

Vikings: Fact or Fiction with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of Viking life and settlement in Britain.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about the Vikings. Read each sentence below. If you think the sentence is true, tick the box marked 'Fact'. If you think it is false, tick the box marked 'Fiction'. Use the word bank to help you write a short reason for your answer.

Word bank: longships · farmers · raided · Britain · peaceful · traders

1. 1. Vikings travelled to Britain in large wooden boats called longships. (Fact / Fiction)

Reason: _____ (2 marks)

2. 2. All Vikings spent their whole lives fighting and never worked. (Fact / Fiction)

Reason: _____ (2 marks)

3. 3. Some Vikings settled in Britain to work as farmers. (Fact / Fiction)

Reason: _____ (2 marks)

4. 4. The Vikings only ever visited Britain for one day. (Fact / Fiction)

Reason: _____ (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Viking longship on the sea. Add a dragon head to the front of the ship.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Viking arriving in Britain. Write two things you might bring with you to sell, such as jewellery or animal skins.