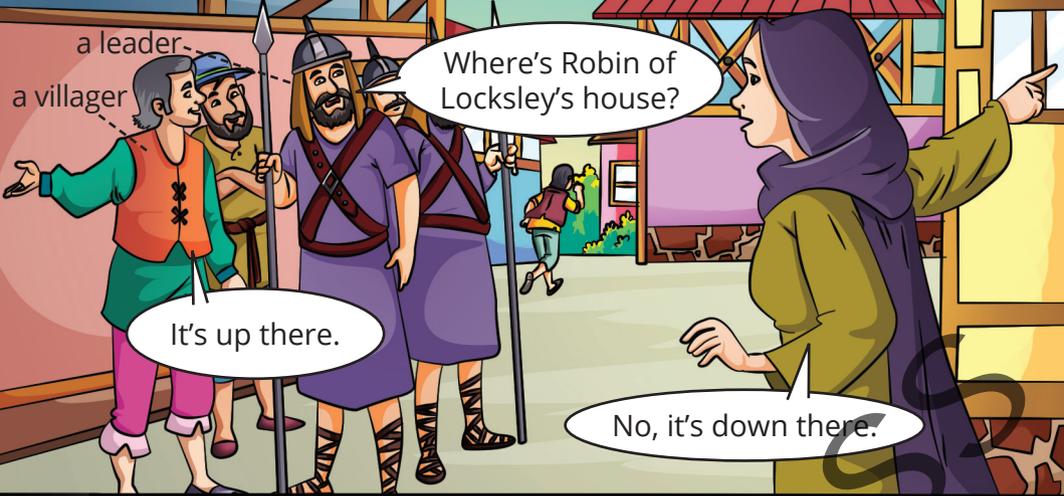
Robin ran into the forest. He had a terrible thought,
"I can't go back to Locksley now. I'm an outlaw."

An outlaw cannot live with people in a town
because people will put him or her in prison.

What did Robin think next? Read and choose.

1. "I'll go back to Locksley."
2. "I'll live in the forest."

Look at the next page. Check.



Robin Hood

Robin thought, "I'll live in the forest. There are many other outlaws here. I must find their camp." Robin walked through the forest for many hours. Finally, he came to a river. There was a narrow wooden bridge across the river. He started to cross the bridge.

Suddenly, a huge man appeared on the other side of the bridge. The man said, "Get off my bridge!" Robin said, "Who are you?" The man said, "People call me Little John." "Well, Little John," said Robin, "It's not your bridge. It belongs to everyone." John said, "OK. Come across the bridge, little man."

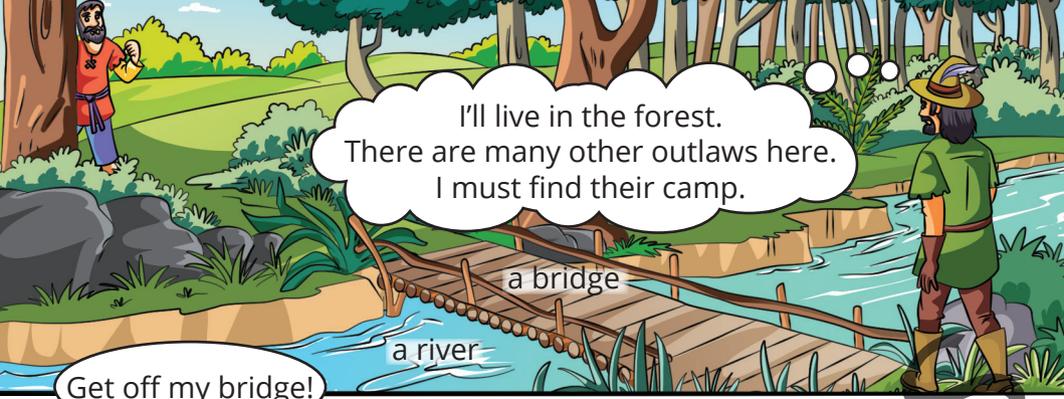
Robin walked onto the bridge. John tried to hit him with a big stick. "Take that!" he said. But Robin moved quickly and John fell in the river. Robin was worried. He thought, "He'll be very angry now."

But the big man laughed and said, "You're a clever man. Come and meet the Merry Men." "The Merry Men?" asked Robin. "Yes," said John. "We're outlaws in this forest."

