



This document is a picture, more exactly a drawing. We can even say that it is a caricature. It represents a man who looks rather old. Indeed, he has wrinkles on his forehead, his eyebrows and his cheeks. He stands in the foreground of the picture. He is sitting in a chair or in an armchair.

We can also see shapes of swords in the background.

He has white hair and big ears, a long nose but with small nostrils. He also has sharp cheekbones and dark rings under his eyes.

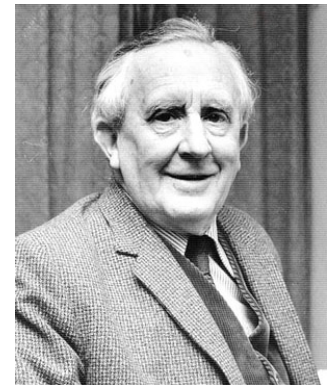
He is wearing a brown suit and a white shirt with a black tie bound around his neck.

He has a halo over his head and has a feather in his right hand. He seems to be writing something.

All this leads us to think that he could be a judge, a lawyer, a politician or a writer.

Actually his name is Tolkien, his full name is John Ronald Reuel Tolkien. He was born on January 3rd (the third) 1892 (eighteen ninety-two) in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Though he was born in South Africa, he was British because South Africa was part of The Commonwealth of Great Britain till December 11th (the eleventh) 1931 (nineteen thirty-one).



He was a writer, a professor, a translator and a poet. His father died in 1896 (eighteen ninety-six) and his mother died in 1904 (nineteen - o - four). Therefore, he was an orphan at the age of 12. His best friend was C. S. Lewis, the latter wrote *The Chronicles of Narnia* (from 1950 to 1956).

Tolkien is famous for having written *The Lord of the Rings* (from 1954 to 1955) and *The Hobbit* in 1937.

He died at the age of 81 (eighty-one) on September 2nd (the second) 1973 (nineteen seventy-three) in Bournemouth, United Kingdom.

Comment parler d'événements passés et terminés ?

Pour parler d'événements passés et terminés, on utilise le PRETERIT SIMPLE. Il n'a AUCUN lien avec le présent, son auxiliaire est DID (= DO conjugué au prétérit). Il n'apparaît qu'aux formes négative et interrogative.

FORME AFFIRMATIVE

A) Verbes irréguliers

S + 2ème colonne des verbes irréguliers + Ct

Ex: CS Lewis **wrote** the Chronicles of Narnia. (Write - **wrote** - written)

He **was** a poet. (be - **was/were** - been)

B) Verbes réguliers

S + BV -d + Ct

-ed

Ex: He **died** at the age of eighty-one. (to die)

Pour les verbes monosyllabiques réguliers, ayant pour schéma final C-V-C (consonne - voyelle - consonne), il faut doubler la consonne finale afin de conserver la prononciation originale avant d'ajouter la terminaison -ed.

Ex: to stop = stop**ped**

to chat = chat**ted**

to hop = hopped

to hope = hoped

Pour les verbes réguliers se terminant par un /y/ sonore il faut remplacer le /y/ par un /i/ avant d'ajouter la terminaison -ed.

Ex: to rely = he relied

to study = he studied

to play = he played

FORME NEGATIVE

POUR TOUS LES VERBES S+ Aux DID + Not + BV + Ct

Ex: CS Lewis **did** not **write** the Chronicles of Narnia.

He **was** not a poet.

He **did** not **die** at the age of eighty-one.

Attention : A l'écrit, il vaut mieux utiliser la forme pleine (DID NOT).

A l'oral, on peut utiliser la forme contractée (DIDN'T).

FORME INTERROGATIVE

POUR TOUS LES VERBES (Wh-) + Aux Did + S +BV + Ct ?

Ex: Did CS Lewis write *The Chronicles of Narnia* ?

Yes, he did.

No, he didn' t.

When did Tolkien die ?

Tolkien died in 1973.