

Chapter 1 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. He liked visitors, but he liked to know them before they arrived, and he **preferred** to ask them himself.
2. . . . while the four dwarves sat around the table, and talked about mines and gold and troubles with the goblins, and the **depredations** of dragons, and lots of other things which he did not understand
3. “Put on a few eggs, there’s a good fellow!’ Gandalf called after him, as the hobbit stumped off to the pantries. “And just bring out the cold chicken and pickles!”
“Seems to know as much about the inside of my **larders** as I do myself!” thought Mr. Baggins. . . .
4. Then Gandalf’s smoke ring would go green and come back to hover over the wizard’s head. He had quite a cloud of them about him already, and in the dim light it made him look strange and **sorcerous**.
- 5,6. We are not together in the house of our friend and fellow **conspirator**, this most excellent and **audacious** hobbit—may the hair on his toes never fall out! all praise to his wine and ale!
7. “Five feet high the door and three may walk abreast” say the **runes**, but Smaug could not creep into a hole that size, not even when he was a young dragon
8. Also I should like to know about the risks, out-of-pocket expenses, time required and **remuneration**, and so forth

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ prefer | A. daring; bold |
| 2. _____ depredations | B. in command of magic, spells & witchcraft |
| 3. _____ larders | C. payment |
| 4. _____ sorcerous | D. to like better; rather |
| 5. _____ conspirator | E. pantry or cupboards containing food stores |
| 6. _____ audacious | F. one who joins in planning or plotting |
| 7. _____ runes | G. words written in ancient Germanic letters |
| 8. _____ remuneration | H. acts of preying upon others |

Ch. 1

1. List 10 characteristics of hobbits. (Read page 2)

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
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2. What was unusual about the Tooks?
3. Why did Gandalf visit Bilbo Baggins?
4. Who was Bilbo expecting for tea?
5. What about his uninvited guests irked Bilbo?

6. What effect did the dwarves' singing have on Bilbo?
7. State Gloom's opinion of Bilbo Baggins.
8. Gandalf showed the dwarves something that belonged to Thorin's grandfather. What was it?
9. Identify Dale.
10. Identify Smaug.
11. What story did Thorin tell Bilbo?
12. How did Gandalf get the map and key?
13. Identify Azog the Goblin.

Ch. 2-3 Vocabulary - Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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- 1, 2. Thinking it unnecessary to disturb your esteemed **repose**, we have proceeded in advance to make **requisite** preparations, and shall await your respected person at the Green Dragon Inn
3. but there was a good deal of food jumbled carelessly on shelves and on the ground, among an untidy litter of **plunder**, of all sorts from brass buttons to pots full of gold coins standing in a corner.
4. These are not troll-made. They are old swords, very old swords of the High Elves of the West, my **kin**.

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ repose | A. stolen property |
| 2. _____ requisite | B. required; necessary |
| 3. _____ plunder | C. relatives |
| 4. _____ kin | d. rest |

Reading Guide Chapter 2

1. Why did Bilbo leave his Hill in such a hurry to go to the Green Dragon Inn?
2. What had Bilbo forgotten to bring with him, and how was it remedied?
3. When did Bilbo first wish that he were back home?
4. Identify William, Bert, and Tom.
5. What did William catch Bilbo doing?
6. Who saved Bilbo, Thorin, and company from the trolls? How?
7. What did Gandalf, Thorin, and Bilbo take from the trolls' cave?

Reading Guide Chapter 3

1. What kind of creatures inhabited the valley of Rivendell and helped the travelers find the Last Homely Home? What did Bilbo and the dwarves think of them?
2. Identify Elrond.
3. What important information did Elrond give the travelers?
4. What was Durin's Day?

Ch. 4-5 Vocabulary - Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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1. The nights were comfortless and chill, and they did not dare to sing or talk too loud, for the echoes were **uncanny**, and the silence seemed to dislike being broken
2. He knew, of course, that the riddle game was sacred and of immense **antiquity**, and even wicked creatures were afraid to cheat when they played at it.
3. Gollum was in his boat again, paddling wildly back to the dark shore; and such a rage of loss and **suspicion** was in his heart that no sword had any more terror for him.

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ uncanny | A. quality of being very old or ancient |
| 2. _____ antiquity | B. unexplainable & strange, exciting wonder & fear |
| 3. _____ suspicion | C. thinking something exists, especially something wrong, without any proof |

Reading Guide - Chapter 4

1. Why did the travelers go into the cave?
2. What did Bilbo dream in the cave?
3. Bilbo and Thorin & Co. had a nasty surprise in the cave. What was it?
4. Did the goblins get Gandalf?
5. List several characteristics of goblins.
6. What caused the Great Goblin to become enraged?
7. How did the travelers escape from the Goblins' cavern?
8. What were Biter and Beater?
9. Goblins run faster than dwarves. How did the travelers escape the pursuit of the goblins?
10. What happened to Dori and Bilbo?

