

Put the verbs in brackets into Past Simple.

Who were the Vikings?

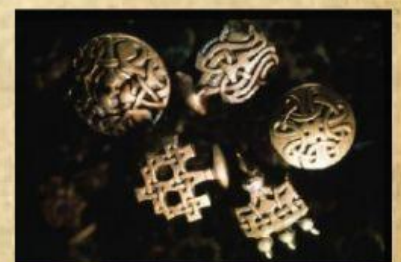
The Vikings (live) over 1000 years ago. The Vikings (be) Norse people who (come) from an area called Scandinavia. It is better known as Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

From about AD700 to 1100 many Vikings (leave) their homelands in Scandinavia and travelled by longboat to other countries, like Britain and Ireland.



When the people of Britain first (see) the Viking longboats they (come down) to the shore to welcome them. But the Vikings (fight) the local people, (steal) treasures from churches and (burn) buildings to the ground. But not all the Vikings (be) bloodthirsty warriors.

Some (come) to fight, but others (come) peacefully, to settle. They (be) farmers, and (keep) animals and (grow) crops. They (be) skilful at crafting, and (make) beautiful metalwork and wooden carvings.



Vikings (sail) the seas, (sell) goods and (buy) silver, silks, spices, wine, jewellery, glass and pottery and (bring) them back to their homes.

..... you (know) they (be) great explorers too and (travel) all over the world? Vikings (discover) North America before Christopher Columbus. Can you believe they even (travel) through Russia to trade in the Middle East. Amazing!

