

Buzzor Buzzorath (“buzz of all buzzes”): J. R. R. Tolkien questions for 2021 Festivus

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Note to moderators: I tried to provide pronunciation guides for difficult non-English words, which you should use if you feel comfortable with them. If not, a phonetic English pronunciation will get the idea across. Word-final vowels marked with an umlaut (ë) require an additional syllable, e.g., “Aulë” is pronounced “OW-leh.” In non-English words, you should trill the letter ‘r’ if you can.

Moderators, please read the following notes to your players:

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1. Throughout this packet, the word “person” could indicate any type of humanoid character, including but not limited to humans, Elves, Dwarves, Hobbits, Ainur (“EYE-nor”), and Orcs. The words “man” and “woman” are used specifically for humans.
2. When choosing verb tenses, I have prioritized consistency within each tossup. The use of either the present or the past tense does not imply a particular time relation to either *The Lord of the Rings* or any other source.

1. In the books but not the films, Gandalf proposed that a trip to Imloth Melui to get this thing would be a chance for Shadowfax to show “the meaning of haste.” Aragorn noted that this thing was called *asëa aranian* in Valinorean Quenya while telling off a pompous man who didn’t know where this thing might be found. The old woman Ioreth believed Aragorn to be a king after she saw him using this thing. When added to boiling water, this plant produced a pungent, refreshing odor that strengthened anyone who smelled it. For 10 points, name this plant used to cure Frodo, Éowyn, and Merry from the Black Breath of the Nazgûl, though to the ignorant it appeared to be a weed.

ANSWER: **kingsfoil** [or **athelas**; accept **asëa aranian** before “*asëa aranian*”]

2. Nerdanel’s father Mahtan (“MAHK-tan”) had one of these things in the second cycle of his life, though other Elves like Círdan (“KEER-dan”) typically did not get them until their third cycle. According to the Foreword to *The Lord of the Rings*, the boat-loving Stoors were the only Hobbits to have even a trace of these things. Contrary to film depictions, Tolkien imagined these things being completely absent among human descendants of half-Elves, including Aragorn and Boromir. On film, Aragorn notes to Éowyn that Dwarf women have these body features, making them hard to distinguish from males. The English name of the chief Ent mentions—for 10 points—what type of facial hair?

ANSWER: **beards** [accept Tree**beard**; prompt on facial **hair**]

3. On the Dawnless Day, Sam dreamed that he was searching for his lost pipe in this place. During one incident, a pale smoky figure towered over this place, before sighing and being “dissolved into nothing” by a cold west wind. The notary firm of Grubb, Grubb, and Burrowes briefly took custody of this place to execute an auction. Hugo Bracegirdle was given a bookcase from this place to store the many borrowed books he never returned. The best rooms in this place were on the left side of its main hall, which ran back from a round green door with a brass knob in the center. For 10 points, name this home delved into Hobbiton Hill where Bilbo and Frodo lived.

ANSWER: **Bag End** [accept the **Bag End garden** until “custody”; prompt on **Frodo’s home** or **Bilbo’s home** or the **Baggins residence**; prompt on Hobbiton **Hill**]

Two answers required.

4. These two people left their longtime home in Belfalas following the death of the son of Amdír in T.A. 1981. In Tolkien’s late writings, these two people met while going by their birth names of Artanis and Teleporno. That late story describes one of these people as a Teler who helped the other return to Beleriand before Fëanor (“FEH-ah-nor”) did, though in *The Silmarillion* they were a Noldo and a Sinda who met in Doriath. *Unfinished Tales* suggests that both of these people stood about six foot four, though *The Fellowship of the Ring* simply calls them “very tall,” with “the Lady no less tall than the Lord.” For 10 points, name this married pair of Elves who ruled Lothlórien in the Third Age.

ANSWER: **Galadriel** and **Celeborn** [accept **Alatáriel** or **Nerwen** for “Galadriel”; accept **Artanis** for “Galadriel” before “Artanis”; accept **Teleporno** for “Celeborn” before “Teleporno”]

5. According to *Unfinished Tales*, the Nazgûl originally visited the site of this event two days after it occurred, but in later versions they arrived on the day of this event. Frodo dreamed of this event a week after it happened while sleeping in Tom Bombadil's house. In the books, a character critical to this event was only present because he was bringing news of "the gathering of wolves and the mustering of Orcs" to two of the Wise. This event was enabled by the sudden solo appearance of Gwaihir the Windlord, which on film is brought about after a conversation with a moth. For 10 points, name this event that cut short Saruman's attempt to imprison a "Grey" wizard.

ANSWER: **Gandalf's escape** from **Isengard** [accept **Orthanc** or **Saruman's** tower for "Isengard"; prompt on **Gandalf's imprisonment** in Isengard; prompt on answers like **Gandalf escaping** or **flying** away by asking "From where?"]

6. After completing a campaign to eradicate nearby Orcs, one of these people was killed while hunting the Boar of Everholt. The twin sons of one of these people were buried at *Haudh in Gwanûr* after falling in battle at the Crossings of Poros in T.A. 2885. The first patrilineal line of these people ended in the Long Winter with the death of Helm Hammerhand, a direct descendant of Eorl ("erl") the Young. The graves of these leaders lined both sides of the road to their capital, and the white flower Simbelmynë ("SEEM-bel-my-neh") grew on top of them. Meduseld was the thatched hall of—for 10 points—what monarchs of a horse-riding people, who included Théoden?

ANSWER: **Kings** of **Rohan** [or **King** of the **Mark**; accept **monarchs** or **rulers** of **Rohan**; prompt on **Rohirrim** or people of **Rohan** by asking "What role did the clued people serve?"]

7. The deeds of this family were recorded in a book called *The Great Writ*, popularly known as *Yellowskin* due to its age. Mysterious members of this family included Hildifons, who "went on a journey and never returned," and Isengar, who "went to sea." Beginning with Isumbras I, members of this family held the hereditary title of Thain. This family's northern branch was founded by the great Orc-slayer Bandobras, known as "the Bullroarer." Bilbo's mother Belladonna was from this family, and was the daughter of "Old" Gerontius, who lived to the age of 130. For 10 points, name this wealthy family from the Great Smials, whose most famous member was Peregrin, or "Pippin."

