



## Friar<sup>1</sup> Tuck joins the outlaws



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ill Scarlett told Robin that a big, fat man lived in a cavern near a river in Sherwood Forest. One day Robin decided to meet him. He went to the river and saw a fat friar who was fishing.

‘Good morning, young man,’ said the friar.

‘Good day,’ answered Robin Hood. ‘You are fishing in an outlaw river. The fish you catch are mine. You can fish here today, but only if you carry me across the river.’

The friar did not like what Robin said. So, he looked at him and said, ‘I can carry you across the river. You are very thin! Can you carry me across the river?’

1. **Friar** : monk.

# ROBIN HOOD



Robin was surprised to hear this. 'Of course, I can carry you! I am thin, but I am very strong.'

Robin lifted the enormous friar with great difficulty. Then he carried him across the river.

'You are very heavy, friar. But I can carry you,' said Robin. At the other side of the river Robin said, 'Now you must carry me back.'

The friar started to carry Robin Hood across the river. But when they arrived at the middle of the river, the friar stopped. He sniffed Robin and said, 'Goodness! You smell like an old rat! You need <sup>1</sup> a good, cold bath!' And so, the friar threw Robin into the cold water. He laughed loudly and then pulled Robin to the river bank.

Robin was angry at first. Then, he smiled and said, 'You were right. I needed a bath. I feel better now. My good friar, you are free to fish in this river when you want.'

'Let us shake hands <sup>2</sup> before I go away,' said the friar.

'Oh, don't go away, ' said Robin. 'My name is Robin Hood.'

'What! *You* are Robin Hood?' asked the friar. He was very surprised.

'Yes! Come and live with me and my outlaws. We are all good, honest men. We take from the rich and give to the poor. We want a friar because we need the word of God. What is your name?'

'I am Friar Michael Tuck, of Fountains Abbey. I had a quarrel <sup>3</sup> with my abbot. <sup>4</sup> He was very greedy and rich. He never helped the poor. He forgot God's teachings. When I told him this, he

1. **need** : should have.

2. **shake hands** : 

3. **quarrel** : argument.

4. **abbot** : head of an abbey.



# ROBIN HOOD



wanted to punish me. I escaped to the forest. Now I live a simple life.

‘If you want to live a simple life, and help the poor, then come to Sherwood Forest,’ said Robin.

The two men shook hands and promised to be friends for life.



## UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

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- 1** Read the passage below and choose the correct word A, B, C or D for each space. The first (0) is done for you.

A big, fat man <sup>0</sup> ..... in Sherwood Forest in a cavern. Robin <sup>1</sup> ..... to meet him. He went <sup>2</sup> ..... the river and <sup>3</sup> ..... a friar. The friar was very fat and he was <sup>4</sup> ..... . 'This is <sup>5</sup> ..... river and you can't fish here!' <sup>6</sup> ..... Robin Hood. 'You can fish here <sup>7</sup> ..... you carry me <sup>8</sup> ..... the river.'

'That's easy <sup>9</sup> ..... you are thin. I'm fat. Can you carry me?' asked the friar. Robin carried the friar with <sup>10</sup> ..... difficulty. 'Now you must carry me <sup>11</sup> ..... ,' said Robin. The friar carried Robin and then threw <sup>12</sup> ..... into the cold water. 'You need a bath!' said the friar. Then they <sup>13</sup> ..... good friends.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>0</b>	be	live	is	lived
<b>1</b>	thought	decided	desperately	concluded
<b>2</b>	to	at	in	for
<b>3</b>	seeing	see	saw	sees
<b>4</b>	fishing	fish	fished	fishes
<b>5</b>	mine	my	your	yours
<b>6</b>	answered	cried	pretended	asked
<b>7</b>	and	for	of	if
<b>8</b>	over	between	across	on
<b>9</b>	because	and	so	if
<b>10</b>	a lot	several	many	much
<b>11</b>	behind	back	return	again
<b>12</b>	it	his	him	he
<b>13</b>	became	become	becomes	becoming

**2** Here's a crossword puzzle for you to do.

**ACROSS**



3. Sherwood .....

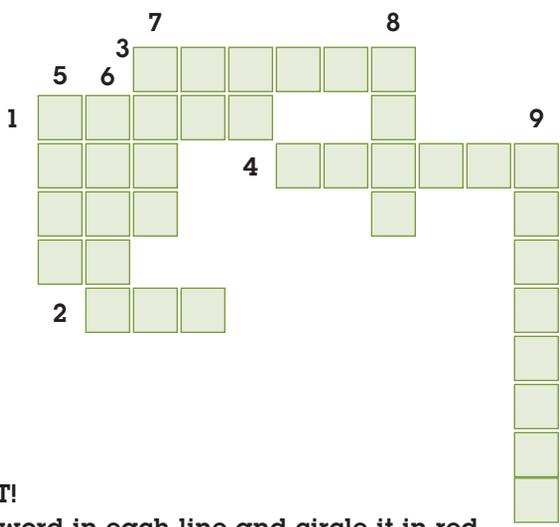


**DOWN**



8. not fat

9. very big



**3** **ODD ONE OUT!**  
Find the odd word in each line and circle it in red.

- a. river    sea    ocean    forest
- b. fish    friar    rat    horse
- c. hand    foot    head    outlaw
- d. castle    abbey    church    monastery

Now write a sentence with one of the odd words.

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## WRITING

This is part of a letter Friar Tuck receives from his brother Friar Tom.

*I heard that you left your abbey and that you are living in a forest. Why did you decide to leave?*

- Now you are writing a letter back to him.
- Write your letter in about 100 words.

T: GRADE 5

## TOPIC – FRIENDS

**'The two men shook hands and promised to be friends for life.'** Who is your best friend? Bring in some pictures of your best friend and tell the class about him/her using these questions to help you.

- How did you meet?
- What do you usually do together?
- What to you are the most important qualities in a friendship?
- Do you always agree about everything or do you have different opinions about some things. What are they?

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**WHO DID WHAT?**

Write the name of the person who did the following actions. Some names can be used more than once. The names are in the tree trunk.

King John	Little John
Robin Hood	Friar Tuck
Will Scarlett	King Richard
	The Sheriff of Nottingham

**Who...**

- a. told Robin that a stranger lived in a cave? .....
- b. fished in the outlaw river? .....
- c. pushed Robin off a bridge? .....
- d. threw Robin into the river? .....
- e. killed Robin's father? .....
- f. took King Richard's place? .....
- g. made swords for King Richard's men? .....
- h. carried a fat friar across the river? .....
- i. was away on a crusade? .....
- j. was greedy and cruel? .....
- k. was tall and enormous? .....
- l. had a quarrel with his abbot? .....

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**Write a brief description of your favourite character.**

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