

The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien

An Unexpected Party

In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort.

It had a perfectly round door like a porthole, painted green, with a shiny yellow brass knob in the exact middle. The door opened on to a tube-shaped hall like a tunnel: a very comfortable tunnel without smoke, with panelled walls, and floors tiled and carpeted, provided with polished chairs, and lots and lots of pegs for hats and coats- the hobbit was fond of visitors. The tunnel wound on and on - going fairly but not quite straight into the side of the hill - The Hill, as all the people for many miles around called it - and many little round doors opened out of it, first on one side and then on another. No going upstairs for the hobbit: bedrooms, bathrooms, cellars, pantries (lots of these), wardrobes (he had whole rooms devoted to clothes), kitchens, dining-rooms, all were on the same floor, and indeed on the same passage. The best rooms were all on the left-hand side (going in), for these were the only ones to have windows, deep-set round windows looking over his garden, and meadows beyond, sloping down to the river.

This hobbit was a very well-to-do hobbit, and his name was Baggins. The Bagginses have lived in the neighbourhood of The Hill for time out of mind, and people considered them very respectable, not only because most of them were rich, but also because they never had any adventures or did anything unexpected: you could tell what a Baggins would say on any question without the bother of asking him. This is a story of how a Baggins had an adventure, and found himself doing and saying things altogether unexpected. He may have lost the neighbours' respect, but he gained- well, you will see whether he gained anything in the end.

Task 1

	I've never heard this word before	I've heard this word before and think I know what it means	I know what this word means and can use it confidently
oozy			
porthole			
panelled			
fond			
passage			
considered			
respectable			
unexpected			

Task:

Green column words: Write another sentence using that word.

Red column words: Copy the sentence from the text and annotate what is happening in the sentence and what gives you clues to what the word might mean.

Orange column words: Have a go at writing it in a sentence, if you can't think of a sentence to use the word properly, do the same as the red column word.

Task 2



R:

1. What colour was the door of the hobbit-hole? (1 mark)
2. Name 4 rooms inside the hobbit-hole. (4 marks)
3. What was the name of the hobbit? (1 mark)

I:

4. What word tells you the hobbit is a perfectionist? (1 mark)
5. Why did people consider the hobbit family respectable? (2 marks)
6. Do you think the hobbit likes visitors? Use the text to justify your answer. (2 marks)
7. Other than the word rich, what other description of the hobbit makes you think he has money? (1 mark)

C:

8. '*Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort.*' Do you think this is a good description of the hobbit-hole? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
9. Using the title of the chapter, 'An Unexpected Party,' what do you predict will happen? Use the text to justify your views. (3 marks)