ANSWER: **Took** family [or **Tûk** family]

8. In a 2020 fan film named for this object, the knight Borondir solicits help from Eorl's ("erl'z") horsemen on behalf of Cirion ("KEER-ee-on") the Steward. After gathering material for this object from the Kine of Araw in Rhûn, Vorondil the Hunter gave it to his son Mardil. Frodo convinced Faramir that he was telling the truth about his background by recalling this object. This silver-tipped object, which was used in Rivendell and later in Moria, was said to have its intended effect anywhere within the old borders of Gondor. Denethor held this object in his lap after its two cloven pieces were fished out of the Anduin. For 10 points, name this object that Boromir used to call for aid before his untimely death.

ANSWER: **Boromir's horn** [or **Great Horn**; or **Horn of Gondor**; accept **horn** after "Boromir"; prompt on **horn** before "Boromir"]

9. Tar-Meneldur restricted the production of this good, angering his son, who founded the port of Vinyalondë ("VEEN-yah-lohn-deh") in response. Erendis was bothered by her husband Aldarion's management of this good's production in Hyarrostar and Andustar, which he oversaw on behalf of the Guild of Venturers. The Númenóreans antagonized the forerunners of the Dunlendings by aggressively collecting this good in Minhiriath and Enedwaith, leaving Eryn Vorn as one of the last parts of an ecosystem providing it that once stretched from the southern Misty Mountains to the Shire. For 10 points, name this resource whose aggressive harvesting around Isengard led the Ents to hate Saruman's Orcs.

ANSWER: **timber** [or **lumber**; or **wood**; prompt on **trees**; prompt on **ships** or **boats**]

10. In a non-canon appearance, this otherwise-canonical person becomes trapped within the Eye of Sauron after invading Mordor. This person coined the word *mithril* as leader of the Gwaith-i-Mírdain ("gwaith-ee-MEER-dain"). The ranger Talion is bonded to the wraith of this person in the video games *Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor* and *Shadow of War*. This person lived in the now-ruined city of Ost-in-Edhil as ruler of the Noldor of Eregion ("eh-REG-ee-on"). Though much of his work was guided by a disguised Maia using the name Annatar, this Elf was the sole creator of the uncorrupted Vilya, Narya, and Nenya. For 10 points, name this Elven smith who, under the influence of Sauron, forged the Rings of Power.

ANSWER: **Celebrimbor** [or **Telpinquar**; or **Telperinquar**]

11. In Quenya, this time period was preceded by a time period called *tindómë* (“teen-DOH-meh”), and it was itself known as *rómen*. The end of *The Return of the King* describes Frodo first seeing the West during this time period, in a passage repurposed on film as Gandalf’s speech about death during the Battle of the Pelennor Fields. In that passage, a “grey rain-curtain” rolls back to reveal a “far green country” under a “swift” one of these times. Théoden’s pep talk at Pelennor Fields predicts “a red day, ere” this time. The climax of the *Two Towers* film is Gandalf’s arrival from the East framed by new light at—for 10 points—what time of day?
ANSWER: **sunrise** [or **dawn**; accept “a red day, ere the **sun rises**”; prompt on **morning**]

12. This person almost died from wounds he received while stealing fruit from a tree in the court of Armenelos. In the Blackroot Vale, this person buried a massive spherical black stone that was later widely believed to have fallen from the sky. This person commanded three of the nine ships that escaped Rómenna before the fall of Númenor, including one carrying the first White Tree. In Minas Tirith, Gandalf discovered a scroll written by this person, in which he described an object that burned his hand before it cooled and the writing on it faded. For 10 points, name this forerunner of the kings of Arnor, the elder son of Elendil who cut the One Ring from Sauron’s finger.
ANSWER: **Isildur**

13. An isolated note on Quenya verb structure gives this place the archaic names *Arcimbelë* (“ar-KEEM-beh-leh”) and *Latimberista*. This place was where one person reworked his poem “Errantry” to add references to Helcaraxë and Arvernien. King Valandil was born in this place, whose population swelled after the Sack of Eregion (“eh-REG-ee-on”) in S.A. 1697. This place and a ford sit just east of a vertical line labeled “Edge of the Wild” on a map in *The Hobbit*, in which it is called the “Last Homely House.” This place lay in a valley near the head of the River Bruinen, which could be raised in flood to defend it from invaders. For 10 points, name this Elven stronghold where the Council of Elrond took place.
ANSWER: **Rivendell** [or **Imladris**; or **Karningul**; accept **Arcimbelë** or **Latimberista** before respective mention]

Description acceptable.

14. This property names a version of the legendarium from the late 1950s in which the Two Lamps never existed and the Sun and Moon preceded the creation of the Two Trees. The *Akallabêth* closes by discussing this property, which was introduced in S.A. 3319 in an event called the Changing of the World. After Ar-Pharazôn attacked Valinor, Eru destroyed Númenor, created “new lands,” and gave the world this property. This property of the world meant that only Elves could follow the Straight Road to the Undying Lands. For 10 points, what property of the world meant that sailing West from Middle-earth would eventually return you to your starting point?
ANSWER: Arda being **round** [or the world being **round**; accept **Bent** World; accept **Round** World cosmology]

15. Alexander Nemirovski argued that this highly agglutinative language was similar to Hurrian. Roleplayers have produced extensions of this language, including Zhâburi and Svartiska, that take large parts of their vocabulary from Albanian. Words in this language devised for the films by David Salo include *kibum*, for “life.” This language was not widely adopted by its nominally native speakers, though it was the only tongue of the Olog-hai. Elrond objected after Gandalf recited in Rivendell the most famous passage in this language, which begins “*Ash nazg durbatulûk.*” For 10 points, name this evil language of the inscription on the One Ring, which Sauron created for his servants.
ANSWER: **Black Speech** [accept language of **Mordor**; prompt on **Orkish** by asking “What language did Sauron want Orcs to speak?”]

