

Tema 8. Scandinavian influence on the development of English.

Study pages 137 – 144 (including p 144) from Barber, Ch. at al: The English Language, A Historical Introduction, Cambridge University Press 2009

Study Guide

1. What is the etymology (the possible origin) of the word “Viking”?
2. The Vikings consisted of 3 nations. Name the nations. Where did each of them migrate?
3. Which of the three Viking nations attacked England at about 800?
4. What was the role of King Alfred in Viking riots at about 800?
5. Explain the term “Danelaw”
6. Name at least two Scandinavian place names elements and give an example of a place name for each element.
7. Comment on the similarities between Old English and Old Norse. Describe the situation.
8. Some words can be identified as of Scandinavian origin because of their phonological form. Give two examples of such words.
9. Sometimes Old Norse and Old English words would produce the same Modern English form but with a different meaning. Give an example of such words.
10. What is the origin of the word “dream”?
11. Later, when Vikings had settled England, a number of words were borrowed relating to law and administration. Give two examples of such words.
12. Give 6 English nouns of Scandinavian origin.
13. Give 3 English adjectives of Scandinavian origin.
14. Give 3 English verbs of Scandinavian origin.
15. Give 2 English conjunction of Scandinavian origin.
16. Comment on using of the pronoun “they” in the Chaucer’s times.