

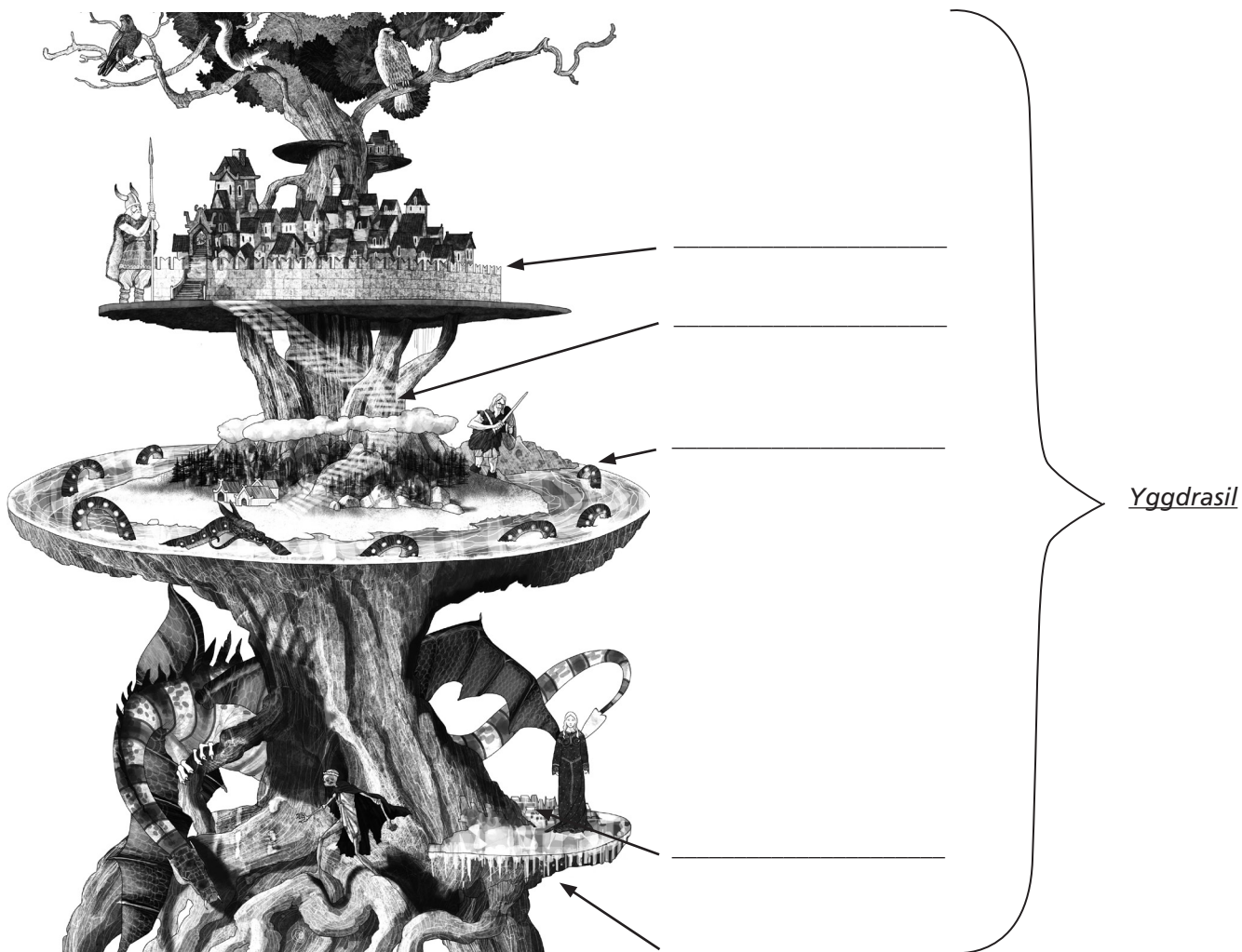
# Viking Tales

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## The story step by step

- 1 Listen to The World of the Vikings' Tales (from 'The Vikings were people who lived in Scandinavia ...' to '... at the bottom of it.'). Label the picture with the words you hear in the box. Check your answers on p.4 of the book or in the answer key.

Asgard Bifrost Hel Midgard Niflheim Yggdrasil



- 2 Listen to The World of the Vikings' Tales again (from 'Odin was the chief of the gods.' to '... they died'). Complete the missing information you hear about the people who lived in the Viking world. Check your answers on pp.4–7 of the book or in the answer key.

