TEACHER'S GUIDE

Listening activities and suggested answers

Where Did the Vikings Sail?

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Spotify: open.spotify.com/episode/4K6Ctb3UQSnfDSDnMmAZ8d
YouTube: youtu.be/MqcTsLqToRY

Introduce the questions before listening. Students write answers after the whole episode. Discuss their answers as a class or in pairs.

Suggested answers are in italics. Accept students' own wording when the meaning is correct.

1 Why was a shallow Viking hull useful?

It could reach shallow water, beaches and rivers where a deeper ship could not go.

2 How did a ship move when the wind was not useful?

The crew rowed with oars. Moving the ship depended on people working together.

3 What evidence of Norse voyages was found in Canada?

A Norse camp in Newfoundland contained traces of buildings and ironworking. It shows that Norse travellers reached North America around the year 1000.

4 Choose a ship for a journey

Features suit the purpose: a shallow hull and oars help on rivers, while a wider cargo space helps carry a moving load. Students explain the connection to the journey.

Teaching tip: The ship does not have to match an exact historical model.