What happened next? Read and choose.

1. Robin went with Little John to meet the outlaws.
2. Robin left Little John and walked on through the forest.

Look at the next page. Check.



I'll live in the forest.
There are many other outlaws here.
I must find their camp.

Get off my bridge!



People call me
Little John.

Who are you?

OK. Come across the bridge,
little man.

Well, Little John.

It's not your bridge.
It belongs to everyone.

a stick



Take that!

He'll be very angry now.



You're a clever man.
Come and meet the Merry Men.

The Merry Men?

Yes.
We're outlaws
in this forest.

Robin Hood

Robin went with Little John to the outlaws' camp. The outlaws were happy to see him.

"What's your name?" asked Alan, one of the outlaws.

"Robin of ... " Robin stopped and then said, "Just Robin."

"Here," Alan said, "You should wear this." He gave Robin a cloak with a hood. "Now you're Robin Hood."

They gave Robin food. He ate some and then he said, "This is deer meat."

Alan said, "Yes, we kill deer."

Robin was worried. "But the deer belong to the king," he said.

Little John smiled and said, "No, Robin. The deer belong to everyone, like the bridge."

Robin said, "You're right! The deer belong to everyone."

Then he had an idea. "We should help the poor people," he said.

"Do rich people come through this forest?" he asked.

Little John said, "Yes, they do."

Robin said, "So we should take their money, their jewels and their expensive clothes."

The outlaws were happy, but Little John said, "How does that help the poor people?"

What did Robin say next? Read and choose.

1. "We'll take things from rich people, and we'll give them to poor people."
2. "We'll take things from poor people, and we'll give them to rich people."

Look at the next page. Check.



What's your name?

Robin of ...
Just Robin.

a cloak with a hood

Here.
You should wear this.

Now you're Robin Hood.

This is deer meat.

Yes, we kill deer.

But the deer
belong to the king.

a deer
deer

No, Robin.
The deer belong to everyone,
like the bridge.

You're right!
The deer belong to everyone.

We should help the poor people.

Do rich people come through this forest?

Yes, they do.

So we should take
their money, their jewels
and their expensive clothes.

How does that help the poor people?

jewels

Robin Hood

"We'll take things from rich people, and we'll give them to poor people," said Robin. "Of course, we'll keep a little money and a few jewels and clothes!" The outlaws were very happy, and Little John said, "You have good ideas. You should be our leader." The outlaws said, "Yes!"

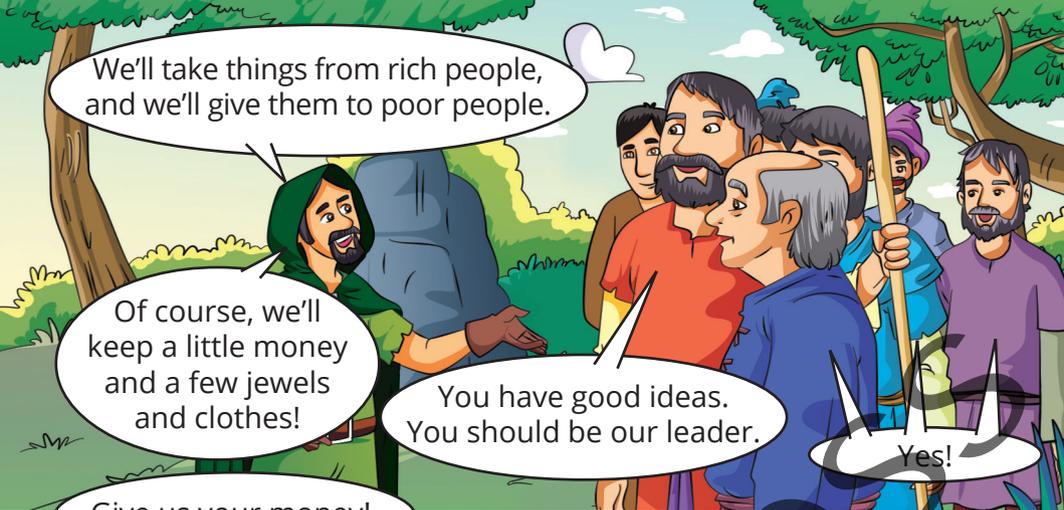
Robin became the leader of the outlaws. The next day, they stopped a big carriage with four horses. Inside, there was a rich man and a beautiful young woman. Robin said to the man, "Give us your money!" The man was very frightened and he gave them his money immediately. "Here!" he said, "Take it!"

