

Understanding

- 1 What are the names of the three hobbits?
- 2 How were the hobbits travelling?
- 3 What was the only sound in the forest?
- 4 What was there no sign of?
- 5 What did Frodo begin to think?

Looking at language

6 Explain the meaning of these words as they are used in the story. Use a dictionary to help you.

- a innumerable b squat c gnarled
- d interlacing e disapproval f abominable

7 Find a word in the story that means the same as these.

- a keeping away from b going up c taking a quick look

- 8 Find adverbs in the story that tell you:
 - a how the ponies plodded.
 - b how the uncomfortable feeling grew.
 - c how they looked up.
 - d how the trees seemed to bar their way.

Exploring the story

- 9 Where is this part of the story set?
- 10 Why do you think 'there was no undergrowth'?
- 11 What do you think might have happened if the hobbits had lost one another?
- 12 Who do you think is the leader of the group? Explain your reasons.
- 13 Why do you think Frodo told Merry to go ahead and 'find a path'?
- 14 What do you think happens next? Do the hobbits find their way out of the wood? Do they get lost? What happens?

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Taking it further

- 15 Imagine you are with the hobbits on their journey. Write about your thoughts and feelings:
 - a before you go into the forest.
 - b in the forest.
 - c when you come out of the forest.