

Listening Comprehension: Questions and Answers

Q1: Which words at the beginning of the text encourage the reader to want to be a knight?

A1: *"Being a knight is GREAT!"* (paragraph 1) (Also *"Being a knight is fun"* paragraph 2.)

Strategy: Consider where in the text the information might be found. Listen carefully to that part. Make a note of the words used in the text.

Q2: Why do you have to be strong?

A2: To wear the heavy armour/because it's hard work/because you have to lift a heavy sword.

Strategy: Remember to use information in the text, not your general knowledge! Listen carefully and find ideas in the text.

Q3: Would you be a page, a squire or a knight? How do you know?

A3: A page – because I'm not yet 14.

Strategy: Consider where in the text the information might be found. Listen carefully to that part. Make notes of words used in the text.

Knight Survival Guide: Are You Tough Enough?

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1 **Showing off**

When there are no real battles, take part in a tournament. This is a fighting competition in which you can show off your skills.

4 **Charge!**

To joust, you must:

1. Ride towards your enemy at top speed.
2. Try to hit him with your lance.
3. Wear your smartest armour!

9 **The winners**

Knights who won a joust were given a prize. They were usually given money.

11 **For the ladies**

Knights sometimes fought to impress a lady.

13 **Knight rules**

A good knight must be very polite to ladies. Always bow and kneel to a lady and never, ever swear at her!

16 **Your special lady**

You can even fight for a lady. In any fight, make sure you wear her family colours or coat of arms.

19 **Take care**

Knights were expected to **defend** and **protect** women.

21 **On a mission**

Your king or lord might test you by sending you on a quest, or mission. You might have to catch an enemy or save a prisoner in a castle.

24 **Top quests**

If you are really lucky you might get to find treasure or rescue a princess from a tower. And all knights want to fight a dragon, of course!

27 **Cup of magic**

Some knights went on a great adventure to find a magical cup called the Holy Grail.

Name:

Class:

Date:

1. Why would a knight take part in a tournament? Give **two** reasons from the text.

2b

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1 mark

2. What does the heading "*Showing off*" tell us about the author's feelings about tournaments?

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1 mark

3. "*make sure you wear her ... coat of arms.*"

In this sentence, the underlined words are closest in meaning to the following. Tick one.

warm winter coat

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something you wear in secret

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family's shield

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another layer of protection

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1 mark

4. At this time, were ladies seen as strong and independent, or weak and fragile?

Explain your answer using ideas from the text.

2d

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1 mark

5. Use information from the text to write a definition of a joust for the glossary.

2b

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2 marks

6. Give **two** reasons from the text why knights would fight in a tournament.

2b

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2 marks

7. "*Your king or lord might test you by sending you on a quest, or mission*" (paragraph 8). Why did the writer add the words "*or mission*"?

2g

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1 mark

8. "*And all knights want to fight a dragon, of course!*" (paragraph 9). Why did the writer use the words "*of course!*" to finish the sentence?

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1 mark

9. Do you think the book would be helpful if you wanted to be a knight?

Yes ☐No ☐

Explain your answer using ideas from the text.

2c

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2 marks