Robin said to the woman, "Give us your jewels!" The beautiful woman was not frightened. She said, "No. I'll keep my jewels, but you can take me." The outlaws were surprised. "What do you mean?" asked Robin. "I'm Maid Marian," the woman said. "This man's taking me to Nottingham but I don't want to go." "But we're outlaws!" said Robin.

What did Marian say next? Read and choose.

1. "I want to be an outlaw."
2. "I want to go to Nottingham."

Look at the next page. Check.



We'll take things from rich people, and we'll give them to poor people.

Of course, we'll keep a little money and a few jewels and clothes!

You have good ideas. You should be our leader.

Yes!

Give us your money!



a carriage

Here!

Take it!

a horse

Give us your jewels!

No. I'll keep my jewels, but you can take me.

What do you mean?

I'm Maid Marian.

This man's taking me to Nottingham but I don't want to go.

But we're outlaws!

Robin Hood

"I want to be an outlaw," said Marian. "The sheriff wants me to marry a rich man called Guy of Gisborne but I don't want to."

Marian joined the outlaws. They were the Merry Men ... and a Merry Woman now.

The sheriff was furious when he heard about Marian. "I'm furious!" he said. He sent many men into the forest. "Go!" he shouted. "Bring me Robin Hood and Maid Marian!" But his men never found the outlaws because they hid in trees and behind bushes.

One day, a man came through the forest on a horse. Little John stepped into his path and said, "Stop! Why are you riding so fast?"

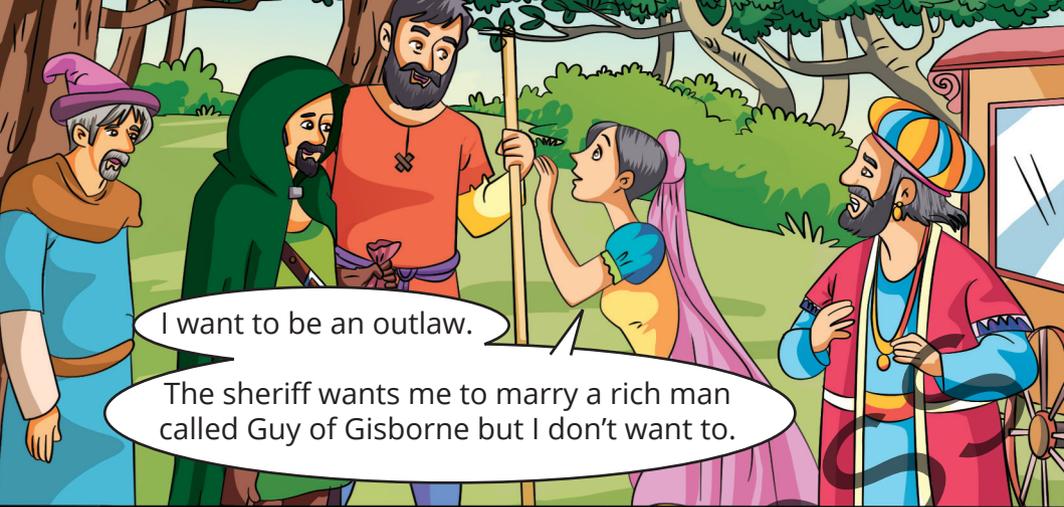
The man stopped his horse. "I have a message for the sheriff," he said. "King Richard is back in England, and he's very angry with Prince John and his friends, like the sheriff."

Little John said to the man, "You can go. Tell the sheriff your news." Then he went and told the outlaws the news.

What did Robin say next? Read and choose.

1. "That's wonderful!"
2. "That's terrible!"

Look at the next page. Check.



I want to be an outlaw.

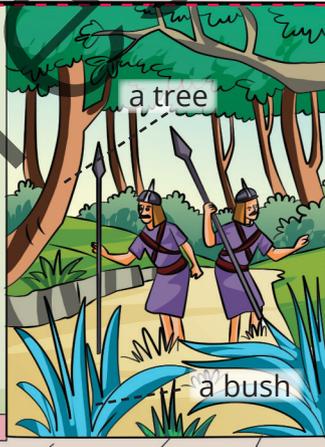
The sheriff wants me to marry a rich man called Guy of Gisborne but I don't want to.