16. According to *Unfinished Tales*, Saruman retrieved two artifacts from a region of this name, and Elessar discovered those artifacts in a steel closet in Orthanc. A river known to men by this word was called *Sir Ninglor* (“seer NEENG-glor”) in Sindarin. In the name of another region, this word was derived from the tall irises that filled the bed of a former lake. The river of this name flowed out of the Misty Mountains north of Lothlórien, entering the Anduin in a wetland of this name where Déagol (“DAIR-gol”) the Hobbit went fishing 2,461 years after a fateful Orc attack. The Ring was lost when Isildur was slain trying to swim away from an ambush in—for 10 points—what marshy “Fields”?
ANSWER: **Gladden** [accept **Gladden** River or **Gladden** Fields]

17. This person discussed the mortality of Men in a namesake *Athrabeth*, or debate, with the wise-woman Andreth. This person was the first Noldo to meet the people of Bëor (“BEH-or”), who gave him the name “Nóm.” For saving his life in the Dagor Bragollach (“brah-GOL-lakh”), this Elf gave Barahir the ring that became an heirloom of the Edain. He rejoined his betrothed Amarië in Aman after he died helping Beren in the quest for the Silmaril. With Dwarvish assistance, this Elf built an underground stronghold inspired by Menegroth into the banks of the River Narog. For 10 points, name this eldest son of Finarfin (“FEE-nar-fin”) and ruler of Nargothrond, whom the Dwarves called “Felagund.”

ANSWER: **Finrod** Felagund [accept **Felagund** or **Felakgundu** or **Felagon** before “Felagund”; accept **Findaráto** or **Artafindë**; accept **Nóm** or **Nómin** before “Nóm”; accept **Edennil** or **Atandil**; prompt on **Ingoldo**]

18. In “A Long-expected Party,” the Gaffer declares “we could do with a bit more” of this word “in these parts,” after the miller uses it to describe Bag End. Merry uses this adjective five times to describe the Old Forest, musing that the Withywindle is the “center” from which this quality comes. Chapter 7 of *The Hobbit*, in which the Company stays with Beorn, is titled for this type of “Lodgings.” This five-letter adjective is used 38 times in the first 10 chapters of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, typically by Hobbits to mean “strange.” For 10 points, Robert Frost wrote that “My little horse must think it” *what word* “To stop without a farmhouse near”?

ANSWER: **queer** [accept **queerness**; accept “**Queer** Lodgings”]

19. According to *The Nature of Middle-earth*, this person visited the Elves at Cuiviénen (“kwee-vee-EH-nen”) under the name Hrávandil (“HRAH-van-deel”). An essay in *Unfinished Tales* suggests that this person abandoned his original purpose in Middle-earth, a claim at odds with his background as a follower of Yavanna named Aiwendil (“eye-WEN-deel”). After the Council of Elrond, scouts from Rivendell tried to find this “master of shapes and changes of hue,” but he was not at his home of Rhosgobel. He relayed to Gandalf that the Nazgûl had crossed the Anduin as part of a trap laid by Saruman, who mocked this person as a simple, foolish “Bird-tamer.” For 10 points, name this Wizard who loved animals and was known as “the Brown.”

ANSWER: **Radagast** the Brown [accept **Hrávandil** or **Aiwendil** before respective mention]

20. The Valar held council in a “Ring of [this concept]” called Máhanaxar. Mandos appeared on a rock in Araman to deliver a speech known by this noun that foresaw the agony of the exiled Noldor. Lamenting her brother’s death, Nienor cried “*A Túrin Turambar turún’ ambartanen*,” which means “master of [this concept], by [this concept] mastered.” In *The Fellowship of the Ring*, this word is used as onomatopoeia to describe the sound of the drums of Moria. The Sammath Naur, the only place where the One Ring could be destroyed, were called the “Cracks of” this concept. For 10 points, Orodruin in Mordor was also known as “Mount” what type of horrible fate?

ANSWER: **doom** [accept **Doom** of Mandos or **Doom** of the Noldor or Crack(s) of **Doom** or Mount **Doom**; prompt on **fate**]

21. This is the first sound in a name meaning “secret” that Finduilas gave to a friend, which only differed in this sound from his real name. The *certh* (“kairth”) rune for this sound had a single leftward branch at the top of the stem. In Tengwar, this sound was the original meaning of the letter *silë*, though it was replaced by *s* among the exiled Noldor. The Elf Elwë adopted a seven-letter name beginning with this sound when he married Melian and became king of Doriath. In *The Lord of the Rings*, the kings of both Gondor and Rohan had names featuring the consonants *D*, *N*, and this fricative sound. Gríma (“GREE-mah”) Wormtongue ensnared a king whose name begin with—for 10 points—what sound?

ANSWER: **th** [or **thorn**; accept either the sound **th** or “**T-H**” spelled out; do not accept or prompt on “t” or “h” alone]

22. Orodreth was given custody of one place with this name by his uncle, who moved south to the fortress of Nargothrond. That watch-tower with this name was built by Finrod on Tol Sirion and was renamed when Sauron captured it after the Dagor Bragollach (“brah-GOL-lakh”). Another place of this name was built out from Mindolluin (“meen-DOLL-yooin”) at the eastern end of the Ered Nimrais (“NEEM-rize”). This name, which is Sindarin for “Tower of the Guard,” was adopted by one city after its counterpart was captured by the Nazgûl. That city of this name was surrounded by Pelennor Fields. For 10 points, give this name shared by a First Age fort and the late-period capital of Gondor where Denethor ruled.

ANSWER: **Minas Tirith** [prompt on **Tol-in-Gaurhoth**; prompt on **Minas Anor** after “Mindolluin”]

Description acceptable.

23. The huntsmen of Haleth named one place after an animal that evaded them by doing this action. Translated literally, the name of the gorge Cabed-en-Aras referred to this kind of action. Saeros died after failing to complete one of these actions while being chased by Túrin (“TOO-reen”). In *The Hobbit*, Thorin shot at a deer that suddenly appeared and did this action in Mirkwood. That deer still managed to complete this action, but surprised Bombur in the process and caused him to fall out of his boat. Tolkien often described deer performing—for 10 points—what agile way of evading an obstacle that might otherwise require a ford, bridge, or ferry?

