



10. THOR'SDAY THURSDAY

The Thor'sday Thursday Celebrations were a truly spectacular occasion. The Hairy Hooligans' fierce rivals, the Meatheads, from the nearby Meathead Islands, sailed across the Inner Ocean to the Isle of Berk for this great gathering.

The visitors set up camp in Black Heart Bay, which turned overnight from an empty desert of echoing seagulls into a bustling village of tents made out of sails too patched to be used at sea anymore.

By the next morning The Long Beach was packed with stalls and jugglers and fortune tellers. There was a happy confusion of Vikings spotting old friends, and practising their sword play, and yelling at the children to stop hitting each other **RIGHT NOW** for Thor's sake no I **REALLY MEAN IT** this time... or... or... or... **ELSE.**

Vast Viking men sat on uncomfortable rocks

guffawing loudly like gigantic sea-lions in a holiday mood. Impressively large Viking women huddled in groups cackling like seagulls and downing whole mugs of tea in one swallow.

Despite Old Wrinkly's gloomy forecasts of terrible storms and typhoons, it was a gloriously hot June day with not even a hint of a cloud in the offing.

The Young Heroes Final Initiation Test would not start until 2 p.m. that afternoon, so Hiccup spent the morning listening round-eyed to storytellers telling tall tales of Dirty Danes and pirate princesses.

He was sick with nerves, so found it difficult to enjoy the occasion as much as he had done in previous years.

Even Gobber throwing up during the How Many Gulls Eggs Can You Eat in One Minute? competition failed to raise more than a faint smile on his pale, tense face.

Hiccup's family had a picnic lunch overlooking the Axe-fighting Display. Hiccup could not eat a thing, and nor, unusually, could Toothless, who was in a difficult mood and turned his nose up at the tuna sandwich Valhallarama offered.



Prediction

The Thor'sday Thursday Celebrations were a truly spectacular occasion.

If this is the first line of this section of text, what can you predict will happen?

What type of text is it?

What type of sentences will there be?

What words might come up?

It's Only Words

Week 4
Session 2
Vocabulary

rival
(noun)

The Hairy Hooligans' fierce rivals, the Meatheads...

a person or thing competing with another in the same activity.

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Week 4
Session 2
Vocabulary

bustling
(adj)

... which turned overnight from an empty desert of echoing seagulls into a bustling village of tents...

full of activity

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Session 2
Vocabulary

tense
(adj)

... he failed to raise more than a faint smile on his pale, tense face.

unable to relax because of nervousness or anxiety

Retrieval Questions

Week 4
Session 3

1. Who are the Hairy Hooligans' rivals?
2. True or False: the Vikings started hitting their children.
3. Where did the visitors set up camp?

Complete the questions in your reading books.

Inference Questions

Week 4
Session 4

1. Did the visitors' arrival change Black Heart Bay?
How?
2. Were the Vikings happy to be at the gathering?
Find evidence to support your answer.

Try answering the inference questions in your reading books.