

# Answers to the hobbit study guide

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**How does Bilbo show his value to the group when goblins approach the cave?**

In his first encounter with the goblins, for example, Bilbo proves useful by shouting enough to awaken Gandalf, who, in turn, ends up saving the whole company.

**What conversation does Bilbo overhear?** Bilbo overhears the dwarves talking irritably among themselves one day after many failed attempts to open the door. He is alarmed to hear them discussing the possibility of sending him in through the front gate to check things out while cloaked with his invisibility ring.

**What unexpected windfall do the travelers reap from their adventure?** What unexpected windfall do the travelers reap from their adventure? They find gold, food, and weapons from the troll cave.

**What heroic act does Bilbo perform in chapter 8?** Bilbo falls asleep, and when he wakes up from dreams of food and home, he finds himself half-covered in spider thread—a giant spider has captured him and is about to poison him. Bilbo manages to free his sword and kill the spider.

**What do the goblins represent in The Hobbit?** Goblins in The Hobbit are the same thing -- Tolkien explains in one version of the preface to The Hobbit that 'goblin' is just the English word for 'orc'. The goblins/orcs that Bilbo, Thorin, and the rest of their adventuring party encounter are super evil.

**Who killed the Great Goblin in The Hobbit?** Gandalf kills the Great Goblin in The Hobbit. He arrives in the nick of time and kills the Goblin King with Glamdring, a sword famed for killing goblins.

**Why does Bilbo speak to Smaug in riddles?** Answer and Explanation: When Bilbo gets into a conversation with dragon Smaug, he does not want to anger the creature by refusing to say who he is, yet he also wants to avoid revealing his true identity. So he uses a riddle to give labels to himself pertaining to his skills and adventures along the road.

**Why does the party climb up to the top branches of the trees?** Bilbo, the dwarves, and Gandalf climb into trees to avoid the wolves.

**How do the dwarves escape the goblins?** Gandalf's voice leads the dwarves and Bilbo out of the cavern. The Goblins chase after them until, finally, Thorin and Gandalf turn and, with their swords, kill several of the Goblins.

**Why can't the party go around Mirkwood?** It's too long a way round and too many dangers to try and avoid to get to their destination. The road through Mirkwood is at least pretty much a straight line from A to B, and free of roving orcs and other dangers. Tolkien reader since 1968.

**Why did the travelers climb up the trees?** They climbed up into the trees to escape the wolves. 5. Who saved Bilbo from the wolves?

**Why did the dwarves leave the path?** Why did the travelers leave the path? They were attracted to the lights in the forest, thinking there would be food at a camp fire.

**What does Bilbo call the spider?** In The Hobbit, Bilbo called the spiders Attercop, Lazy Lob, Crazy Cob, and Old Tomnoddy.

**Why did Bombur fall asleep in Mirkwood?** Bilbo and the dwarves enter the forest of Mirkwood only to quickly run into trouble. Bombur falls asleep after falling into the enchanted black river. When he finally wakes up, the company breaks up feasting elves three times.

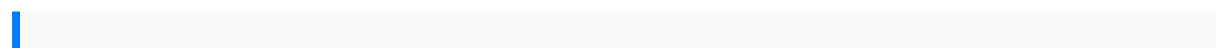
**Why does Bilbo name his sword sting?** One of the spiders attempts to wrap Bilbo in its silk, but he manages to draw his sword and stabs it. As it perishes, it shouts that the sword 'stings'. Bilbo hears this and decides to name his sword Sting. This victory over the spider bolsters his courage.

**What does Bilbo do when he sees the goblins?** Bilbo finds the exit and has a chance to kill Gollum. However, his sense of mercy and fairness prevents him from killing the creature. He instead uses the magic ring to evade Gollum and a group of goblins.

**What does Bilbo value the most?** Adventurousness: Bilbo craves adventure. He is open and accepting of others who are different from him, which is not something that can be said of most other hobbits. He agrees to go on an adventure in which he has no end goal; he just goes for the sake of adventure.

**How does Bilbo help the group when they are captured?** Bilbo uses the ring to follow them unseen. He steals the guard's keys one night and releases all the dwarves from their cells. He develops a plan for the dwarves to stow away in empty wine barrels that are sent down the river to Lake-town. Bilbo and the dwarves escape and ride the river toward the town.

**How does Bilbo's fall in the goblins Cave affect the rising action in The Hobbit and lead to a turning point in the story?** Bilbo's fall in the Goblins' cave affect the rising action in The Hobbit and lead to a turning point in the story is : When Bilbo regains consciousness and finds and pockets a ring that gives the bearer magical power.



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