

Vikings in Your World

Week 13 • Thursday • How Vikings Still Touch Our Lives Today

Reading Time

The Vikings lived a thousand years ago — but they are hiding in your week! Some of our day names come from Viking gods. **Thursday** means Thor's day, named for the god of thunder. **Wednesday** comes from the god Odin, and **Friday** from the goddess Frigg.

Viking words snuck into English too. Words like **sky**, **egg**, **window**, and **happy** all came from the Vikings' language, called Old Norse.

The Viking spirit of exploring lives on as well. Every time scientists explore the deep sea or send rockets into space, they are curious and brave — just like Viking sailors crossing an unknown ocean.

Reading Questions

1. Which day of the week is named for Thor?

2. Name two English words that came from the Vikings.

3. What was the Vikings' language called?

4. How are today's explorers like the Vikings?

Day Name Match

Match each day to the Viking god or goddess it was named for. Write the letter: A (Thor), B (Odin), C (Frigg).

Day	Named for (A, B, or C)
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Thursday means Thor's day.
- ☐ The word 'egg' came from Old Norse.
- ☐ Vikings gave us no words at all.
- ☐ Frigg was a Viking goddess.
- ☐ The Viking spirit of exploring lives on today.
- ☐ Old Norse was the Vikings' language.

Think About It

1. Vikings explored new places. What is a place YOU would love to explore? What would you bring?

2. If a day of the week were named after you, what would it be called?

Fill in the Blanks

Thursday Odin sky Norse explorers

1. _____ is named for Thor, the god of thunder.
2. Wednesday comes from the god _____.
3. The word _____ came from the Viking language.
4. The Vikings spoke Old _____.
5. Scientists today are _____ just like the Vikings were.

Word Detective

Be a word detective at home! These words came from the Vikings: **sky, egg, window, happy, knife, cake.**

Walk around your house with a grown-up. Find real things that match the Viking words and check them off. Then use two of the words in one silly sentence!

Viking word	I found it! (✓)
egg	
window	
knife	
cake	

Review

I learned...	Circle one
Which days are named for Viking gods	YES / NOT YET
English words that came from Old Norse	YES / NOT YET
How the Viking spirit lives on	YES / NOT YET