

Guided Reading Task 1

In writing this week, you have been using Viking related vocabulary to write your non-chronological report. Your task today is to write a glossary for at least 5 Viking words from the extract on the next page. A glossary is a list of words with an explanation. You may need to use a dictionary or research the meaning of a word if it is unfamiliar to you.

For an extra challenge see if you can add the words you find to your non-chronological report.

Viking Vocabulary	Explanation

HOW DID THE VIKINGS
SIGNAL FROM SHIP TO SHIP?

THEY USED
NORSE CODE



"A-Viking We Will Go"

The Vikings couldn't have carried out those raids on England – and Ireland – if they hadn't been great sailors and built superb ships.



Viking longships were built for speed – low-slung and sleek. But they weren't always like that. The story goes that one man bravely changed the shape of the Viking longship. This is supposed to be a true story...

ONE DAY A KING CAME TO INSPECT HIS NEW SHIP



Foul Facts

Vikings rarely took prisoners in sea battles because there was no room for them in the longships. They let the losers drown or killed them.



Longship law

- No one was taken on board a longship unless they had proved they were skilled with an oar, a sword and an axe.
- Vikings shared their treasures evenly. You agreed what your share would be when you joined the longship crew.
- Longship had no seats. The oarsmen sat on the chests that carried their belongings.
- Even burly sailors wore make-up!



Cunning Viking Raid

When Vikings faced a fight they were sure to lose, they didn't waste their lives attacking. Instead they used trickery. A bunch of Vikings led by a chief called Hastein were probably the first to sail into the Mediterranean Sea...



Guided Reading - Task 2

Read through the News Article below, answer the questions on the following page and mark your answers which are on the page after that.

Geocaching

This article explores 'geocaching' — a hi-tech treasure hunt where people are given GPS* coordinates as clues. These coordinates tell them the location of a hidden item, which is usually outdoors. Geocaching has become popular in many different countries across the world.

Challenge yourself with a GPS-assisted treasure hunt

Geocaching is sending the nation's tech-savvy pirates into a frenzy. A great family activity, you can join in the fun by tracking down hidden booty near you.

- 5 A family treasure hunt is fantastic fun, especially if you have a garden, but geocaching adds a genuine sense of mystery and adventure because you never know what you'll find or where it will be.
- 10 Geocaching is an increasingly popular treasure-hunting game in which participants use GPS-enabled devices to navigate their way to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. There are very likely to be caches hidden around your local area. To get going, simply download the free app at geocaching.com and search for caches near you.
- 20 Caches come in all shapes and sizes. It could be a tin hanging from a branch or a tupperware box in a tree cavity — you need to be sharp-eyed once you get close. Inside the cache you'll find some little goodies —
- 25 a toy soldier, a cheap pendant, or maybe a



Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunt game that anyone can join.

- logbook. Sign the book and trade the toy with another goodie or add to the cache. Alternatively, make your own cache and hide it somewhere clever near you and then
- 30 post its location on the geocaching website.
- The beauty of this game is that you never know what you'll find or where. It's active, it teaches map skills and it encourages children to explore their local countryside — although with nearly two million caches worldwide you can enjoy the game pretty much anywhere.
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From www.telegraph.co.uk

Glossary

GPS (Global Positioning System) — a navigation system where signals from satellites are used to show the exact location of something. Devices able to receive GPS signals include mobile phones and sat navs.

Write your answers to the questions below in full sentences in your home learning journal.

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Why do you think the author uses the word "pirates" (line 2) to describe people who look for geocaches?

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2 marks

2

Find and copy one word from lines 8-9 which makes geocaching sound exciting.

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1 mark

3

Give two examples of items you might find hidden inside a cache.

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☐
1 mark

4

How do you think the author feels about geocaching? Explain your answer.

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2 marks

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How does the layout of the text show you that it is a newspaper article?

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2 marks

6

Give one possible disadvantage of geocaching. Explain your answer.

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2 marks

Total
out of 10

Mark your answers and correct any mistakes you've made by rereading the text.

Answers

1. E.g. Because people searching for caches and the goodies inside them are like pirates hunting for treasure.
2. adventure
3. Any two from: a toy soldier, a cheap pendant, a logbook.
4. E.g. I think the author likes geocaching because they write in a persuasive way. For example, they say it is a "great family activity".
5. E.g. It has a large headline and is written in columns. It also includes a picture with a caption.
6. Any appropriate answer. E.g. You have to have the right technology to be able to go geocaching. People who don't have GPS-enabled devices can't take part.



Guided Reading - Reading for pleasure task (optional)

If you are reading to your parent, ask them to ask you some of these questions about the book you are reading:

Vocabulary

Find and explain the meaning of words in context

Example questions

- What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood?
- Which word tells you that....?
- Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
- Find one word in the text which means.....
- Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to.....
- Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....