Name	Role/ability	Character	Appearance
Odin	Chief of the <u>gods</u> .	_____ and _____.	He only had one _____, wore a big hat, a _____ cloak and had a _____ spear and two ravens on his _____.
Thor	The god of _____ and _____.	Angry, _____, not as _____ as Odin, very _____ and always told the _____.	Very _____, had red hair and a big, red _____.
Loki	Could change _____ and became a _____, or an insect or a _____ so he could _____ very quickly.	Very _____, played jokes or _____ on people or the other _____ and liked to make trouble for them.	
Freyja	The goddess of _____.		Very _____ and very _____.
Tyr	Not _____ of anything.	The _____ of the gods.	
Balder		The _____ god.	The most _____ god.
The giants	The _____ of the gods.	Not all _____, but they loved to make _____ for the _____.	Very, very _____ and very _____.
The dark elves		Not _____, clever at making beautiful _____ and strong swords, always _____, not friendly people.	

- 3 Listen to Story 1. Circle the adjectives, comparatives and superlatives you hear. Be careful! Sometimes you will hear more than one, or all of them. Check your answers on pp.10–15 of the book or in the answer key.

(scary) / scarier / scariest

important / more important / most important

dangerous / more dangerous / most dangerous

good / better / best

big / bigger / biggest

loud / louder / loudest

clever / cleverer / cleverest

kind / kinder / kindest

beautiful / more beautiful / most beautiful

- handsome / more handsome / most handsome
- intelligent / more intelligent / most intelligent
- surprised / more surprised / most surprised
- hungry / hungrier / hungriest
- angry / angrier / angriest
- strong / stronger / strongest
- thick / thicker / thickest
- close / closer / closest
- difficult / more difficult / most difficult
- brave / braver / bravest
- hard / harder / hardest
- long / longer / longest

4 Listen to Story 2 (from 'Loki took the goddess's magic falcon skin ...' to '... to return to Asgard.'). Write what you hear Loki say to Thrym. Check your answers on pp.18–19 of the book or in the answer key.

So, where is it?

Where is what?

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Ha! Yes! It's true. I took the hammer from Thor while he was fast asleep! He didn't see a thing! He's not very clever for a god, is he?

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No way!

\_\_\_\_\_ !

You know that you can't fight against me if I have the hammer Mjollnir! I will be much stronger – I will win!

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Hmmm ... That's not a bad idea. After all, it's not Mjollnir that I want ...

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

The goddess Freyja! She's the most beautiful woman I've ever seen. I want to marry the goddess Freyja!

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Exactly right!

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- 5 Listen to Story 2 again (from 'Not a chance!' to '... but not as stupid as that giant!'). Who said the following things, to whom? You can use the names in the box more than once. Check your answers on pp.19–23 of the book or in the answer key.

Balder Freyja Loki Odin The other gods Thor Thrym		
Who	says	to whom?
Freyja	Not a chance!	Loki
	We'll have to think of another plan.	
	But listen, we know that giants are not very intelligent	
	That's not a beautiful bride!	
	This is stupid!	
	If you don't do this, it means the giants have Mjollnir.	
	My goodness! She's very tall!	
	Now she's seen you, she's hungry again!	
	I don't like this at all.	
	Of course!	
	Surprised now, are you?	
	You are stupid, but not as stupid as that giant!	

- 6 Listen to Story 3 (from 'Freyja was the most beautiful ...' to '... I'll try.'). Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F). Check your answers on pp.23–29 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 Freyja was very greedy for beautiful jewellery. T
- 2 She had hundreds of gold necklaces and diamond rings, but she always wanted more. —
- 3 She never visited Midgard to see the humans who lived there. —
- 4 Loki knew everything about all the gods and goddesses. —
- 5 Freyja knew Loki was following her, but she did not care. —
- 6 Freyja went to the place where the dark elves lived. —
- 7 Freyja loved the dark elves and their jewellery. —
- 8 Freyja did not want to kiss the elves, but she wanted the necklace very much. —
- 9 Freyja wanted to tell everyone about what had happened. —
- 10 Loki went to see Odin because he wanted to make trouble. —
- 11 Odin wasn't angry when he heard what had happened. —
- 12 Odin wanted Loki to take the necklace away from Freyja. —

- 7 Listen to Story 3 again (from 'That night, while Freyja was asleep ...' to 'My beautiful new necklace!'). Underline the words you hear in the sentences. Check your answers on pp.29–31 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 Loki changed himself into a *flea* / fly.
- 2 He *beat* / *bit* Freyja on the cheek.
- 3 She turned and went back to *sleep* / *slip*.
- 4 Then she started to become *angry* / *hungry*.

- 5 Loki has something to do with *this / these*.
- 6 *He's / his* playing a trick on me ...
- 7 *She meets / met* Odin.
- 8 *She is / was* happy to see her necklace again.

- 8 Listen to Story 4 (from 'There was a big mountain.' to 'Who's this warrior?'). Match the beginnings (1–10) with the endings (a–j) you hear. Check your answers on pp.32–34 of the book or in the answer key.

