

Viking Legacy of Language



Kennings

pen-pusher
sky-scraper
dead-end
tear-jerker
motor-mouth

Negative Words from Vikings:

knife
gun
slaughter
ransack
beserk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00074j4>

Other everyday Viking words:

law	get	they
sail	give	their
bull	want	them
reindeer		

Use a map of the UK to find place names with these Viking elements.

Where are we most likely to find them?

Where did the Viking settle?

The Scottish islands
Ireland
The Northumbrian Coast
Yorkshire
Norfolk

Look for these places along the coast

Viking word	What it means	Place with this name
thwaite	meadow, clearing or piece of land	
beck	stream	
thorpe/thorp/torp /trop	outlying farm or settlement	
fell	hill or moorland	
by	farm/village/ homestead of	
gate	road	e.g. Billingsgate
kirk	church	
toft/tofts	homestead/house/ plot of land	
dale	valley	
ness	headland	
borough/borg or burra	castle or fortified town	
garth	farm or gap in the hills	

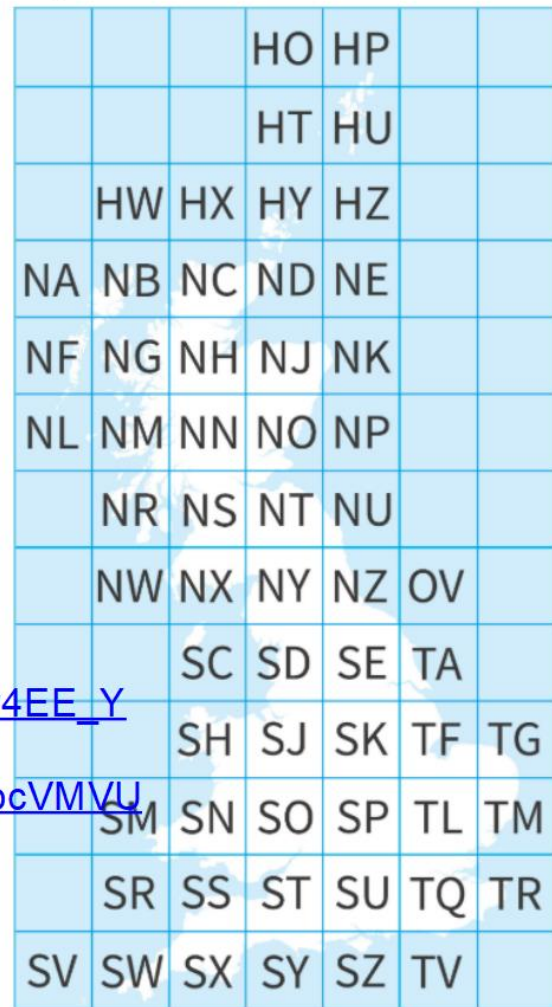
You might have noticed by now that OS maps are covered in a series of blue grid lines. These grid lines help you to pinpoint an exact location anywhere on the map. The vertical lines are called 'eastings', as they increase in value as you travel east on the map. The horizontal lines are called 'northings' as they increase in value as you travel north on the map.

These are linked to the National Grid which provides a unique reference system, and can be applied to all OS maps of Great Britain, at all scales. Great Britain is covered by grid squares measuring 100 kilometres across and each grid square is identified by two letters, as shown in diagram A.



How to take a 4-figure grid reference with Steve Backshall and Ordnance Survey

Diagram A



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0du8v4EE_Y

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We will practise using an Ordnance Survey map and grid references to find places where Vikings settled.

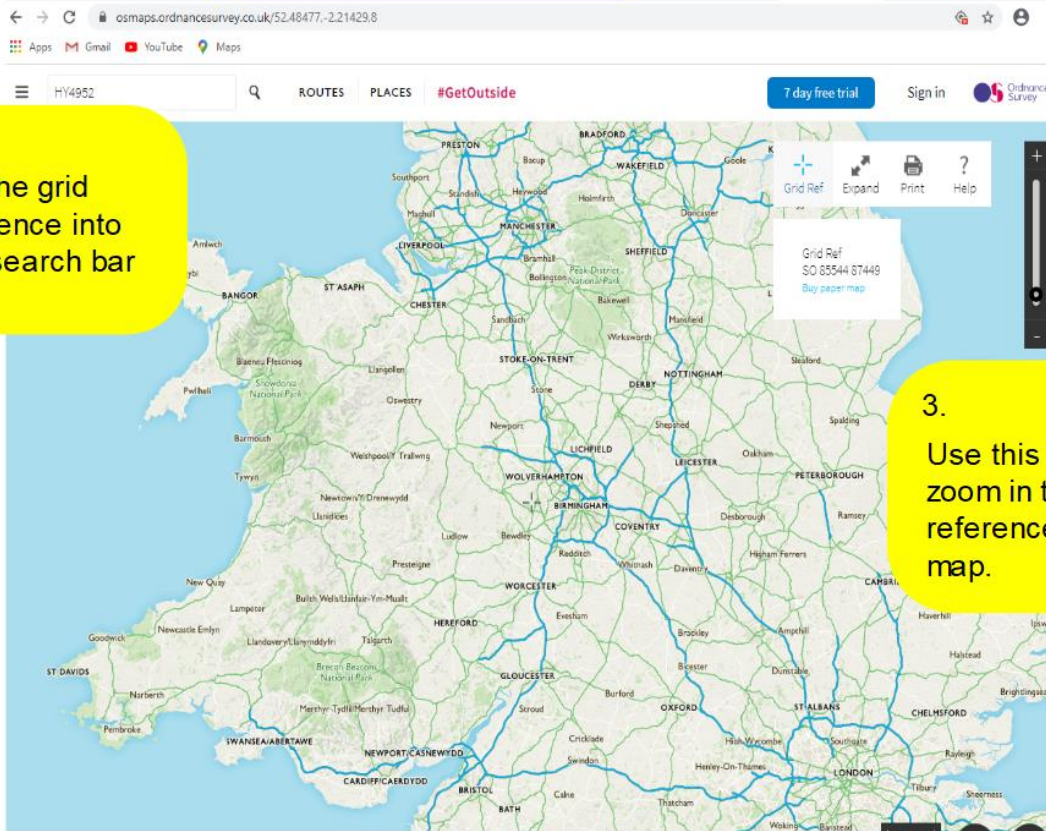
Element	ON original	Meaning	Examples
beck	bekkr <i>nm</i>	brook, burn	Knowes of Maebeck HY4952 Burn of Swartabe
by	boer, býr <i>nm</i>	farm	Houseby HY6721 Tiptoby HU6091
fell	fjall <i>nn</i>	rough hill, mountain	Kat Fell HU3268
burra	borg <i>nf</i>	fortification	West Burra HU3632 Noust of Burraland HU37
garth	garðr <i>nm</i>	>enclosure, fence, farmyard	Frustigarth HY5218 Garths of Tresta HU6190
dale	dalr <i>nm</i>	valley	Deepdale HU3825 Quendale HU3714
kirk	kirkja <i>nf</i>	church	Kirk Ness HU5565 Kirkabister HU5495
ness	nes <i>nn</i>	headland, promontory	Ness HU2158 Scat Ness HU3809
tof	topt, tupt <i>nf</i>	house, site, foundation	Tofs of Tain ND2465 Thurdistof ND2067

<https://getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/guides/the-scandinavian-origins-of-place-names-in-britain/>

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/52.48477,-2.2>

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