Reading Guide - Chapter 5.

1. When Bilbo awoke after falling off of Dori's shoulders when the goblins grabbed Dori, what was strange about his surroundings?
2. While groping around on the floor, what did Bilbo find and put in his pocket?
3. How did Bilbo know his knife was an elvish blade, too?
4. Identify Gollum.

5. Gollum and Bilbo made a deal. What was it?
6. How did Bilbo win the riddle game with Gollum?
7. Where was Gollum's lost birthday present?
8. How did Bilbo discover the power of the ring?
9. How did Bilbo find the way out of Gollum's land?
10. Why didn't Bilbo kill Gollum?
11. What gave Bilbo away to the goblins as he tried to escape out the door?
12. Why did the goblins give up looking for Bilbo?

Ch. 6 Vocabulary - Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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1. He was on a stony path winding downwards with a rocky wall on the left hand; on the other side the ground sloped away and there were **dells** below the level of the path overhung with bushes and low trees.
2. If we have got to go back now into those **abominable** tunnels to look for him, then drat him, I say.
3. Then they shouted with surprise and delight. Gandalf was as **astonished** as any of them, but probably more pleased than all the others.
4. He loosed Dori's ankles with a gasp and fell onto the rough platform of an eagle's **eyrie**.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ dells | A. nest built on a high place |
| 2. _____ abominable | B. small, secluded, wooded valley |
| 3. _____ astonished | C. thoroughly unpleasant |
| 4. _____ eyrie | D. surprised |

Reading Guide - Chapter 6

1. Why did the dwarves have a better opinion of Bilbo Baggins when he rejoined them after his adventures with Gollum and the goblins?
2. What detail about his adventures with Gollum did Bilbo leave out when he told the dwarves the story?
3. Where were the travelers after the goblin adventures?
4. Why did the travelers climb up into the trees?
5. Who saved Bilbo from the wolves?
6. Identify wargs.
7. Why were the wargs at the clearing?
8. How did Gandalf try to get rid of the wargs and goblins?
9. Who or what saved the travelers from the wargs, goblins, and fire?
10. Describe the Eagles.

Ch. 7 Vocabulary - Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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1. The morning was cool, and mists were in the valleys and hollows and twined here and there about the peaks and **pinnacles** of the hills.
2. He was clothed in a **tunic** of wool down to his knees
3. That is Mr. Baggins, a hobbit of good family and **unimpeachable** reputation
4. It was difficult to think of **pursuing** goblins behind, and when they had put many miles between them and Beorn's house they began to talk and to sing again
5. Cheer up Thorin and Company! This is your **expedition** after all. Think of the treasure at the end, and forget the forest and the dragon
6. "Do we really have to go through?" groaned the hobbit. "Yes, you do!" said the wizard, "if you want to get to the other side. You must either go through or give up your **quest**. And I am not going to let you back out now, Mr. Baggins.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ pinnacle | A. chasing |
| 2. _____ tunic | B. top; high point |
| 3. _____ unimpeachable | C. search |
| 4. _____ pursuing | D. beyond doubt; unquestionable |
| 5. _____ expedition | E. long, loose-fitting shirt or coat |
| 6. _____ quest | F. a journey undertaken with a definite objective |

Reading Guide - Chapter 7

1. Identify Beorn.
2. Why did Gandalf introduce the dwarves a few at a time to Beorn?
3. What news did Gandalf bring the dwarves about Beorn's whereabouts?
4. Beorn warned them about some things in Mirkwood. What?
5. How do we know Beorn liked the travelers?
6. Why did Gandalf leave Thorin & Co.?
7. What were Gandalf's parting words to the travelers as he left them at Mirkwood?

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1. As soon as they had landed he had bent his bow and fitted an arrow in case any hidden **guardian** of the boat appeared.
2. Suddenly on the path ahead appeared some white deer, a hind and fawns as snowy white as the **hart** had been dark.
3. There was nothing now to be done but to tighten the belts round their empty stomachs, and **hoist** their empty sacks and packs, and trudge along the track
4. . . . there were spiders huge and horrible sitting in the branches above him then in the silence and stillness of the wood he realised that these **loathsome** creatures were speaking one to another.
5. The idea came to him to . . . make them curious, excited and angry all at once . . . dancing among the trees he began to sing a song to **infuriate** them and bring them all after him

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ guardian | A. male deer |
| 2. _____ hart | B. to make angry; enrage |
| 3. _____ hoist | C. repulsive; disgusting |
| 4. _____ loathsome | D. one who guards, protects, or defends |
| 5. _____ infuriate | E. lift up |

Reading Guide -Chapter 8

1. Describe Mirkwood.
2. How did the travelers cross the black water?
3. What happened to Bombur at the black river crossing?
4. What did Bilbo see from the top of the oak tree in Mirkwood?
5. Why did the travelers leave the path?
6. What happened when they entered the ring of light to beg for food?
7. How did Bilbo get separated from the others in Mirkwood?
8. What made Bilbo feel fierce and bold?
9. Identify Sting.
10. How did Bilbo rescue the dwarves from the spiders?
11. Who was missing after the travelers were rescued from the spiders?
12. How did Thorin get separated from the others?

