

Free
Discussion Guide

**The Hobbit:
An Unexpected
Journey**

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Questions About THE HOBBIT

The Unexpected Journey, Movie 1, 2012

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1. *Who was telling (writing) the story in the movie?*

2. *What happened to ruin the peaceful, prosperous Lonely Mountain and the Mines of Moria?*

3. *Why do the Dwarves want their ancestral home back?*

4. *Why does Thorin especially want to fight the pale Orc?*

5. *How does Bilbo Baggins become involved in the quest to enter Lonely Mountain?*

6. *Why does the company need Bilbo's help?*

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8. *Do the Dwarves have good table manners? Explain.*

9. *Did you notice the map in the beginning of the story? Is it important later? Why?*

10. *How does the company escape the three trolls?*

11. *What swords does the company take from the trolls after they turn to stone?*

12. *Who is in the Lonely Mountain and has control of the gold? Explain.*

13. *What does the wizard Radagast tell the company?*

14. *Does Radagast's hedgehog live? Do all the animals live?*

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15. *Who chases the company after they see Radagast?*

16. *Why do the Orcs or Wargs leave?*

17. *What are Orcs? What are Wargs?*

18. *What does Gandalf tell the Elves of Rivendell?*

19. *What happens after they leave Rivendell?*

20. *How do things go when the company is taken by the Great Goblin?*

22. *Where is Bilbo when the company is fighting the Goblins?*

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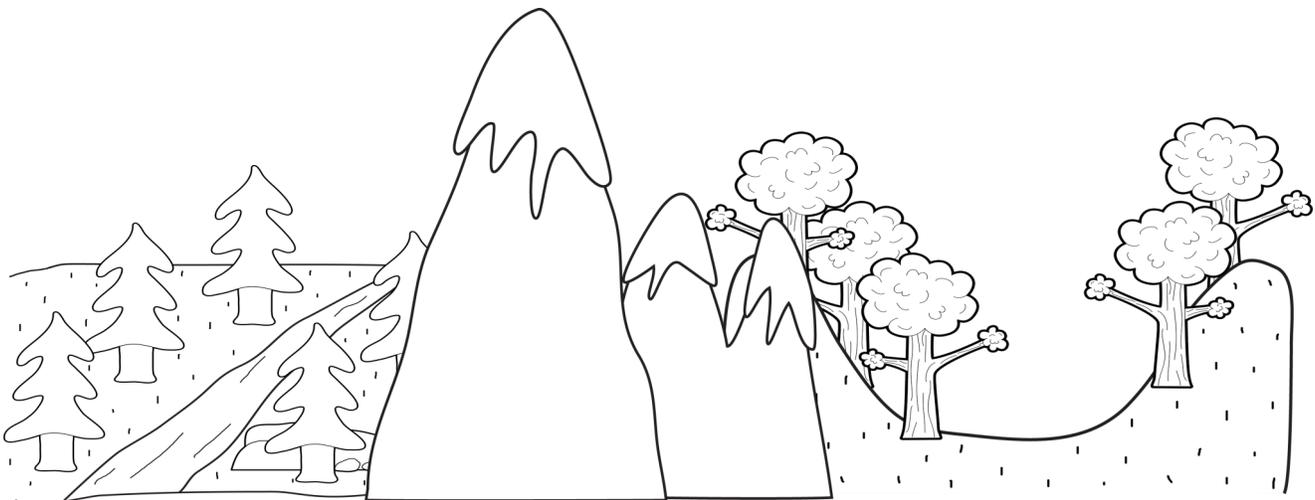
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22. *What happens that causes the company to climb trees?*

23. *Why do some believe Smaug is dead? Is he really dead? Explain.*

24. *Name a character in the movie not in this part of the book.*

25. *If you have also read the book, tell which you like more, the movie part 1 or the book (so far)? Why?*



