

How Thunor Got His Hammer

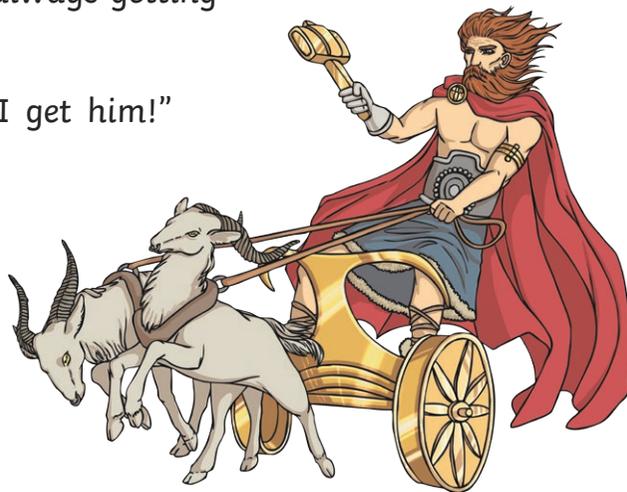
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53 golden hair.

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86 Thunor to see her. When Thunor came home, he looked
96 all around the house. At last he found her crying.

107 "Oh, Thunor, look, all my hair is gone! Somebody has cut
118 it off. It was a man. He ran away with it."

124 Thunor was infuriated. "I know it
130 was Loki. He is always getting
132 into mischief.

138 Just wait until I get him!"
140 he screamed.



Quick Questions



1. Where did Sif fall asleep?



2. Write two adjectives that the author could have used to describe Loki.



3. Why do you think that Sif did not want Thunor to see her without her hair?



4. What do you think Thunor did next?

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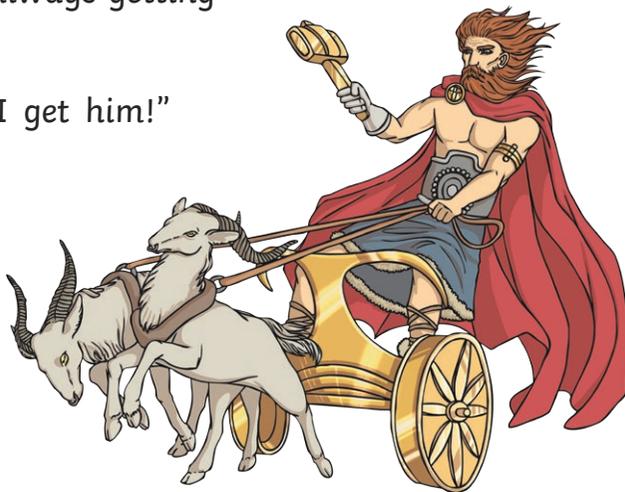
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Answers



1. Where did Sif fall asleep?

Accept: '(on) the porch'.



2. Write two adjectives that the author could have used to describe Loki.

Accept any reasonable adjectives which describe Loki as a malevolent character, e.g. 'evil', 'deceptive', 'cruel' etc.



3. Why do you think that Sif did not want Thunor to see her without her hair?

Accept answers relating to Sif's embarrassment / Sif knew that Thunor would be angry / Sif did not like how she looked.



4. What do you think Thunor did next?

Accept any reasonable prediction regarding Thunor seeking his revenge on Loki.

Premium Property For Sale!

10 Fresh on the market today we have a stunning, vintage
21 property, built around 1,500 years ago on the edge of a
30 dense, extensive forest. With stiff, wooden walls and a
40 roof thatched with the finest straw, this house oozes with
51 natural charm and faces south to make the most of the
53 daylight hours.

64 Made of only one room, you can eat, cook, sleep and
75 entertain all from the same space – you are never too far
83 away from the fireplace. Boasting the latest features,
93 such as eye-holes to watch through for enemies and a
102 luxury carpet made from local plants, this property will
112 be snapped up quickly by any eager Anglo-Saxon. It is
122 yours to live in today for only 240 silver pennies.



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1. What do you think 'eye-holes' are?

Accept: windows.



2. How many rooms does this property have?

Accept: one.



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Accept answers relating to persuading people to buy the property, describing the property or informing people about the property's sale.



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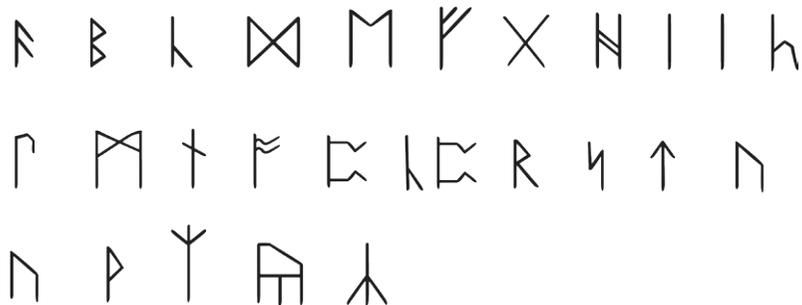
Accept any reasonable extract from the text, including the following: dense, extensive forest / stiff, wooden walls / thatched with the finest straw / all from the same space / never too far away / eye-holes to watch through for enemies / luxury carpet made from local plants.

Really Rare Runes

8 Before the Anglo-Saxons became Christians and began to
19 use the Latin alphabet that we still use today, they wrote
26 in something called the futhorc alphabet – commonly
29 known as runes.

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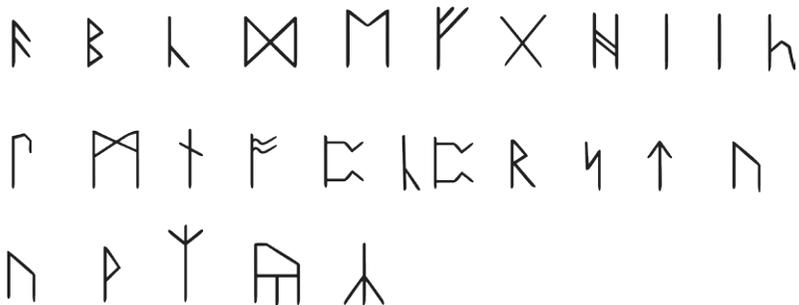
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Accept any reasonable definition which fits with the meaning of the sentence, e.g. statue, gravestone, building or structure.



2. Why might runes only have been made out of straight lines, rather than curved lines?
Accept any reasonable answer regarding the ease of carving, to make them clearer or the lack of tools to carve curved symbols.



3. Summarise the key points of this text in 20 words or less.
Accept any reasonable summary which includes the main point that runes were ancient symbols with meanings and is 20 words or less in length.



4. How do the meanings of the runes compare to their name?
Accept any answer which states that the meaning and the way you say the rune's name are very similar / contain many of the same letters.