ANSWER: **jumping** over a **river** [accept synonyms like **leaping** or **vaulting** for “jumping”; accept synonyms like **stream** or **brook** for “river”; accept **gorge** or **valley** for “river”; prompt on **jumping** or **leaping** or **Leap of the Deer** by asking “Over what?”; prompt on answers like **crossing a river** by asking “In what manner?”]

24. In the books, this broad class of beings are described as having thoughts “filled with a hatred” of “destroyers and usurpers.” After a nightmare in which he heard taps and creaks caused by these beings, Pippin was comforted by a reminder to “Heed no nightly noises!” In one conflict, Hobbits repelled these beings by burning a wide strip of open ground and creating the Bonfire Glade. One of these beings threatened to squeeze Merry in two when Sam tried to attack it with fire near the Witherwindle, but that being was chastened by Tom Bombadil. Huorns were somewhere between Ents and—for 10 points—what beings whose evil examples included Old Man Willow?

ANSWER: **trees** [accept **willows** before “Willow”; accept **Huorns** before mention; do not accept or prompt on “Ents”]

25. In Chapter 18 of *The Silmarillion*, an object with this name produced pits that were shortly filled with black, smoking blood; that object with this name was wielded in an event in which Fingolfin used the sword Ringil to wound his opponent seven times. On film, Orcs chant this word as an object is dragged by “great beasts.” Under the direction of the Witch-king, mountain trolls swung that wolf-headed, hundred-foot-long object with this name four times before it accomplished its purpose at Pelennor Fields. For 10 points, give this name shared by Morgoth’s “Hammer of the Underworld” and the battering ram that broke the gate of Minas Tirith.

ANSWER: **Grond**

26. After fleeing Doriath, Túrin (“TOO-reen”) joined an outlaw band whose name referred to these animals, the Gaurwaith. The Fellowship encountered many of these non-flying animals the night before entering Moria, though all traces of them were gone in the morning. The body of one of these animals named Draugluin was used as a disguise by Beren, while another one named Carcharoth went mad from the burning pain of the Silmaril in its stomach. In *The Hobbit*, these animals are the “fire” in the chapter “Out of the Frying-Pan into the Fire,” in which Gandalf wards them off with burning pinecones. Instead of horses, Orcs rode—for 10 points—what ferocious canines?

ANSWER: **wolves** [accept **werewolves**; accept **Wargs**]

27. These people named a calendar that introduced the holidays *tuilérë* and *yáviérë*, which was used from T.A. 2059 until the adoption of the New Reckoning. These people used a seal that featured the letters RNDR below three stars, derived from the Quenya word *Arandur*. After the 17th century of the Third Age, all of these people came from the descendants of Húrin (“HOO-reen”) of Eryn Arnem. A building named for these people burned down during the Battle of the Pelennor Fields with one of them inside. These people carried a white rod and sat in a black stone chair below the throne in the Tower of Ecthelion. For 10 points, name these people who ruled Gondor in the name of the king.

ANSWER: **Stewards** of Gondor [accept Ruling **Stewards** of Gondor; accept **Arandur** before mention; accept **Stewards’** Reckoning or House of the **Stewards**; do not accept or prompt on “King of Gondor”]

28. The only known accomplishment of Findegil (“FEEN-deh-geel”) was to produce a duplicate of this object. Frodo exclaimed “Is nothing safe?” after learning that Merry snuck “one rapid glance” at this object when he was young. This was the most important object kept at Undertowers by the Fairbairns of Westmarch. Late additions to this object included the “Translations from the Elvish” and an accurate account of the riddle-game, which its original author omitted. *There and Back Again* was one of the several titles for this book that Bilbo crossed off of its handwritten cover. For 10 points, name this fictional source of the text of *The Lord of the Rings*, named for the color of its leather binding.

ANSWER: **Red Book** of Westmarch [or **Red Book** of the Periannath; accept **Thain’s Book**; accept **Bilbo’s diary**; accept any underlined portion of **My Diary**, **My Unexpected Journey**, (before mention) **There and Back Again**, **And What Happened After**, **Adventures of Five Hobbits**, **The Tale of the Great Ring**, **What we did in the War of the Ring**; accept **The Downfall of the Lord of the Rings and the Return of the King**; prompt on Bilbo’s book; prompt on *The Lord of the Rings*]

29. This was the only object created by Telchar (“TEL-kar”) to have an attested history that outlasted the First Age. At the Council of Elrond, Elrond namedropped this object alongside its counterpart Aeglos. A squire addressed as “Ohtar” (“OHK-tar”) was commanded to flee a battle to save this object from being lost. Boromir’s dream in Gondor told him to “seek for” this object “in Imladris [where] it dwells,” which is also where Bilbo composed a poem that envisioned it being “renewed.” On film, Boromir cuts his finger on this object in Rivendell, noting that it’s still sharp. For 10 points, name this broken sword of Elendil, whose shards were carried by Aragorn until they were reforged as Andúril (“an-DOO-reel”).

ANSWER: **Narsil** [accept shards of **Narsil**; prompt on **Sword-that-was-Broken**; prompt on **Andúril** before mention by asking “What was it called before it was reforged?”]

30. This writer described the title character growing fat on the Lonely Troll’s baking in the poem “Perry-the-Winkle.” In another poem, he used rapid rhymes like “Graveyard! Caveyard! Paveyard!” to describe a troll gnawing on a bone. This person, who knew three stanzas of another writer’s translation of *The Fall of Gil-galad*, described Cerin (“CARE-in”) Amroth as like being “inside a song,” and later recited “Grey as a mouse / Big as a house” to define an oliphaunt. This person passed custody of the Red Book to his daughter Elanor years after he himself received it from Frodo. Frodo noted in Cirith (“KEER-eeth”) Ungol that he “wouldn’t have got far without”—for 10 points—what constant companion?