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1. For Thorin had taken heart again hearing how the hobbit had rescued his companions from the spiders, and was determined once more not to **ransom** himself with promises to the king of a share in the treasure, until all hope of escaping in any other way had disappeared
2. They all thought their won shares in the treasure (which they quite regarded as theirs, in spite of their **plight** and the still unconquered dragon) would suffer seriously if the Wood-elves claimed part of it
3. The luck turned all right before long: the **eddying** current carried several barrels close ashore
4. . . . and there was a merry racket down by the river. . . . He . . . managed just in time to get on to the mass of casks without being noticed in the general **bustle**.
5. The rotting piles of a greater town could still be seen along the shores when the waters sank in a **drought**.
6. But lock nor bar may **hinder** the homecoming spoken of old.
7. The Elvenking was very powerful in those parts and the Master wished for no **enmity** with him
8. People were shouting inside the hall and outside it. The **quays** were thronged with hurrying feet.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ ransom | A. situation of difficulty |
| 2. _____ plight | B. delay; get in the way of |
| 3. _____ eddying | C. release, give up, or free in return for payment |
| 4. _____ bustle | D. going against the main current, especially in a swirling motion |
| 5. _____ drought | E. wharf or reinforced bank where ships are loaded |
| 6. _____ hinder | F. long period of time with no rain |
| 7. _____ enmity | G. commotion, hurried activity |
| 8. _____ quay | H. deep hatred |

Reading Guide -Chapter 9

1. Why were the travelers actually glad to be captured by the wood elves?
2. How did Bilbo keep from getting captured by the wood elves?
3. How did Bilbo rescue Thorin & Co. from the Elvenking?

Reading Guide - Chapter 10

1. What sight did Bilbo see as he floated along on the barrel-raft?
2. How had Bilbo and the travelers been lucky?
3. What songs did men near Long Lake still sing?
4. Why did Thorin demand to be taken to the Master of the Men of the Lake?
5. Why did the Master treat the travelers well, and send them to the mountain with provisions?

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1. They were come to the Desolation of the Dragon, and they were come at the **waning** of the year.
2. . . . though autumn was now crawling towards winter that pleasant time now seemed years ago. They were alone in the **perilous** waste without hope of further help.
3. On this western side there were fewer signs of the dragon’s **marauding** feet, and there was some grass for their ponies.
4. They beat on it, they thrust and pushed at it, they **implored** it to move, they spoke fragments of broken spells of opening, and nothing stirred.
5. When morning came the terror of the dwarves grew less. They realized that dangers of this kind were **inevitable** in dealing with such a guardian, and that it was no good giving up their quest yet.
6. Whenever Smaug’s roving eye, seeking for him in the shadows, flashed across him, he trembled, and an unaccountable desire **seized** hold of him to rush out and reveal himself and tell all the truth to Smaug. In fact he was in grievous danger of coming under the dragon-spell.
7. And Smaug laughed aloud. He had a wicked and a **wily** heart, and he knew his guesses were not far out
8. Truly there can nowhere be found the equal of Lord Smaug the **Impenetrable**. What magnificence to possess a waistcoat of fine diamonds!

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| 1. _____waning | A. grabbed |
| 2. _____perilous | B. calculating; plotting |
| 3. _____marauding | C. entice; attract |
| 4. _____implored | D. lessening; going away; ending |
| 5. _____inevitable | E. wandering in search of something to steal |
| 6. _____seized | F. can’t be pierced or entered through |
| 7. _____wily | G. dangerous |
| 8. _____impenetrable | H. ask or beg urgently |
| 9. _____dubious | I. unavoidable; going to happen no matter what |
| 10. _____lure | J. doubtful |

Reading Guide - Chapter 11. Use the back if more space is needed.

1. Why did the men of the town leave the travelers at the end of the third day?
2. Identify Ravenhill.
3. What did the scouting party see at the front gate?
4. What were the dwarves looking for on the western side of the mountain?
5. How did the dwarves get the secret door open?