I'm furious!

Go!

Bring me Robin Hood and Maid Marian!



Stop! Why are you riding so fast?

I have a message for the sheriff.

King Richard is back in England, and he's very angry with Prince John and his friends, like the sheriff.

You can go. Tell the sheriff your news.

Robin Hood

"That's wonderful," said Robin. "I can return to Locksley and get my land back." He turned to Marian and said, "Then we can get married."
"Really?" she said. "Maybe I don't want to marry you."

For a moment, Robin was worried. Then Marian smiled. "Of course I want to marry you!" she said. All the outlaws laughed and cheered.

This is almost a true story. Richard I was King of England from 1189 to 1199. He left England in 1191 to fight in another country, and his brother, Prince John, became the ruler of the country. Prince John was very different from his brother, and many people hated him. Some of them became outlaws, including a person called Robehud or Rabun Hod. Richard returned to England in 1194 and he gave some outlaws their lands back.

Who takes from the rich and gives to the poor nowadays?
Read and choose.

1. Outlaws.
2. The government.



That's wonderful.

I can return to Locksley and get my land back.

Then we can get married.

Really?

Maybe I don't want to marry you.

Of course I want to marry you!



Picture dictionary



land



a letter



a prison



a forest



a river



a bridge



a hood



a deer



deer



a tree



a bush



write / wrote



take / took



give / gave



run / ran

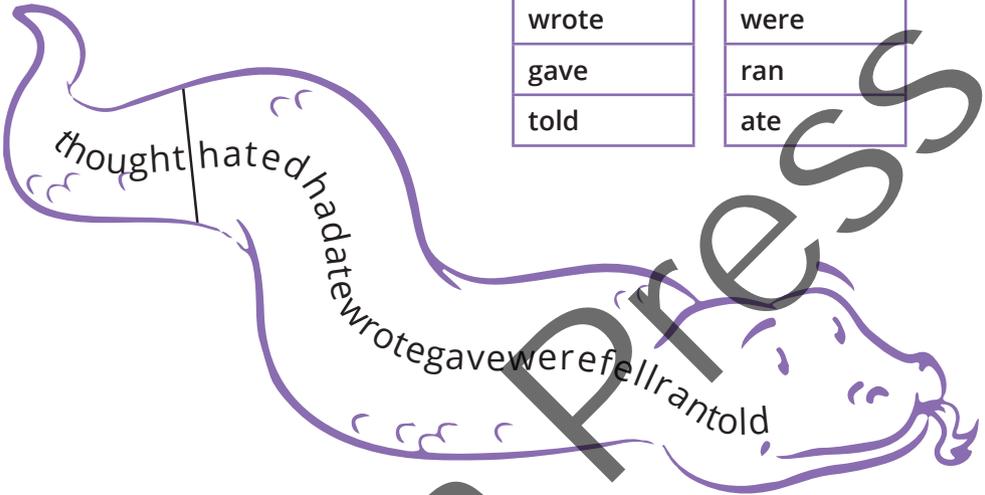
Exercises

Vocabulary 1

Read the words.

Find the words in the snake.

had	fell
thought	hated
wrote	were
gave	ran
told	ate



Vocabulary 2

Find pairs of words. Draw lines.

happy

kind

rich

narrow

huge

expensive

old

weak

heavy

asleep

wide

young

cheap

sad

strong

light

poor

awake

tiny

unkind

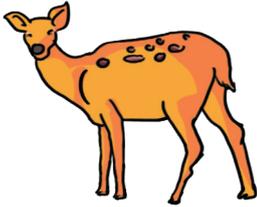
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Vocabulary 3

Write the numbers.

	a letter
	a forest
	a river
	a horse
	jewels

1



2



3



4



5



Robin Hood

	a prison
	a hood
	a bridge
	a deer
	a carriage

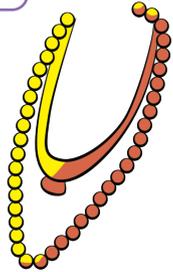
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Robin Hood

Comprehension

Tell the story. Number the sentences in order.

