Language

The hobbits of the Shire spoke Middle-earth's Westron or Common Speech. Their language renders as modern English.

The languages of parts of Middle-earth were "translated" into different European languages, inventing the language of the Riders of Rohan, Rohirric, to be "translated" again as the Mercian dialect of Old English which he knew well. This set up a relationship something like ancestry between Rohan and the Shire.