

Concerning Hobbits

Hobbits are an **unobtrusive**, nervous set of people, more numerous formerly than they are today; for they love peace and **harmony**. Hobbits love good **tilled**, for they spend much time farming soil. A **regimented** and well-ordered countryside was their favourite **haunt**. They are quick of hearing and sharp-eyed, and though they are **inclined** to be fat and do not hurry unnecessarily, they are nonetheless **nimble** and deft in their movements. They possessed the art of disappearing **expeditiously**- that is, as quick as lightning- and silently, when large folk whom they do not wish to meet come blundering by. But Hobbits have never, in fact, been caught by any human being, and their **elusiveness** is due solely to a professional skill that heredity and practice, and a close friendship with the earth, have rendered **inimitable**, unbelievably unique, by bigger and clumsier races. For they are a **diminutive** people, smaller than Dwarves: less stout and stocky, that is, even when they are not actually much shorter. Their height is **variable**, ranging between two and four feet of our measure. They **seldom** now reach three feet; in fact, only 3 hobbits have reached 3 feet in the last decade, but they have dwindled, they say, and in ancient days they were taller. According to the Red Book, Bandobras Took, was four foot five and able to ride a horse. He was **surpassed** in all Hobbit records only by two famous characters of old; but that curious matter is dealt with in this book.

Word	Meaning	Evidence
Unobtrusive		
Harmony		
Tilled		
Regimented		
Haunt		
Inclined		
Nimble		
Expeditiously		
Elusiveness		
Inimitable		
Diminutive		
Variable		
Seldom		
Surpassed		