ANSWER: **Sam** Gamgee [or **Samwise** Gamgee; prompt on **Gamgee**]

31. According to *The Nature of Middle-earth*, this place was the first of several where the Elves stopped to have children on the Great Journey. The Peoples of Bëor (“BEH-or”) and Hador were first Sundered by this place, living in forests and hills to its northeast and southwest, respectively. The wine-making region of Dorwinion was directly northwest of this place. Christopher Tolkien guessed that this place was the shrunken remnant of Helcar, whose eastern end was Cuiviënen (“kwee-vee-EH-nen”). This body of water appears on the far right of most Middle-earth maps, receiving the River Running from the Long Lake. For 10 points, name this inland sea that shares its name with the broad “East” of Middle-earth.

ANSWER: Sea of **Rhûn** [prompt on **Inland** Sea before “inland”]

32. A marginal part of this populated region was guarded by the town of Breredon (“BREER-don”), whose name is rhymed in one source with the phrase “billy-beard on.” During a stay in this region, Pippin sang a song about the pleasures of bathing. This region was bounded by the High Hay in the east and the Marish in the west. Frodo bought a house in this region’s town of Crickhollow on the pretext of moving there in T.A. 3018. Frodo’s mother Primula was from this region, and he spent much of his youth in its chief residence, a huge warren-like smial called Brandy Hall. For 10 points, name this autonomous eastern annex of the Shire that was home to Merry’s clan.

ANSWER: **Buckland** [prompt on **The Shire**]

33. A woman whose name began with these three letters remarked “I have kept no hope for myself” as a farewell to her son, whom she raised in Rivendell under the pseudonym “Estel.” These three letters spell a Sindarin word for “star” or “starlight,” similar to the Quenya *elen*; thus, they begin a name meaning “star of radiance” that was given to an Elf born as Ereinion. Names beginning with these three letters include those of Aragorn’s mother; the leader of the wandering Elves who met Frodo in the Shire; and the last High King of the Noldor. The Elven leader of the Last Alliance had a name that featured—for 10 points—what three-letter prefix, followed by “-galad”?

ANSWER: **GIL** [accept **Gilraen** or **Gil-galad** or **Gildor**]

Description acceptable.

34. Workers at one of these places often expected to “hear the echo of a great voice” in its pervading holy silence. The Oaths of Cirion (“KEER-ee-on”) and Eorl (“erl”) were sworn at Amon Anwar, which was later renamed and became one of these places. One of these places known as Eilenach (“AI-leh-nakh”) was located in the center of Drúadan Forest. These places, which maintained stables of fresh horses, ranged from Halifirien in the west to Amon Dîn in the east. On film, Denethor refuses to use these places, so Gandalf and Pippin sneak into one within Minas Tirith itself and light it. For 10 points, name this set of seven fire signals used by Gondor to send warnings or calls for aid to Rohan.

ANSWER: **beacons** of Gondor [accept **beacon**-hills; accept descriptive answers like warning **stations** of Gondor; accept warning **fires** or **signal** fires of Gondor until “fire signals” is read; prompt on **hills** or **mountains**; prompt on **tombs** by asking “When it was regularly staffed, what role did that place serve?”]

35. The production of this stuff was handled by the *Yavannildi*, whose work was overseen by a queen called a *massánië*. Alongside Thingol’s gift of the sword Anglachel (“ANG-glah-kel”), Melian gave Beleg a package of this stuff, which was called *coimas* in Quenya. Galadriel was the only person in Third-Age Middle-earth who knew how to produce this stuff, which was packaged by wrapping it in *mallorn* leaves. Despite comparing it to the *cram* of the Dale-men, Gimli was pleasantly surprised by this stuff, while Gollum called it “dust and ashes” and refused to eat it. The Fellowship was sustained by—for 10 points—what wafer-shaped Elven travel food?

ANSWER: **lembas** [or Elvish or Elven **waybread**; accept **coimas** before “*coimas*”; prompt on **bread**]

36. This place was home to gold and silver images of the Two Trees called Glingal and Belthil, while its iron came from its mine Anghabar. The people of this place sang to the rising sun in the “Gates of Summer” festival. While escaping from Angband with a wounded Beren, Lúthien briefly glimpsed this place, where Húrin (“HOO-reen”) and Huor lived for a year as children. Eöl the Dark Elf was executed in this place by being thrown from Caragdûr, the sheer northern face of its hill of Amon Gwareth. Idril married Tuor here and gave birth to Eärendil (“eh-ah-REN-deel”). Turgon was the ruler of—for 10 points—what hidden Elven city in the Encircling Mountains, whose fall is one of the last tragedies of *The Silmarillion*?

ANSWER: **Gondolin** [or **Ondolindë**; prompt on **Hidden Kingdom** or **Hidden Realm**]

37. According to *The Nature of Middle-earth*, these non-predatory animals were abundant on Númenor but not found at all in First-Age Middle-earth. In *The Hobbit*, Beorn jokingly referred to Bilbo as one of these animals “getting nice and fat again on bread and honey.” Book IV, Chapter 4 of *The Lord of the Rings* is named for “herbs” and these animals. An unusually large and domesticable breed of these animals lived around Rhosgobel on the borders of Mirkwood. Sam built a smoky fire in Ithilien to stew a brace of these animals captured by Gollum. In the *Hobbit* films, Radagast’s sled is pulled by—for 10 points—what long-eared mammals that Sam called “coney”?

ANSWER: **rabbits** [or **hares**; or **bunnies**; accept **leporids** or **lagomorphs**; accept “Of Herbs and Stewed **Rabbit**”; accept **coney**s before “coney”]

38. Sam used this person’s name as a password for Frodo to let down the ladder to his room during the escape from Cirith (“KEER-ee-th”) Ungol. After the Weathertop encounter, Aragorn described this person’s name as “more deadly to” the Nazgûl than Frodo’s sword. In Rivendell, the Elves followed Bilbo’s song about Eärendil (“eh-ah-REN-deel”) with an untranslated hymn to this person. After recalling an Elvish song that called this Vala “Snow-white! O Lady clear!”, Sam was inspired to invoke her name when wielding the phial of Galadriel against Shelob. The stars were created by—for 10 points—what wife of Manwë and queen of the Valar, who was revered by Elves and given the epithet *Gilthaniel*?