1 It was impossible to see the top of the mountain,	a and did not know where he was.
2 He was a long way from home,	b and Sigurd had to push hard to open them.
3 So, with his horse,	c because of the ring of fire around it.
4 When he got near the top of the mountain	d because the helmet covered the warrior's head.
5 His horse was afraid,	e he found the big fire burning.
6 He went as near as he could to the fire,	f he went up the mountain to find out.
7 Then they ran as fast as they could	g but he was not.
8 On and on they ran,	h into the fire.
9 The doors of the hall were very big,	i to see what was behind it.
10 He could not see a face,	j until they came to the end of the fire.

- 9 Listen to Story 4 again (from 'Let me tell you the story ...' to '... was gone.'). Put these events in the correct order. Check your answers on pp.35–36 of the book or in the answer key.

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| a The ring of fire was gone.                                                        | <u>10</u> |
| b Sigurd came through the ring of fire and found Sigdrifa.                          | —         |
| c Sigurd and Sigdrifa walked out of the hall.                                       | —         |
| d Sigdrifa helped the other king to win a great battle.                             | —         |
| e Odin was very angry with Sigdrifa and told her she could no longer be a valkyrie. | —         |
| f Odin put a circle of fire around the mountain so no one would find Sigdrifa.      | —         |
| g Odin promised one of the kings that he would win the war.                         | —         |
| h Odin made Freyja start a war in Midgard.                                          | —         |
| i Men in Midgard became tired of the war.                                           | —         |
| j Freyja took the Brisingamen necklace from the dark elves.                         | <u>1</u>  |

- 10 Listen to Story 5 (from 'Alvis was a dark elf ...' to '... you can marry my daughter. Yes?'). Choose the *will* or *going to* future form of the verbs you hear. Check your answers on pp.37–39 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 But I'll / I'm going to show you that even if I am a dark elf, I can marry the daughter of a god!
- 2 I'll / I'm going to marry Thor's daughter, Thrud.
- 3 You'll / You're going to marry Thrud!
- 4 I'll / I'm going to meet Thor,' said Alvis.

- 5 But *I'll / I'm going to* show that we can marry the daughters of gods.
- 6 Do you think a father *will / is going to* be happy if he knows his daughter has a house in a cave?
- 7 That's why *I will / I am going to* meet Thor right now.
- 8 Listen, here's what *we'll / we're going to* do. *I'll / I'm going to* ask you some questions, and if you can answer them, you can marry my daughter.

11 Listen to Story 5 again (from 'So here's my first question for you.' to '... he became a stone.'). Underline the sounds and words you hear stressed in these sentences. Check your answers in the answer key.

- 1 So here's my first question for you.
- 2 What is it that we live in?
- 3 Now, what is it that covers us all?
- 4 The sky goes all around us, and covers every one of us.
- 5 What makes light in the night?
- 6 Hurry up! I can't wait all night for your answer.
- 7 The clouds hold water in the sky, and then it rains ...
- 8 What moves through every country, everyone knows it, but no one ever sees it?
- 9 I can see that you're intelligent ... for an elf!
- 10 Go on Alvis! Do you know the name for it?

12 Listen to Story 6 (from 'It was the beginning of summer ...' to '... they all slept very well.'). List all the expressions of time you hear. Check your answers on pp.43–46 of the book or in the answer key.

*It was the beginning of the summer,* \_\_\_\_\_

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13 Listen to Story 6 again (from 'The next morning ...' to '... I can't go in your chariot.'). Answer the questions. Check your answers on pp.46–48 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 Why couldn't one of the goats walk properly? *Because he had no bone in his back leg.*
- 2 Who ate the bone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What did Loki want Thialfi to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where did Loki, Thor and Thialfi stop for the night? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What was unusual about the house Thialfi found? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What woke them up during the night? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Who did they find asleep on the floor of the forest the next morning? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 How tall was the giant when he stood up? \_\_\_\_\_

- 9 What did the giant's name mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Where were Thor, Loki and Thialfi sleeping? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Where did the giant invite them to go? \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Listen to Story 6 again (from 'Outside the castle ...' to '... something different to do!'). You will hear the words in the box below. Tick (✓) the words where the final *-ed* is pronounced /ɪd/. Check your answers in the answer key.

start <u>ed</u>	✓
worri <u>ed</u>	—
ask <u>ed</u>	—
contin <u>ed</u>	—
us <u>ed</u>	—
shout <u>ed</u>	—
play <u>ed</u>	—
burn <u>ed</u>	—
connect <u>ed</u>	—
tast <u>ed</u>	—
chang <u>ed</u>	—
lift <u>ed</u>	—
touch <u>ed</u>	—