

## 1. Read the text. In each question choose the right answer, A, B, C or D.

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### Erik the Red

For the Vikings, the greatest achievement for any man was to do something great in their lifetime so that people remembered them after their death. To achieve this, some Vikings sailed the seas in search of treasure and new lands. One of the most famous Vikings is Erik Thorvaldson. He achieved fame as Erik the Red, the man who discovered Greenland.

Erik the Red lived between 950-1005 AD. He got his name from his bright red hair and beard, and his hot, fiery personality. For the first part of his life, Erik lived happily in Iceland. His adventures started in 981, when he had a fight with his neighbours and killed two men. Local people were very mad. They told Erik to leave the country for 3 years. Erik and his family had no choice. They left Iceland and sailed off into the huge Atlantic Ocean.

Erik sailed west from Iceland to look for a new island to live on. However, he sailed so far that he discovered something amazing. A new country! Erik spent two years exploring the new country. The land was mostly covered in ice, but he found

a few green areas and decided to found a colony there. To begin his colony, Erik needed help. So, in 985, he returned to Iceland to tell people about his "wonderful" new land. Erik called his new land Greenland to make people think it was a nicer place to live than Iceland. Many people were interested in the new country. When Erik sailed back to Greenland in 986, 25 ships with 500 men and women and many animals went with him.

The Vikings started two colonies in Greenland. To survive, they farmed sheep and cows, hunted polar bears and whales, and traded whale bones and bear skins. Thanks to their farming and hunting skills the colonies grew and grew. By the year 1000, about 3,000 people lived in Greenland. For the next 500 years, Vikings lived in Greenland. Then, the Vikings left, and no one really understands why. But Erik the Red is still famous as the man who discovered and named Greenland!

- 1 Viking men wanted ...  
A to sail to Greenland.  
B to write lots of history books.  
C to find lots of ships.  
D to be famous after they died.
- 2 Erik left Iceland because ...  
A people didn't like his personality.  
B his family wanted to leave.  
C he killed some people.  
D he wanted an adventure.
- 3 Erik discovered ...  
A new islands to the west of Iceland.  
B a green area in the west of Iceland.  
C a wonderful new tribe of people.  
D a new country he could live in.
- 4 Erik went back to Iceland ...  
A to meet some interesting people.  
B to begin a colony there.  
C to buy animals.  
D to ask people to move to Greenland.
- 5 The colonies were successful because ...  
A the villagers farmed wild animals.  
B they could grow a lot of food.  
C the Vikings were great hunters and farmers.  
D 3000 people moved to Greenland.
- 6 The Vikings stayed in Greenland for ...  
A 1000 years.  
B 3000 years.  
C 500 years.  
D no one knows how long.

## 2. Choose the correct item.

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- 1 Troy was famous for its **narrow / thick** streets. 
- 2 The son of a king is a **knight / prince**. 
- 3 The Navajo were a **native / public** tribe of North America. 
- 4 *Avatar* was a great film and the **plot / star** was interesting. 
- 5 The ancient Egyptians **transported / travelled** goods by boat. 

## 3. Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or *past continuous*.

- 1 We  **(visit)** an ancient temple last weekend. 
- 2 What  **(Tom/see)** at the cinema on Friday? 
- 3 They  **(watch)** TV when the phone rang. 
- 4 The Vikings  **(carry)** goods by boat. 
- 5 When I saw her, she  **(talk)** to Jeff. 
- 6 Where  **(they/live)** when they were young? 
- 7 The girls   **(sleep)** in their room while the boys   **(play)** computer games.
- 8 The Navajo Indians  **(not/build)** houses from stone. 
- 9  **(you/see)** the Machu Picchu ruins when you were in Peru? 
- 10 He  **(fly)** to Rome this time last Monday. 