

Find the sentence!

The Viking Age

(part 1)

The name "Viking" came from a language called Old Norse* and originally meant "a pirate raid". People who went off raiding in ships were said to be "going Viking".

The Viking Age in European history lasted from about AD 700 to 1100. During this time many Vikings left Scandinavia and travelled to other countries. Some went to fight and steal treasure; others settled peacefully (1).

In their homelands, today known as Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, the Vikings survived by farming, hunting, and fishing. They were also known as good craftsmen. Although they did have a few towns, most Vikings lived (2). Some parts of the Viking homelands were not very good for farming, but people did their best to live off the land.



Farmers had oats, barley, and rye in their fields. They also grew vegetables, such as cabbages, beans, turnips, and carrots. They kept cows, sheep, goats, and chickens. Milk from cows and goats was made into cheese and butter. The Vikings caught and ate a lot of fish. In winter they went hunting to get (3).

The Vikings worked hard, but they also made the most of their free time. They enjoyed outdoor sports, played games, and made music together. In winter they played a game similar to modern ice hockey. They invented or started using regularly lots of things that people use today, for example combs, skis, and the compass. They also enjoyed board games. Telling stories and reciting poems was popular among the Vikings. They learned the tales by heart and passed them on to their children. They lived (4) that has greatly influenced the way we live today.

1. Talupidamisest elatuma
2. Endast parimat andma
3. Lehmi pidama
4. Aega hästi ära kasutama
5. Musitseerima
6. Luuletusi esitama
7. Pähe õppima
8. Midagi lastele edasi andma