



“Might have been”

When we talk about the past, we often can't be sure about what happened. So we use modal verbs to show that we aren't 100% sure. We say things like “it might have been red, or it could have been green.”

Watch this video about the past, and fill the gaps using the correct verbs.

The video is about the Vikings, who came to Britain from Scandinavia between 8000 and 1100AD. But what might they have worn?

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This is what we think the Vikings _____ (wear).

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Check your answers

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