Daily life of Vikings

Plow - to break up the ground
Sow - to plant seeds
Hoe - to loosen the ground
Churn - to make butter by stirring violently
Skin - to remove the fur from animals

Viking words and symbols

Futhark - the Viking alphabet
Runes - the letters of the Viking alphabet
Skald - a Viking poet
Skaldic poems - Viking poems
Saga - a story

Viking Adventures

Fjord - a narrow inlet of sea surrounded by cliffs or steep mountains
Norsemen - men from the north, another name for Vikings
A-Viking - to travel for adventure
Berserk - crazy, wild or a bear shirt worn by Vikings
Barter - to exchange goods or services instead of using money
Raid - to make a sudden or surprise attack
Plunder - goods taken without permission
Monastery - a place where monks live
Monk - a man who spends his life in prayer
Longship - the long, narrow Viking ships  
Knorr - wide Viking ships used for trading  
Prow - the front of the ship  
Stern - the back of the ship  
Navigate - to steer a ship

**Norse Mythology**

Asgard - the Norse home of the gods  
Midgard - “middle earth” where humans dwell  
Trolls - mythological creatures who live in caves and in the sea  
Valhalla - the hall in Asgard where Vikings who die in battle go

**Norse Gods**

**Odin** – Chief God, most powerful in Asgard, also known as Woden. Wednesday is named after this god (short for Woden’s Day)

**Thor** – God of thunder. Strong and mighty God, had a great hammer. Thursday is named after this god (Thor’s Day)

**Tyr** – God of war. Tuesday is named after this god (Tyr’s Day)

**Freya** – Goddess of love and beauty. Drove a chariot pulled by cats. Had a magic falcon suit. Friday is named after her (Freya’s day)