

# THE HOBBIT

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

FOR EACH QUESTION ANSWERED CORRECTLY IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES,  
AWARD POINTS ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE:

“BILBO’S EXAM” (Easy): 1 point

“THORIN’S TEST” (Moderate): 3 points

“GANDALF’S QUEST” (Difficult): 5 points

“SMAUG’S REVENGE” (Very difficult): 10 points

“BILBO’S EXAM” (Easy): 1 point

1. Beorn has the ability to shape-shift into what kind of creature? [Bear]
2. What is the name of the forest that Bilbo and the dwarves enter? [Mirkwood]
3. What is the name of the creature Bilbo encounters in the goblin caves? [Gollum]
4. What is the name of the dragon that Bilbo and the dwarves encounter in his lair? [Smaug]
5. How many armies fight in the war at the end of *The Hobbit*? [Five]

**“THORIN’S TEST”** (Moderate): 3 points

1. What color is Bilbo’s front door? [Green]
2. How many dwarves accompany Bilbo and Gandalf on the adventure? [Thirteen]
3. How much of the dragon’s gold hoard was Bilbo promised in return for his services as a burglar?  
[One fourteenth]
4. What is the name of the home where Elrond and his elves live? [Rivendell]
5. Who are the two youngest dwarves? [Fili and Kili]

**“GANDALF’S QUEST”** (Difficult): 5 points

1. What is the name of the treasure Bilbo steals from Smaug’s lair that is an heirloom belonging to Thorin?  
[The Arkenstone]
2. In the riddle game, Bilbo asks Gollum this riddle: “A box without hinges, key, or lid, Yet golden treasure inside is hid.” What is the answer? [An egg]
3. How many trolls capture Bilbo and the dwarves, and what are their names? [Three: Bert, Tom and William]
4. What is the advice Gandalf gives the party before they enter Mirkwood? [“Don’t leave the path.”]
5. What is the riddle Bilbo uses to stump Gollum, in its entirety? [“What have I got in my pocket?”]

**“SMAUG’S REVENGE”** (Very difficult): 10 points

1. Who is the first dwarf to come to Bilbo’s door at the beginning of *The Hobbit*? [Dwalin]
2. What is the first line of *The Hobbit*? [“In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.”]
3. What is the name of the chieftain who leads the orcs in the great battle at the end of *The Hobbit*? [Bolg]
4. Name all of the dwarves who accompany Gandalf and Bilbo on the adventure [Fili, Kili, Oin, Gloin, Thorin Oakenshield, Dwalin, Balin, Bifur, Bofur, Bombur, Dori, Nori, and Ori]
5. What is the meaning of the rune that Gandalf inscribes on Bilbo’s door at the beginning of *The Hobbit*?  
[“Burglar wants a good job, plenty of excitement, and reasonable reward”]

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