



### Viking Dress

The Vikings came to Britain from Scandinavia between 8000 and 1100AD.

### Watch the video

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### So what did the Vikings wear?

1. They wore different materials. Name two.
2. Where did they get silk from?
3. Describe Ingrid's dress and jewellery.
4. What is she wearing for warmth?
5. Did everyone have jewellery?
6. Look at the man, describe his clothes.
7. What is he wearing for warmth?
8. Where does he wear his sword? Why?
9. Who wore lots of jewellery?
10. Is that the same as now, or different?



### Check your answers

1. Wool (itchy but warm), linen, leather and silk (from abroad)
2. From abroad
3. She is wearing a long pink dress and some necklaces and a fur. She is wearing a pink hat.
4. A fur
5. No
6. He is wearing a brown dress or tunic, brown trousers or leggings, a brown hat and a brown cloak.
7. Leggings and a cloak
8. Under his cloak, but where he can get it easily if he needs it.
9. Some Vikings, but not everyone.
10. The same as now!

### Listen again and check

So what did the Vikings wear?

Well the first thing to remember is that quite a lot of things would have been home made, and also they would have had to use materials that were around at the time. Like wool which was itchy, but it kept them warm and that was important. Also they had linen and and leather, and sometimes they even had silk which was brought from abroad when the Vikings traded.

This is what we think the Vikings might have worn:

Ingrid is wearing an under dress, and on top of that a silk dress. This is decorated with some fine Viking jewellery.

This Viking is quite rich. She is wearing a fur to keep her warm.

Not everyone would have had the beautifully crafted jewellery, and their clothes would have been a lot plainer. An outfit like this might have been worn by quite a rich Viking who had travelled, but whose clothes were also very practical.

Today I am wearing leggings for warmth under my fetching tunic.

A heavy woollen cloak would be essential for the cold winters. The cloak is pinned together with a brooch, but making sure that the sword is always easy to reach, should you need to get to it in a hurry!

Some Vikings would wear a lot of expensive jewellery to show how rich and powerful they were. So not so different from today! People nowadays like to wear big diamond rings and expensive looking jewellery!

Everyone from, like, the Queen to hip hop rappers likes to wear their bling, innit?