

VULGAR THE VIKING

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Fascinating facts about Vulgar's Viking world

Brutal Beginnings

The Vikings lived over one thousand years ago and came from the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. From here they launched raiding expeditions on lands as far afield as North Africa, North America and Russia.

Viking Vocabulary

You might not know it, but you can speak Viking. Well, sort of! Many English words actually come from the Norse language brought to England by Vikings in medieval times.

Here are some words Vulgar would understand:

English	Old Norse	Old Norse meaning
Anger	anгр	trouble
Berserk	berserkr	bare shirt (a warrior who fought without armour)
Dirt	drit	poo!
Gun	gunn	battle
Knife*	kniv	knife
Scare	skirra	to frighten
Ugly	uggligr	dreadful

*In fact, any word starting with 'kn' is likely to have come from old Norse.

Naughty Nicknames

While many Vikings were named after favourite gods and goddesses, like Thor for boys and Freya for girls, nicknames describing how people looked, or their personality, were common e.g. Grim Hairy-Cheek, Hallbjorn Half-troll, Ogmund Tangle-hair, Frodi the Valiant. Why not make up Viking nicknames for you and your friends?!

Foul Food

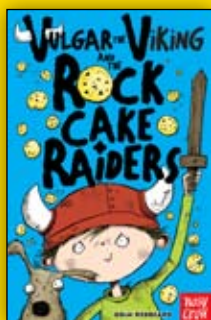
Worn-out Viking workhorses didn't go to waste – their owners ATE them!

Peculiar Pastimes

Young men used to throw rocks to keep fit. They would also show off by running alongside ships and jumping from oar to oar.

Viking ice-skaters must have looked very *a-moo-sing*. Their skates were made from cow bones tied to their feet with leather straps.

Collect them all!



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