Reading Guide - Chapter 12

1. What did Bilbo see at the end of the tunnel?
2. Why did Smaug go into a rage upon awakening?
3. Why did Bilbo go back down the tunnel a second time?
4. How did Bilbo answer when the dragon asked who he was?
5. Which of Smaug’s senses was very keen?
6. What was Smaug’s weakness that Bilbo discovered?
7. Why did Thorin tell Bilbo to leave the thrush alone?
8. Why did the dwarves move their camp to within the tunnel?
9. What did Thorin say was the greatest treasure of the Mountain?

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1. A light helm of figured leather, strengthened beneath with hoops of steel, and studded about the rim with white gems, was set upon the hobbit's head. "I feel magnificent," he thought; "but I expect I look rather **absurd**. How they would laugh on the Hill at home! Still I wish there was a lookingglass handy!"
2. Mr. Baggins kept his head more clear of the bewitchment of the **hoard** than the dwarves did. Long before the dwarves were tired of examining the treasures, he became wary of it and sat down on the floor
3. In all their talk they came **perpetually** back to one thing: where was Smaug?
4. Probably most of them would have **perished** in the winter that now hurried after autumn, if help had not been to hand. But help came swiftly
5. The treasure was not his that his evil deeds should be **amended** with a share of it.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ absurd | A. corrected; made better |
| 2. _____ hoard | B. ridiculous |
| 3. _____ perpetually | C. a gathered, hidden, or stored supply or treasure |
| 4. _____ perish | D. continuously; always |
| 5. _____ amended | E. die; pass from existence |

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Reading Guide - Chapter 13

1. Why did Thorin & Co. go down the tunnel?
2. What did Bilbo put in his deepest pocket?
3. How did Thorin & Co. get out of the Mountain?
4. Where did the travelers go after they got out of the Mountain?
5. Identify "cram."

Reading Guide - Chapter 14

1. Identify Esgaroth.
2. Identify Bard.
3. How did Bard know where to aim when he shot Smaug?
4. What was Bard's reward for killing the dragon?
5. What was Bard's response to the Master's offer?
6. Who came to help the Lake people, at Bard's request?
7. Why did all the men of arms go to the Mountain?

Reading Guide - Chapter 15

1. Identify Roac.
2. What did Thorin ask Roac to do?
3. What did Bard ask of Thorin, and what was Thorin's response?
4. What did the messenger from Esgaroth declare?

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1. But I have an interest in the matter—one fourteenth share, to be **precise**, according to a letter, which fortunately I believe I have kept.
2. Did you come to ask me idle questions? Still the elf-host has not departed as I bade! Till then you come in **vain** to bargain with me.
3. The Eagles had long had suspicion of the goblins' **mustering**: from their watchfulness the movements in the mountains could not be altogether hid.
4. Yet a fourteenth share of all the silver and gold, **wrought** and unwrought, was given up to Bard
5. One autumn evening some years afterwards Bilbo was sitting in his study writing his **memoirs**— he thought of calling them “There and Back Again, a Hobbit’s Holiday”—when there was a ring at the door.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. _____ precise | A. lacking substance; hollow; fruitless |
| 2. _____ vain | B. gathering |
| 3. _____ mustering | C. narrative of experiences an author has lived through |
| 4. _____ wrought | D. shaped; worked |
| 5. _____ memoirs | E. exact |

Reading Guide - Chapter 16

1. What news did Roac bring the besieged dwarves?
2. Why did Bilbo offer to take Bombur’s watch?
3. What did Bilbo give Bard? Why?
4. Who praised Bilbo for his meeting with Bard?

Reading Guide - Chapter 17

1. Why did Thorin throw Bilbo out of his camp?
2. Why wouldn’t Bard let Dain and the dwarves pass?
3. What announcement did Gandalf make?
4. What were the armies in The Battle of Five Armies?
5. What plan did Gandalf propose?
6. Why did the dwarves agree to fight with the men and elves against the goblins and wargs?
7. Who were the first to charge against the goblins?
8. When all seemed lost against the goblins, what appeared on the scene?
9. What happened to Bilbo during the battle?

Reading Guide - Chapter 18

1. When Bilbo awoke after being knocked out by the stone, what did he see?
2. Why did Thorin call for Bilbo?
3. What did Bilbo miss at the end of the battle while he was knocked out?
4. What parting gift did Bard bestow upon Thorin?
5. What parting gift did the Elvenking give Thorin?
6. Who led the dwarves after Thorin's death?
7. What did Dain give Bard? Why?
8. What did Bard do with his riches?
9. What did Bilbo give the Elvenking? Why?
10. Who became a great chief, ruling lands between the mountains and the wood?

Reading Guide - Chapter 19

1. Where had Gandalf been while he was away from Thorin and Co.?
2. What did Gandalf and Bilbo dig up?
3. When Bilbo arrived home, what did he find?
4. What, besides spoons, did Bilbo lose?
5. Who came to visit Bilbo a few years after his return home?
6. What news did Balin bring?
7. What were Gandalf's last words to Bilbo in this book?