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BAGGINS IS BACK!

SURPRISE RETURN OF HOBBIT THOUGHT DEAD

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The quiet village of Hobbiton-on-the-Water was yesterday in uproar due to the unexpected re-appearance of Mr Bilbo Baggins, who left the Shire months ago, accompanied by the wizard Gandalf. Where has he been all this time?



Bilbo Baggins



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2. **Copy** an example of a rhetorical question from the text. Why has the author used this?



3. **Tick** true or false in the following table:

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The people of Hobbiton-on-the-Water always knew that the Hobbit would return one day.		



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Baggins Is Back Answers

1. '...in uproar'. What does this tell you about how the people of the village were feeling?
If the people are 'in uproar', it means there is a huge sense of angry confusion surrounding the whole incident.
2. **Copy** an example of a rhetorical question from the text. Why has the author used this?
'Where has he been all the time?'
The author has used the rhetorical question so that people read on further into the article to see if the question is answered.
3. **Tick** true or false in the following table:

	True	False
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4. Find and copy two synonyms for 'unanticipated' that are used in the extract.
 - **surprise**
 - **unexpected**