

Kennings

Kennings are like riddles. They describe something without saying what it is. Each line in a kenning has only two words. These words are joined using a hyphen. The two words are usually a noun and a verb or a noun and a noun.

The Vikings used to give their swords names. A lot of these names were similar to a kenning. Have a read of the kenning below that uses Viking sword names.



Skin-slicer

Bone-biter

Face-smasher

Shield-basher

Stomach-stabber

Ear-eater

Wound-maker

Heart-breaker



Task

Your task is to write a kenning about an animal of your choice.

First, make a list of some interesting nouns that you could use to do with your animal – remember, a noun is the name of an animal, person, place or thing.

Next, make a list of some exciting and interesting adjectives that you might use – remember, an adjective is a describing word.

Now, write your kenning – don't forget to share your kenning with your teacher!

The Vikings

m m o n a s t e r y t h a l l
a a c r o j s h i e l d n a o
c r i d h o n b e e c d i y n
k s c a n d i n a v i a p h g
e w n m v i k i n g l n e a s
l o d o a n e t a c y e n r h
r r e n s v n o j o n l o k i
o d i n t a m a s a g a o i p
d n a c s d a p h t r w c s o
f j o r d e s n a j u b a j n
r r e u s r g i k i n v n i d
u h e s e a h e l m e t d r o
s e o y a s i d l k s a h o j
l n g g a n o r s e i v d o f
o h l o n g h o u s e n e r r

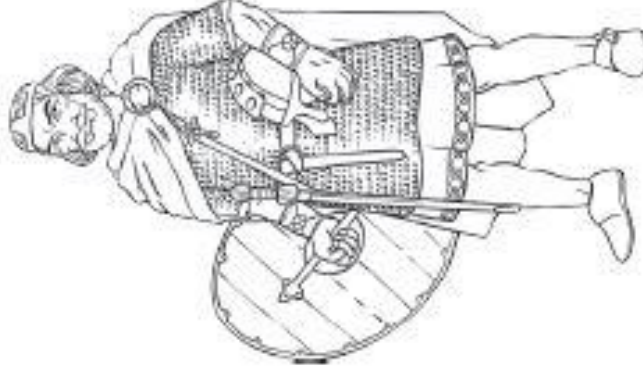
Viking	shield	runes	monastery
Norse	Freya	invader	helmet
sword	Scandinavia	Thor	longhouse
longship	Danelaw	ffjord	
Loki	Odin	saga	

Viking Rune Writer

Elder Futhark Runes																							
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Use the runes to write your name.

Use the runes to write a secret message to your friend.



The Vikings used a different type of alphabet than we use today. Viking writing was written in Viking runes. Use the table above to write your own message using Viking runes.