

Read Angela's blog about her class trip to The British Museum.

Word blog: the Anglo-Saxons



Our class project: The Anglo-Saxons

This year, our class is doing a project about the Anglo-Saxons. The British Museum in London has an exhibition about this subject, so last week our History teacher took us there. It was fantastic! Read what we've learned and what we've seen.

1 _____

Britain was part of the Roman Empire for almost 400 years. But when the Romans left in AD 410, Angles, Saxons and Jutes arrived here from Germany and Denmark. Even today, the English 'are' sometimes called 'Anglo-Saxons'.



2 _____

Sutton Hoo is a place in eastern England. There are eighteen low, man-made hills there. In 1939, a discovery was made ² _____ the archaeologist Basil Brown: he found a 'ghost' ship inside one of the mounds. The wood of the ship was destroyed, but the ship left its shape in the sand. It was 27 metres long and archaeologists think it ³ _____ pulled up to the hills from the river below. Then a dead man and his treasures ⁴ _____ buried inside it.



3 _____

The objects in the ship were valuable and they belonged to an important man. He was probably an Anglo-Saxon king.



4 _____

This is a list of the most interesting objects from the ship which we saw in the British Museum: a metal helmet, a sword, a lyre (a type of musical instrument), beautiful gold and silver jewellery, silver dishes, bowls and spoons, a purse made of ⁵ _____ and glass, and gold coins. Some objects were ⁶ _____ by the Anglo-Saxons, but others came from far away. One silver bowl ⁷ _____ brought to Sutton Hoo from the Mediterranean 2,400 kilometres away! My favourite object was the helmet. It's awesome!



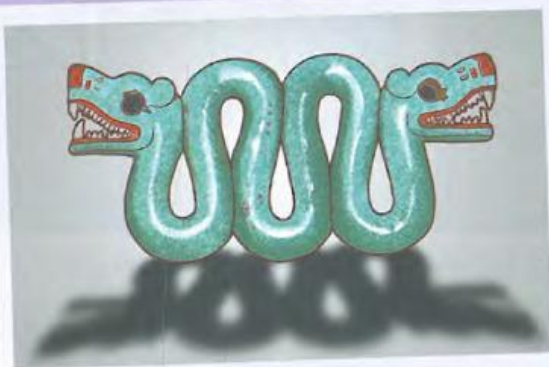
1 **My blog** Read the blog quickly. Match headings A-E to sections 1-4. There is one extra heading.

- A What is Sutton Hoo?
- B What was the ship made of?
- C What were the treasures?
- D Who was the man in the ship?
- E Who were the Anglo-Saxons?

2 Read the text again and complete it with the words in the box.

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3 **Chat room** Complete the comments with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple passive.



The Sutton Hoo treasures were OK, but other things were more interesting! My favourite thing was the cat mummy. It 'was found' found (find) in Egypt and it ² _____ (make) about 2,000 years ago. Awesome! jane_2005

The cat mummy was cool, but my favourite thing is the snake with two heads. It's fantastic. It ³ _____ (buy) for the museum for only £100 about 120 years ago. goldielocks5

I love books and I wanted to see the Reading Room at the British Museum, but it ⁴ _____ (close) a few years ago. In the past, there were thousands of books there but they ⁵ _____ (move) to the British Library. Bookworm_999

Get more words

Dad, can I have £50? I want to buy a new pair of trainers.

What? I gave you £20 last week! I'm not **made of money**, you know!



Vocabulary tips

Learn vocabulary more easily with real objects and word lists!

Learn the names of materials and adjectives.

Find small objects made of different materials. Make paper labels for them. Write the name of the object, the material and one or two adjectives to describe each material, e.g.

- a pencil: wood – hard
- a sock: cotton – soft
- a key: metal – strong / heavy / hard

Put the objects in your bedroom. You will soon learn the words!

Learn technology words.

Write a list of technology words on a piece of paper. Then think of all the things you do with the verbs, e.g.

- *switch on* the light, the TV, a radio
- *click on* a link, an icon, an application
- *download* music, an application, a film

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Final words:

"Silence is golden."

(English proverb)