	But one day, King Richard went away and he asked his brother, Prince John, to take care of England.
	Robin met the outlaws and he became Robin Hood. He also became the leader of the outlaws because he had good ideas. He said, "We should help the poor people."
	King Richard returned to England and Robin got his land back. He became Robin of Locksley again and married Maid Marian.
	Little John said, "How can we help the poor people?" Robin said, "We'll take things from rich people and give them to poor people."
	Robin met a huge man, Little John, on a bridge. John tried to hit Robin with a stick, but he moved quickly and John fell into the river. John was not angry. He laughed and said, "Come and meet the Merry Men."
1	Robin of Locksley was a rich man. He had a lot of land and many people worked for him, but he was a kind man. He had many friends, including King Richard.
	The beautiful woman was Maid Marian. She joined the outlaws. The sheriff was furious when he heard. He sent men into the forest but they never found the outlaws.
	The next day, the outlaws stopped a rich man and a beautiful woman in a carriage. They took the man's money, but the woman did not give her jewels. She said, "Take me. I don't want to marry Guy of Gisbourne. I want to join you."
	The Sheriff of Nottingham was a friend of Prince John. He wanted Robin's land. He wrote to Prince John and got a reply: "Send men to his house. Put him in prison."
	The sheriff sent men to Robin's house, but Robin ran away into the forest. He became an outlaw.

Robin Hood

Grammar

Tell part of the story. Tick (✓) the best way to complete each sentence.

- Robin of Locksley was a rich man and he ...
 had a lot of land. has a lot of land.
- King Richard was a friend ...
 of him. of his.
- One day, Richard said to his brother, Prince John, ...
 "I have to go away."
 "I have gone away."
- Richard said to John, "You must ...
 to take care of England." take care of England."
- The Sheriff of Nottingham wanted ...
 Robin land. Robin's land.
- He told people, "Prince John is a friend of ...
 me." mine."
- Prince John said to the sheriff, "Send ...
 men to his house." to his house men."
- He sent men. A villager said to Robin, "You ...
 can run away." must run away."
- Robin met some outlaws. One man gave him a cloak. ...
 "You will wear this." "You should wear this."
- Robin had good ideas. One outlaw said, "You should ...
 be our leader." is our leader."
- Robin said, "We'll take things from rich people and ... to poor people."
 we'll give them we gave them
- This ...
 almost is a true story. is almost a true story.

Robin Hood

A poem

I'll tell you a story about Robin Hood,
A rich man with land but a kind man and good.
The king was his friend but he went far away.
His brother, Prince John, took his place for some days.

The Sheriff of Nottingham wanted his land.
Prince John said, "OK, you can take it all." and
The sheriff was happy. He sent his men round,
But they didn't find Robin. They looked up and down.

Robin ran to the forest. He thought, "I'll stay here.
It's a good place for outlaws and a good place for deer."
He met a huge man on a bridge, Little John.
John said, "It's my bridge!" "No, it's for everyone,"
Said Robin. John tried to hit him very hard,
But he fell in the water, then started to laugh.

John was an outlaw and took Robin to meet
The Merry Men outlaws, and have something to eat.
They gave him some meat. It came from a deer.
"But the deer are the king's," said Robin. "Not here,"
Said John, "They're for everyone, just like the bridge.
The deer belong to the poor and the rich."

"That gives me an idea," Robin said then.
"Do rich people come through the forest now and then?"
"They do," Little John said. "So we'll stop them and take
Their money and jewels, and send them on their way,"
said Robin, but John was not very sure.
He asked, "How does that really help all the poor?"

"We'll take from the rich and we'll give to the poor,"
Said Robin, "and so the poor will have more."
The outlaws said, "Yes, that's a very good plan.
Please be our leader. You are the best man."

Robin Hood

The next day, a carriage with a rich man came through
The forest. He was there with a beautiful woman, too.
The outlaws took money away from the man,
But Maid Marian said to the outlaws, "You can
Not take my jewels, but you can take me.
You're outlaws, I know, and I want to be
An outlaw as well. I don't want to go down
And marry a man in Nottingham Town."

One day, good King Richard came home again and
Robin said, "Now I can get back my land.
And we can get married." Maid Marian smiled,
"I'll give you my answer after a while."
Robin was unhappy so Marian said,
"Of course I will marry you." And ... that's the end.