Answers

1. *Who was telling the story in the movie?* Old Bilbo Baggins thinks back in his memory as he writes the story for Frodo.
2. *What happened to ruin the peaceful, prosperous Lonely Mountain and the Mines of Moria?* First, the Dragon Smaug takes over the castle and mines, and the Dwarves are prevented from reclaiming Moria, by the Orcs. The Dwarves had been driven out of Moria by a Balrog, called Durin's Bane.
3. *Why do the Dwarves want their ancestral home back?* They are homeless and want their homeland back.
4. *Why does Thorin especially want to fight the pale Orc?* Pale Orc Azog beheaded his Grandfather Thrór, former King of the Dwarves.
5. *How does Bilbo Baggins become involved in the quest to enter Lonely Mountain?* In the Shire, young Bilbo is tricked by the Gandalf into having a party for Thorin and his company of dwarves. Gandalf at first seems unsuccessful in recruiting Bilbo's help, and the company leaves. Bilbo does catch up with them in the morning to accompany them.
6. *Why does the company need Bilbo's help?* Dragons can recognize the scent of Dwarves, but not the scent of Hobbits. They call him a burglar.
7. *Who in the story especially love food?* Hobbits and Dwarves.
8. *Do the Dwarves have good manners when they eat?* No.
9. *Did you notice the map in the beginning of the story? Is it important later?* Yes, more words appear on the map when they are in Rivendell, and Lord Elrond says the hidden door of Lonely Mountain will only be visible on Durin's Day. (The words were written in special moon letters)
10. *How does the company escape the three trolls?* Bilbo stalls the trolls from eating them by saying they have worms and parasites, and when Gandalf exposes the trolls to sunlight, they are turned to stone.
11. *What swords does the company take from the trolls?* Thorin takes an Elf-made blade, the Orcrist. Gandalf takes the Glamdring. Gandalf gives the Elven short-sword to Bilbo (Sting), and it glows when Orcs are near.
12. *Who is in the Lonely Mountain and has control of the gold?* The Dragon Smaug has been sleeping on the piles of gold in the mountain.

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13. *What does the wizard Radagast tell them?* Radagast the Brown (another Wizard) tells that a Necromancer (dark magician) has been using dark magic at Greenwood.
14. *Does Radagast's hedgehog live?* Yes. *Do all the animals at Greenwood live?* No.
15. *Who chases the company after they see Radagast?* Orcs on Wargs.
16. *Why do the Orcs on Wargs leave?* Radagast has his Rustabell rabbits chase them away.
17. *What are Orcs? What are wargs?* Orcs are dimwitted and miserable creatures, living in fear and hate. Wargs are like huge, fierce wolves.
18. *What does Gandalf tell the Elves of Rivendell?* Gandalf presents a Morgul-blade as a sign the Necromancer is linked to the Witch-king of Angmar. He believes the Necromancer may attempt to use Smaug for his evil purposes. Saruman (leader of the Wizards) is skeptical, not believing the Necromancer to be a true threat, partially because he is becoming corrupt.
19. *What happens after they leave Rivendell?* They get caught in a fight between two stone giants, and take refuge in a cave only to be captured by Goblins, who take them to their leader, the Great Goblin.
20. *How do things go when the company is taken by the Great Goblin?* Not very well, but Gandalf arrives and leads the dwarves in an escape. He kills the Great Goblin. Some clever and interesting fighting scenes are filmed in this portion of the movie.
21. *Where is Bilbo when the company is fighting the Goblins?* He has fallen into a cave where he encounters Gollum. Gollum drops a gold ring that Bilbo picks up not realizing its power to make him invisible. They play a riddle game, in which Bilbo will be eaten if he loses. Gollum realizes Bilbo must have his ring, but Bilbo manages to escape and rejoin the company.
22. *What happens that causes the company to climb trees?* The company is ambushed by Azog and his hunting party. Bilbo saves Thorin from the Orcs just as the company is rescued by the Great Eagles, who fly them to the safety.
23. *Why do some believe Smaug is dead? Is he really dead?* Smaug is awakened by the knocking sound of bird. His eye opens at the end of the movie, filling the screen.
24. Name one character in this movie who is NOT in the book: **Galadriel**
25. Which is better, the movie or the book (so far)? Answers vary. Many may think the movie is better as the book is dry.



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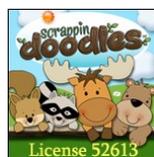
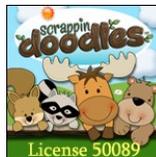
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