ANSWER: **Varda Elentári** [or **Elbereth Gilthaniel**; accept any underlined portion, until read if applicable]

Description acceptable.

39. The Orcs who killed Barahir also gave him this other trait, and were boasting about it in their camp as Beren snuck up on them. Frodo gave a Barrow-wight this trait in a brief surge of courage before calling for help from Tom Bombadil. Maedhros became an even stronger warrior after he gained this trait while escaping from Thangorodrim. One man’s epithet “Erchamion” (“er-KAH-mee-on”) referred to this trait. After the Ring was destroyed, Sam imagined comparing the story of “Nine-fingered Frodo” to that of a First Age Mannish hero with this physical trait. For 10 points, name this permanent injury that Beren acquired in Angband after Carcharoth ate the Silmaril he was holding.

ANSWER: **one-handed** [accept descriptions like **losing a hand**; prompt on less precise answers like **injured** or **mutilated** or **amputated** by asking “In what specific way?”]

40. This name meant “king” in the language of the Northmen of the early Second Age. According to legend, the multiple people with this name were actually the same spirit periodically repossessing the same preserved body. A person with this name was woken by Aulë (“OW-leh”) under Mount Gundabad to be the leader of the Longbeards, and lends his name to a “Day” in which Sun and Moon appeared in the sky together at the new year. The founder of the city of Khazad-dûm had this name and was known as “the Deathless.” For 10 points, give this name shared by seven Dwarf kings, including the one whose “Bane” was the Balrog of Moria.

ANSWER: **Durin** [accept **Durin**’s Day]

Description acceptable.

41. Tolkien expressed dissatisfaction with this phrase in Letter 143 addressed to his publisher Rayner Unwin. On film, Saruman contradicts a definition of this phrase that appears at the end of some copies of *The Fellowship of the Ring* when he asks “who now has the strength to stand against [...] the union of” this phrase. A book cover that implicitly defines this phrase shows a Nazgûl flying between images of a crescent moon and a star. Tolkien considered at least five meanings for this phrase, drawn from various combinations of Minas Morgul, Minas Tirith, Barad-dûr, Cirith (“KEER-eeth”) Ungol, and Orthanc. For 10 points, what somewhat cryptic title adorns the second volume of *The Lord of the Rings*?

ANSWER: *The **Two Towers*** [accept descriptive answers like “Which towers are the **two towers**?”]

42. Finwë often visited one of these places after his wife Míriel went there to die. By way of metonymy, the Vala Irmo was often known by the name of a place of this type that was his home, where Melian and Olórin also lived. Like Galadriel’s forest realm, that one of these places in Valinor was called Lórien. Faramir and Éowyn met in this kind of place near the Houses of Healing while recovering in Minas Tirith. A person pretending to work in this kind of place eavesdropped on Gandalf and Frodo discussing the One Ring in Bag End, and was assigned to be Frodo’s first companion. For 10 points, name this kind of place that was tended to professionally by Sam Gamgee.

ANSWER: **gardens** [prompt on **woods** or **forests** before “forest realm”; prompt on **courtyards** by asking “What is in the courtyard?”]

43. This color names the “Annals” of early Beleriand that form the first part of *The War of the Jewels*. After Elwë took the name Thingol, which derives from this color, his people were known as Sindar, or Elves of this color. People with eyes of this color included Beren and Lúthien, Aragorn and Arwen, and Boromir and Faramir. Halbarad commanded a “Company” of Rangers known by this color who followed Aragorn through the Paths of the Dead. Tolkien consistently spelled this color with an ‘e’ rather than an ‘a,’ such as in the name of Círdan’s (“KEER-dan’z”) “Havens” in western Eriador. For 10 points, name this color by which Gandalf was known before he became Gandalf the White.

ANSWER: **grey** [accept **Grey** Annals or **Grey**-elves or **Grey** Company or **Grey** Havens or Gandalf the **Grey**]

Description acceptable.

44. According to *The Book of Lost Tales*, the Eldar typically used Ecthelion’s name as this kind of phrase. During one event, Húrin (“HOO-reen”) used “*Aurë entuluva*” as this kind of phrase 70 times, echoing Fingon’s recent exclamation “*Utúlie’n aurë!*” (“ooh-TOOH-lee-en OW-reh”) upon unexpectedly seeing Turgon. One of the few pieces of Khuzdul widely known by non-Dwarves was a phrase of this type that went “*Baruk Khazâd! Khazâd ai-mênu!*” Phrases of this type used in Moria included “Elendi!” for Aragorn and “The Shire” for Frodo, while at Pelennor Fields the Rohirrim chose the word “Death” for this purpose. For 10 points, name this type of phrase that one might shout before charging at some Orcs.

ANSWER: **battle cry** [accept **warcry** or **rallying cry** or **call to arms**; accept any answer indicating a **cry** or **yell** or **motto** or **slogan** or **utterance** issued during **battle** or **combat** or **fighting** or **violence** or **killing** or **war**, or similar; prompt on answers like **motto** or **slogan** by asking “Spoken in what context?”]

45. Tolkien denied that these characters felt pity in his unsent response to a letter from Catholic bookstore owner Peter Hastings, agreeing with Hastings that they were incapable of doing so. In the *Middle-earth Role Playing* game, these characters are brothers from the Hugath family. These characters were confused by a “burrahobbit” who claimed to have “lots” of companions and also “none at all.” One of them with the surname Huggins owned a talking purse. The swords Glamdring and Orcrist were found in the hoard of these characters after the Sun came up. Tom, Bert, and Bill were the names of—for 10 points—what trio who nearly cooked and ate Thorin’s Company in *The Hobbit*?

