

Stanford House Classics - Beginners

ROBIN HOOD

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Robin Hood is one of the most loved English heroes. He lived in Nottingham Forest with his friends. He stole money from the rich and gave it to the poor because the terrible Sheriff made the people pay a lot of taxes.



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In 1191, King Richard the Lion-heart of England went on the 3rd Crusade. He had a big army¹, tents² and a lot of horses³. He was away a long time and his brother Prince John ruled⁴ for him. Prince John was not a religious man. He hated⁵ his brother Richard and didn't want him to come back⁶ to England. He wanted Richard to die⁷ in battle. Prince John wanted to be King!

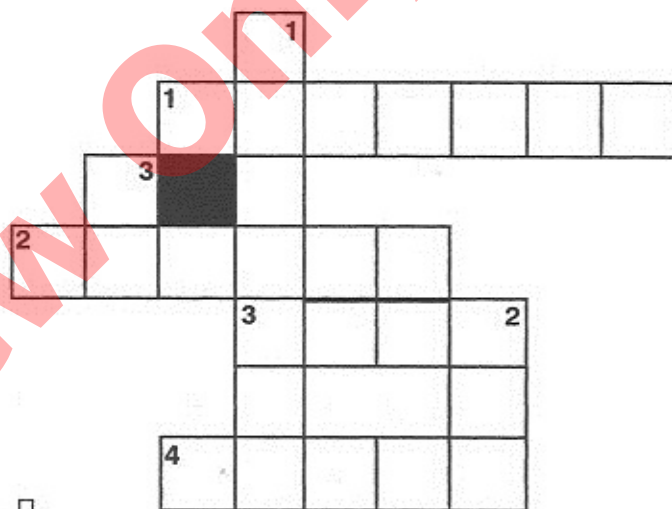


1. **army**: a large group of people for fighting
2. **tent**: a temporary place to live.
3. **horses**: animals.
4. **to rule**: to govern.
5. **hate**: is the opposite of 'to love'.
6. **to come back**: to return.
7. **to die**: is the opposite of 'to live'.

ACTIVITY



Answer the questions and complete the crossword.

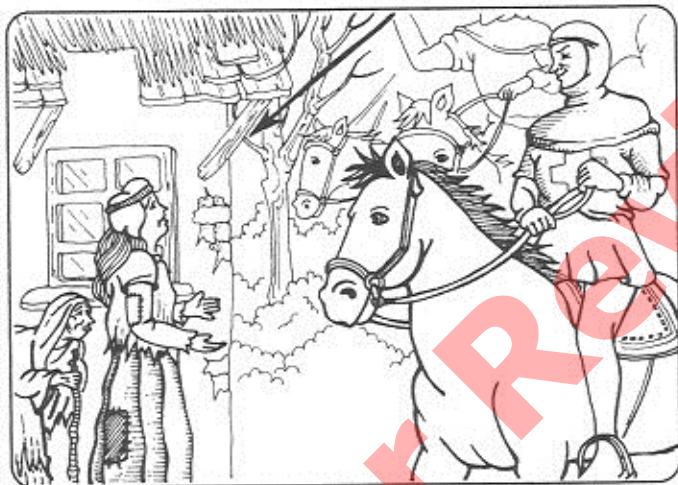


1. Where did Richard go?
2. Did he have a big army?
3. Was John King?



1. Who was Prince John?
2. What animals did Richard take?
3. What did he have?
4. Where did they live?

Prince John was not a generous person and the crusade was very expensive¹. He ordered the people of England to pay heavy taxes². Prince John's sheriffs collected the taxes. They also took castles and land from the nobles who were loyal³ to King Richard. Most of the people⁴ were very poor⁵. A lot of people couldn't pay the taxes. Some went to prison and others went to live in the forests.



1. **expensive:** cost a lot of money.
2. **heavy taxes:** a lot of money for the government.
3. **loyal:** patriotic.
4. **most of the people:** more than half of the people.
5. **poor:** to have no money.

ACTIVITY

 Put in **was** or **were** in the following sentences.

The people very poor.

The crusade expensive.

The nobles loyal.

Richard King.

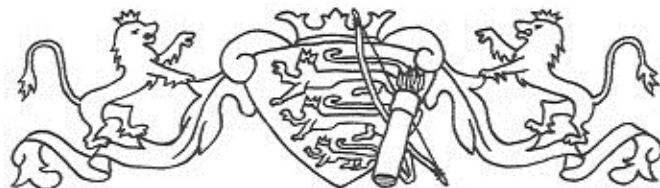
 Now make the sentences negative.

John King.

Richard a prince.

The people rich.

The nobles loyal to Prince John.



Robin Hood's real name was Lord Locksley. When he returned from the crusades his father was dead¹ and he had no castle and no lands. Robin went to live in Nottingham Forest. Robin met a lot of people there. He decided to form a band² of men to fight the Sheriff of Nottingham. Everybody hated³ the Sheriff! In a short time Robin had a hundred⁴ men, twenty-five⁵ women and thirty-seven⁶ horses with him. A small army! He had three very good friends. Little John, Friar Tuck and Alan-A-Dale.



1. **dead:** is the opposite of 'alive'.
2. **band:** a group of men.
3. **to hate:** is the opposite of 'to love'.
4. **a hundred:** 100.
5. **twenty-five:** 25.
6. **thirty-seven:** 37.

ACTIVITY



Are you good at maths?

+	plus
-	minus
x	multiplied by
:	divided by
=	equals



Write the correct answers.

99	56	25	100
+ 41	- 19	x 5	: 4
=	=	=	=
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Now write sentences like this.

- 1) ninety-nine plus forty-one equals a hundred and forty.
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)