

What do you
think the
following
words mean?

Match the
words to
their
definitions.

sly

Barely sufficient or something that is provided grudgingly or in insufficient amounts.

scant

Having complete power.

overbearing

Showing a willingness to take risks—brave and courageous.

almighty

Unpleasantly overpowering. Controlled by emotional pressure or physical force.

bold

Having or showing skill in achieving something by deceit or evasion.

LO: I am learning to understand the meaning of words.

Circle the words on the sheet that you think could fit with this extract from Viking Boy.

WHO WAS ODIN?

An old man stood in the doorway. He was tall, his face powerful and striking. His beard was white, and he wore the clothes of a traveller - a hat with a wide brim that dipped over one eye, a black cloak and tunic, thick trousers and strong boots. He had a bag slung over one shoulder, and he carried a wooden staff.

Underneath this extract,
write what you learn
about Odin. What words
tell you this information?

sly	holy
scant	beggar
ugly	angry
weak	healing
immense	well-spoken
overbearing	lucky
strange	wise
almighty	healing
loveless	helpful
poor	revengeful
dangerous	courageous
bold	skilful
rich	harmless
elderly	clever

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Circle or cross out the words on the sheet that you think now fit with this extract from Viking Boy.

But then Gunnar saw the old man from the God House standing behind Ari, smiling beneath his wide-brimmed hat. Gunnar felt the hairs on the back of his neck stand up. So it had been him... Gunnar was watching the old man. He moved forward, peered over the quayside, then sought Gunnar's eyes. Of course—the quayside was supported by thick pilings and behind them was a space which the sea never filled, however high the tide.

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Gunnar looked up. He was on a path that climbed a short, rocky slope. At the top was a great throne carved from stone, and sitting on it was a smiling Odin. He wore a long white robe and was bare-headed, but otherwise he was the same old man Gunnar had met at the God House. Above them the sun was shining in a blue sky, although a pale blue moon was also visible. The ravens flew to Odin, settling on the throne like sentinels behind him, one on either side.

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Using the text extracts and the word list, complete the diamond nine by writing in nine words that you think best describe Odin.

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A diamond nine grid consisting of nine empty rectangular boxes arranged in a diamond shape: one box at the top, two boxes in the second row, three boxes in the third row, two boxes in the fourth row, and one box at the bottom.

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