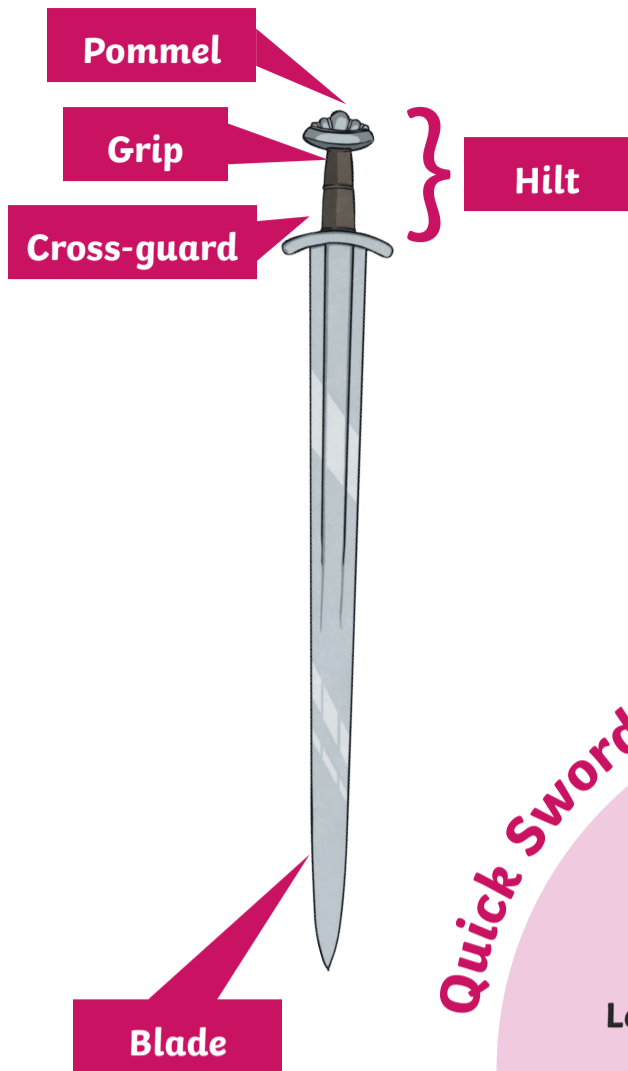


Viking Sword



Quick Sword Facts

Width: 4 – 6 cm
Weight: 1 – 2 kg
Length: 60 – 90 cm

Leg-Biter!

A sword might be the most expensive item that a Viking owned. They were often given names, like 'Leg-biter' and 'Gold-hilt', and passed down through the generations from father to son.

Ulfberth

The finest Viking swords came from central Europe and were made from high-quality steel. One of these was the Ulfberth, a sword of status and prestige.

Did you know?

Because they cost so much to make, not every Viking owned a sword. Spears were the most common weapon for warriors, but they were also quite fond of battle-axes!

Blades

The blade of a Viking sword was double-edged, which means it was sharp on both sides.

Viking Law

Viking law stated that all free men should own weapons. Decent weapons weren't used just for battles; they showed a person's status and wealth as well – none more so than a Viking sword!



1. Viking swords weren't just used in battle. What other use did they have?



2. Vikings sometimes gave names to their swords. Find one from the text and explain why that might be a good name for a Viking sword.



3. Imagine you were given a Viking sword, and you had to give it a Viking name. What would you call it? Give a reason for your answer.



4. Name the three parts of a Viking sword that make up the hilt:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____