

Robin Hood

Activity 1

With your partner discuss the difference in meaning between the following verbs: 'rob' and 'steal'.

Activity 2

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with 'rob' or 'steal' in the correct form.

1. Robin Hood the rich and gave to the poor.
2. Robin Hood money from the rich and gave it to the poor.

Activity 3

Match the following words associated with Robin Hood with their partners below.

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| 1. Merry | a) | John |
| 2. Sherwood | b) | Marion |
| 3. Maid | c) | John |
| 4. Friar | d) | the Lionheart |
| 5. Little | e) | Men |
| 6. The Sheriff | f) | Tuck |
| 7. Prince | g) | Forest |
| 8. King Richard | h) | of Nottingham |

Activity 4

Match the following words and phrases with the correct definitions below.

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| 1. Hood (UK) | a) | Drooping or heavy eyelids. |
| 2. Hood (USA) | b) | A young girl who is eaten by a wolf in a children's fairy story. |
| 3. Hood (USA) | c) | Part of a coat or top which covers the head. |
| 4. Hoodie | d) | A gangster. |
| 5. Hooded eyes | e) | Part of a car which covers the engine. |
| 6. Little Red Riding Hood | f) | A potentially dangerous young person who wears a hood to cover their head to avoid recognition. |

Activity 5

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. How much do you know about the story of Robin Hood?
2. What do you think of Robin Hood? Was he a criminal or a hero?
3. Robin Hood's intentions were good. To what extent does this justify his actions? Does the end ever justify the means?
4. Have you ever stolen anything? If so, why? What happened next?
5. Do you give money to beggars? Why/not?
6. If you won the lottery jackpot would you give any of your winnings to charity? If so, how much? Which charity or charities would you prioritise and why?
7. How much money would you need to be happy?
8. What does your country do to help the poor? What more can people do?
9. Should the mega-rich be allowed to pass all their riches on to their children when they die? Why/not?
10. What are the disadvantages of being extremely rich?
11. What would you do if you found a large sum of money (e.g. enough to buy a new car) in the street?
12. What is more important to you – wealth or success? Why?

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. In which poem was Robin Hood first mentioned?
2. Robin Hood may have been a nobleman. What was his title?
3. Who were Will Scarlett and Allan-a-Dale?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'Robin Hood was right – taking money from the rich and giving it to the poor is the best way to reduce poverty in the world!'
Do you agree?

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