

Viking Longships Comprehension

Answer these questions in full sentences with capital letters and full stops.

Don't forget - The spellings that you might need could either be in the question or within the text.

1. What is another name for a Viking longship?

2. Give two sources of power used to make the longship move:

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3. Why were they designed to be long and narrow?

4. How many people could fit in a longship?

5. How was a longship steered?

6. How would you compare Viking longships with a modern-day ferry?

7. What question would you most like to ask if you could interview a Viking from the past about a longship?

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1. Another name for a Viking longship is 'dragonship'.
2. Two sources of power used to make the longship move:
 - **Wind**
 - **Manpower**
3. They were designed to be long and narrow so that they could move quickly through the water.
4. Between 50 to 60 people could fit in a longship.
5. A longship was steered by a man steering a big oar at the back of the ship.
6. Pupil's own response based on: Modern-day ferries are much larger/can hold hundreds of people/are made of metal/are powered by an engine/have windows/can carry cars and caravans/do not have sails or oars. Viking longships are long and narrow/made of wood/use wind and people rowing to move/can hold up to 60 people/have shields along the sides.
7. Pupil's own question.