Robin Hood

Answer key

Vocabulary 1

thought | hated | had | ate | wrote | gave | were | fell | ran | told

Vocabulary 2

happy	sad	expensive	cheap
kind	unkind	old	young
rich	poor	weak	strong
narrow	wide	heavy	light
huge	tiny	asleep	awake

Vocabulary 3

a letter 7; a forest 4; a river 10; a horse 2; jewels 8; a prison 9; a hood 6; a bridge 5; a deer 1; a carriage 3.

Comprehension

1. Robin of Locksley was a rich man. He had a lot of land and many people worked for him, but he was a kind man. He had many friends, including King Richard.
2. But one day, King Richard went away and he asked his brother, Prince John, to take care of England.
3. The Sheriff of Nottingham was a friend of Prince John. He wanted Robin's land. He wrote to Prince John and got a reply: "Send men to his house. Put him in prison."
4. The sheriff sent men to Robin's house, but Robin ran away into the forest. He became an outlaw.
5. Robin met a huge man, Little John, on a bridge. John tried to hit Robin with a stick, but he moved quickly and John fell into the river. John was not angry. He laughed and said, "Come and meet the Merry Men."
6. Robin met the outlaws and he became Robin Hood. He also became the leader of the outlaws because he had good ideas. He said, "We should help the poor people."
7. Little John said, "How can we help the poor people?" Robin said, "We'll take things from rich people and give them to poor people."
8. The next day, the outlaws stopped a rich man and a beautiful woman in a carriage. They took the man's money, but the woman did not give her jewels. She said, "Take me. I don't want to marry Guy of Gisbourne. I want to join you."
9. The beautiful woman was Maid Marian. She joined the outlaws. The sheriff was furious when he heard. He sent men into the forest but they never found the outlaws.
10. King Richard returned to England and Robin got his land back. He became Robin of Locksley again and married Maid Marian.

Grammar

1 had a lot of land. 2 of his. 3 "I have to go away." 4 take care of England." 5 Robin's land. 6 mine." 7 men to his house. 8 must run away." 9 "You should wear this." 10 be our leader." 11 we'll give them 12 is almost a true story.

For Teachers and Parents

Aim

To develop the **skill of reading** to **non-native speaker young learners**.

Encouraging learning

Classic tales retold with **engaging full-page illustrations**.

A hook at the end of every page: **'What happened next?'** encourages young learners to predict, then check for themselves.

The stories are **fun** and often have a **moral** to discuss in the children's first language after reading.

Illustrations with speech and thought bubbles

Detailed **full-colour illustrations** support every page of prose text. **New nouns** are captioned. The illustrations and bubbles mean that children can understand a lot of the story before they read, or while they read, the prose text.

Audio file

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Vocabulary, comprehension and grammar exercises for each story, and **poems**, too!

Level of prose text

Grade 1: **100L – 200L**, 50 – 150 words
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Grade 3: **200L – 300L**, 250 – 350 words
Grade 4: **300L – 400L**, 300 – 450 words
Grade 5: **400L – 600L**, 400 – 900 words

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Skill 1: Understanding sentences

Medium-length sentences with basic English sentence patterns are introduced systematically.

Each sentence is on its own line in the prose text in the early stories so children can see the structure clearly, and begin to internalise basic sentence patterns in English. Then the sentences merge into paragraphs in later stories.

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- all the patterns in Grades 1 to 4 plus
- S V O O, e.g., *Nasriddin gave the man two pennies.*
- adverb and adjective, e.g., *much closer*
- *there is/are/was/were ...*
- *too vs not enough*
- S V *that* S V ..., e.g., *I think that you can carry heavy things all day.*
- closed and open questions in the present simple and past simple
- a small range of modals

Skill 2: Understanding relationships between sentences and paragraphs

Links between sentences – e.g. indefinite to definite article, noun to pronoun – are reinforced from earlier grades, and *this* and *that* are introduced.

Subskill 3: Predicting next events in a continuing story

The 'What happened next?' feature on each page makes this essential subskill fun, and enables a teacher or parent to check how much the young learner has understood about the story and the possible continuation sentences.

Guide for Teachers and Parents

Comprehensive methodology notes

online which include alternative routes through the story, group and individual activities and extension activities for children who finish quickly.

Grade 5

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