The Sutton Hoo Treasure

1 The text
Read the text on the left-hand page carefully.

2 **Main idea**
What is the text about? Read carefully and choose the best answer.

3 **Questions**
Answer the questions. There is only one correct answer.

4 **New words**
Put the four words from the text into other sentences.

5 **Find it!**
Find the correct word for each picture.

Covered – Dekka av	(cover-dekke)
Remained–Var fortsatt	(remain- er fortsatt)
Discovered – Oppdaga	(discover-oppdage)
Buried – Gravlagd	(bury-gravlegge)
Rotted – rotna	(rot-råtne)
Dragged – Drog	(drag-dra)
Believed – Trudde	(believ-tru)

Mounds – Haugar
Grave – Grav
Contents – Innhald
Oarsmen – dei som rodde båten
Coffin – Kiste
After Life – Livet etter døden
Possesions – Eigedelar

On a small hill above the river Deben in Suffolk is a field, covered with grassy mounds of different sizes.

For several hundred years what lay under the mounds remained a mystery.



About 82 years ago, an archaeologist called Basil Brown started digging under the mounds.

The mounds are Anglo Saxon graves and the contents show the technology and traditions of a culture that was in England 1,600 years ago.

One of the mounds was much bigger than the rest. Basil discovered that the reason why it was so big. It was hiding a huge wooden ship buried under the soil. The ship had rotted away, but the shape of it was clearly left behind in the earth.

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The ship was 27 metres long and 4.25 meters wide at it widest point. It would have taken about 20 oarsmen on either side to row it.

The ship had been put there and used as a grave. Archeologists think that the ship was dragged to the top of the hill from the river below. A hut was built in the middle of the ship and the coffin and treasures placed inside. The ship was then completely covered with a mound of earth.

Sutton Hoo may be the grave of king Redwald, who ruled East Anglia in the late 500s and early 600s. He died in about AD 616.

He was buried in the ship because they believed that this was the best way to reach the After Life. The objects in the grave would have been the personal possessions or weapons of the the person 'buried' with the ship to use in the afterlife.

Main idea

Choose the right answer.

a) Sutton Hoo is a burial place south in Denmark, near the German border.

b) The treasures from Sutten Hoo can tell us how life was about year 600.

c) Sutton Hoo is an important golf court in England.

d) The treasures from Sutten Hoo can tell us about life a hundred years ago.

Questions

Choose the right answer.

1 What did Basil Brown find in the biggest mound?	a. He found a ship b. He found diamonds c. He found some dinosaurs
2 What was the ship used as?	a. The ship was buried so the enemies couldn't find it. b. The ship was a grave. c. It was in for a repair.
3 Who do they think was buried in the mound at Sutton Hoo?	a. King Olaf the holy b. King Redwald c. King Blue beard

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New words

Choose the right word. Drag the correct word to the line.

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1 In Tønsberg and its surroundings we can find four grave _____.

2 When one thinks of British _____ you imagine people drinking tea, wearing bowler hats and eating fish and chips.

3 Every one of the 6.000 Greek islands has secrets, _____ and treasures from the past.

4 After finding a site, an _____ digs slowly and carefully, using spoons, knives, picks, brushes, and other tools in their work.

Find it!

Choose the right word. Drag the correct word on the number.

Coffin Oarsmen weapons archaeologist

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