ANSWER: the three **trolls** in *The Hobbit* [accept **Tom, Bert, and Bill** or **Tom, Bert, and William** in any order before “Tom”; accept William **Huggins** for Bill before “Huggins”]

46. This place lends its name to a Tolkien-related podcast hosted by Alan Sisto and Shawn Marchese. The prologue to *The Fellowship of the Ring* names this specific place as the “center” of the art of pipe-weed smoking. According to Appendix A, Gandalf and Thorin first met by chance at this place, whose denizens remembered another person’s claim to be writing a book about Hobbits. This place employed the Hobbits Nob and Bob. While singing a song about the Man in the Moon, Frodo attracted attention in this place by accidentally putting on the Ring. Since time immemorial, the Butterbur family ran—for 10 points—what inn where the Hobbits met Aragorn in Bree?

ANSWER: *The **Prancing Pony*** [accept *The **Prancing Pony** Podcast*; prompt on **Bree**]

Colloquial English name acceptable, among others.

47. A passage in *The Nature of Middle-earth* describes these people as even fonder of mushrooms than Hobbits were. Part Four of *Unfinished Tales* includes an essay about the Istari and one about these people, who lived among the People of Haleth and were the subject of their fable of “The Faithful Stone.” These people, who communicated remotely using drums, may have built the Púkel-men statues along the road to Dunharrow, and definitely resembled them. A group of these people who helped Théoden get to the Battle of the Pelennor Fields were led by Ghân-buri-Ghân. For 10 points, name these small indigenous Men of Middle-earth who lived isolated lives in forests.

ANSWER: **Drúedain** (“DROO-eh-dyne”) [or **Drúath**; or **Drúgs**; or **Woses**; or **Wild Men** of the Woods; or **Rógin**; accept **Púkel-men** before “Púkel-men”; prompt on **Men**]

48. Frumgar, grandson of Forthwini, led his people into the former territory of this realm in T.A. 1974. Invasions by forces from this realm led to the destruction of Tyrn Gorthad and the second migration of the Stoors, who had formerly dwelt in the Angle. In the Barrow-downs, Merry had a dream about men from this realm’s capital of Carn Dûm. After this realm lost the Battle of Fornost, Glorfindel stopped Eärnur (“eh-AR-noor”) from chasing its ruler, foreseeing that “not by the hand of man [would] he fall.” This realm harassed Arnor from its lands around the northern Misty Mountains. For 10 points, name this realm ruled by the lord of the Nazgûl in the guise of a “Witch-king.”

ANSWER: Kingdom of **Angmar**

49. An event during the filming of a scene involving these objects reportedly surprised Billy Boyd so much that he wet himself. One of these objects is anachronistically compared to an “express train,” while others are described as “sailing ships” and “silver spears.” Widely remembered from the Old Took’s midsummer-eve parties, these objects included backarappers, goblin-barkers, and elf-fountains. In one chapter, the most terrifying of these objects served as a signal for supper. These objects “burst in stars of blue and green,” according to Sam’s verse in Frodo’s elegy for Gandalf. For 10 points, name these pyrotechnics that Gandalf supplied for Bilbo’s birthday party.

ANSWER: Gandalf’s **fireworks**

50. This person continued using the letter *þ* (“thorn”) in his mother’s name after his peers replaced it with an *s*, according to an essay in *The History of Middle-earth* about his “Shibboleth.” Christopher Tolkien cut several references to magical lamps made by this person from the *Silmarillion*. This person was best known by a half-Sindarized form of the name given to him by his mother Míriel, who was the first Elf to die in Aman. This Elf improved Rúmil’s alphabet to create the Tengwar script, though his greatest feat was to capture the light of the Two Trees in the “inner fire” of three large crystals. For 10 points, name this Noldorin Elf who forged the Silmarils.

ANSWER: **Fëanor** (“FEH-ah-nor”) [or **Curufinwë**; or **Fëanáro**; accept “The Shibboleth of **Fëanor**” or **Fëanorian** lamps]

51. In a story titled for one of these things, Borlas is unsettled when Saelon mentions the name “Herumor”; that story, included in *The Peoples of Middle-earth*, is titled for a “New” one of these things. Volume 6 of *The History of Middle-earth* is titled for the “Return” of one of these things. Both the Ered Wethrin of Hithlum and the Ephel Dúath of Mordor were known in English as the “Mountains of” this thing. Chapter 2 of *The Fellowship of the Ring* is titled for one of them “of the Past.” The capitalized form of this word is often used to describe the disembodied power of Sauron. According to the Ring-verse, the Land of Mordor was where—for 10 points—what dark concepts “lie”?
ANSWER: **shadows** [accept “The New **Shadow**” or *The Return of the **Shadow*** or Mountains of **Shadow** or “The **Shadow** of the Past”; prompt on darkness]

52. Ulmo was the least likely of the Valar to use temporary examples of these things, which were called *fanar*. Beings that used these things obligately were called *Mirröanwi*. Both the use of language and the presence of these things “dimmed” the ability for creatures to communicate via *ósanwe*, or telepathy. In Tolkien’s cosmology these destructible things were called *hröar*, and each one was unified with an immortal *fëa*. It is not entirely clear whether the marshes north of Mordor were actually filled with these things or just appeared to be. Tolkien took a dualistic view of—for 10 points—what physical objects that are inhabited by spirits?
ANSWER: **bodies** [accept dead **bodies**; accept *hröa* or *hröar* before “*hröar*”; accept *hrondo*]

53. The *ruxöalë* was a mysterious type of this activity performed once a year at Tompollë shortly after the Eruhantalë (“eh-roo-HAN-tah-leh”) ceremony. Both the Vala Nessa and the bears of Númenor were very fond of this activity, which Bilbo saw more bears doing during a dream in Beorn’s house in *The Hobbit*. Beren first saw Lúthien while she was doing this activity in the Forest of Neldoreth. The Springle-ring was a type of this activity done by Hobbits that was described as “pretty” but “rather vigorous.” On film, Merry and Pippin stand on the table to do this activity in Bree. For 10 points, name this artistic activity often performed at parties and accompanied by music.
ANSWER: **dancing**

54. A supporter of this action explained his reasoning in a song with the refrain “O Orofarnë, Lassemistä, Carnimirië!” The people who took this action accompanied it with a different song that featured the percussive refrain “ta-runda runda runda rom.” Bregalad supported this action almost immediately and quickly left the three-day “Moot” at which it was discussed. This action’s leader mused that it was “likely enough that we are going to our doom” while leading the “hasty” Quickbeam and others in taking this “Last March.” For 10 points, name this action taken by the guardians of Fangorn Forest after deciding they’d had enough of Saruman’s antics.
ANSWER: the **Ents** marching on **Isengard** [or **Battle of Isengard**; accept any answer indicating the **Ents** attacking or destroying **Isengard**; accept Last **March of the Ents** before “March”; prompt on attacking **Isengard** by asking “Who is doing it?”; prompt on the **Ents** attacking **Saruman** by asking “Where did they go?”]

