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# The Hobbit: Chapter 1

## AN UNEXPECTED PARTY



### Reading Comprehension

Let's meet the characters: For each of the following questions, look in the text for the answer and underline it.

#### The hobbit Bilbo Baggins

1. What is a hobbit? Underline three elements that you think are important.
2. Where does Bilbo live?
3. Is he rich or poor?
4. How old is he?
5. Who were his parents?
6. Find the recurring adjective the narrator uses for the Baggins family and the key noun associated with the Took family.

#### The wizard Gandalf

7. How does Gandalf appear?
8. What can he do?
9. Why is he famous among hobbits?
10. What proposal does he make to Bilbo?

#### The dwarves

11. How many are there?
12. What are their names and their physical appearance? Underline one characteristic for each.
13. What do they propose to Bilbo?

#### The dragon Smaug

14. What are the characteristics of the dragon?
15. Where does he live?

## Character Analysis

Now, in the boxes, write a brief but complete description of each character.

The hobbit Bilbo Baggins



The wizard Gandalf

The dwarves



The dragon Smaug

## Interpretation

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the life of the hobbits like?

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2. What do hobbits think about adventures?

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3. Why do you think Bilbo invites Gandalf to have tea for the following day?

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4. What happens to Bilbo while listening to the dwarves' song? Why do you think so?

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## Vocabulary

Answer the following questions.

The adjective **“round”** appears several times in the description of Bilbo’s house. Find and list below all the terms to which it refers.

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Why do you think this adjective appears so many times?

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## Text-to-Self Connection

*Bilbo is torn between the desire to be comfortable at home (Baggins spirit) and the longing for adventure (Took spirit): which of the two attitudes do you identify with more? Justify your answer.*

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