Life in a Viking Village: answers

Year 4 · 11 marks. Accept any sensible answer that is backed up by the text.

1. Scandinavia, in the north of Europe. (1 mark)

Finding information (2b). A fact to find in the first section.

2. Straw (thatch) or turf. (1 mark)

Finding information (2b). Finding a detail in the right section.

3. attacking (1 mark)

Word meaning (2a). Matching a word to its meaning.

4. To give heat and light. (1 mark)

Explaining from the text. The child links a fact to the reason for it.

5. Through a hole in the roof, because there were no chimneys. (1 mark)

Explaining from the text. Two facts in the same section have to be joined.

6. They grew oats and barley and looked after cows, sheep and pigs. (2 marks)

Inference (2d). The child checks a general claim against the details in the text.

7. The sail used the wind for fast sea travel and the oars let them move when there was no wind or on narrow rivers (any sensible reason). (2 marks)

Inference (2d). The text gives the facts but not the reason, so the child has to work it out.

8. One mark for farming or hard work and one for family or village life, for example: Most Vikings were farming families who lived in wooden longhouses and worked together in their villages. (2 marks)

Summarising (2c). Choosing the key ideas from a longer text is the skill of summarising.

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