55. Oikeroi and Umuiyan (“oo-MOY-an”) were animals of this type who served Tevildo, a forerunner to Sauron in the Beren–Lúthien story in *The Book of Lost Tales*. The dreams of a fat one of these animals are imagined in a brief alliterative poem in *The Adventures of Tom Bombadil*. During the reign of Tarannon, nine of these animals spied on the people of Gondor, with a tenth spying on the nine and reporting back to Queen Berúthiel. In a song, the ostler of a “merry old inn” owned an artistically talented one of these animals that failed to wake the Man in the Moon. In Bree, Frodo sang a nursery rhyme about—for 10 points—what kind of animal playing “hey-diddle-diddle” on a fiddle?
ANSWER: **cats**

56. A Quenya translation of this English word provided the name for the royal House of Telcontar, whose second ruler was Eldarion. Frodo rode to the Grey Havens on a pony of this name that he received in Minas Tirith. In another context, Éomer judged this name as “poor” and suggested replacing it with “Wingfoot,” while Bill Ferny mocked this name’s holder by calling him “Stick-at-naught.” Chapter 10 of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, which is titled for this nickname, features a letter that Gandalf left in Bree that revealed this name’s holder’s real identity to the Hobbits. Barliman Butterbur referred to Aragorn using—for 10 points—what nickname inspired by his long legs?
ANSWER: **Strider** [accept **Telcontar** before “Telcontar”; prompt on **Aragorn**]

57. In early drafts of *The Lord of the Rings*, there was a *palantír* at either this place or Erech, both of which are noted in *The Silmarillion* as sites of “marvelous” Númenórean works. Tolkien based this place on Cheddar Gorge in Somerset. Found under a southern spur of Thrihyrne (“THREE-heer-neh”), this place was the source of the Deeping-stream. This place was called Glámscrafu in the Third Age, while its Sindarin name was Aglarond. After the War of the Ring, Legolas visited this place in exchange for Gimli visiting Fangorn. After retreating into this place during a battle, Gimli founded a colony of Dwarves to tend to it. For 10 points, name these stunning jeweled caverns behind Helm’s Deep.

ANSWER: **Glittering Caves** [accept **Glámscrafu** or **Aglarond** before respective mention; prompt on **Helm’s Deep**]

58. Éomer’s successor as King of Rohan had a name whose Anglo-Saxon suffix translates to this English word. That same suffix with this meaning adorned the name of an Anglo-Saxon mariner who visited Tol Eressëa in a legendarium frame story, Ælfwine (“ALV-win-eh”). In names, the suffix *-ndil* is glossed with this meaning, as paired with words for “stars” and “Valar” in Elendil and Valandil, respectively. Both Elrond and Gimli bore an epithet consisting of “Elf” and this word; Gildor also gave Frodo that endearing epithet as they parted in the Shire. For 10 points, Gandalf opened the door to Moria by remembering that *mellon* is the Sindarin equivalent of what English word?

ANSWER: **friend** [accept Elf-**Friend**]

Description acceptable.

59. The ascension of Éärnil II (“eh-AR-nee!”) was engineered to prevent this event from occurring. Pelendur lobbied against Arvedui’s (“ar-VED-wee’z”) claimed right to carry out this event by virtue of his marriage to Fíriel daughter of Ondoher. According to Appendix A of *The Lord of the Rings*, Elrond made his daughter’s marriage contingent on this event occurring. Later, Elrond presented the Sceptre of Annúminas to the person who accomplished this event. To solidify this event, contact was re-established between Fornost and Minas Tirith along the North-South Road by King Elessar. For 10 points, name this task accomplished by Aragorn, by which the two realms of the Dúnedain (“DOO-neh-dyne”) came under a single crown.

ANSWER: **reuniting Arnor** and **Gondor** [or **reuniting** the **North and South Kingdoms**; accept words like **uniting** or **unifying** for “reuniting”; accept **Reunited Kingdom**; prompt on the **return** of the **king**; prompt on any answer about **reuniting** or **uniting** by asking “What realms are being reunited?”]

60. Pippin’s eldest sister was named for one of these objects. In a poem, one of these objects “without a spot” stands in for the speaker’s dead daughter. Círdan (“KEER-dan”) gave Thingol a huge one of these objects called Nimpheles that Thingol regifted to the Dwarves of Belegost. The image of Telperion on the Fifth Gate of Gondolin was decorated with many of these objects gathered from around the Isle of Balar. Tolkien translated a poem titled for a lost one of these objects that is published alongside *Sir Orfeo*. The poet who wrote *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* is sometimes known by a pseudonym referring to—for 10 points—what round, white gemstones produced by mollusks?

ANSWER: **pearls** [accept **Pearl** Took or **Pearl** Poet; prompt on **gemstones** or **jewels**]

61. This object was the most important one celebrated in the lost *Narsilion*, which one imagines may have described the ambivalence that led the Noldor to call this object *Vása*, or “the Consumer.” After being produced by Nienna and Yavanna from the last fruit of Laurelin, this object was entrusted to the Maia Arien. While the Fellowship is trapped on Caradhras (“cah-RATH-ras”), Legolas jokes that “I go to find” this object, and later returns to report that “She is walking in the blue fields of the South.” Minas Tirith was originally called Minas Anor, or “Tower of [this body].” After Morgoth and Ungoliant destroyed the Two Trees, the sky was lit by the Moon and—for 10 points—what other celestial object?

ANSWER: **Sun** [accept **Vása** or **Arien** before respective mention; accept **Anor** or **Anar** before “Minas Anor”]