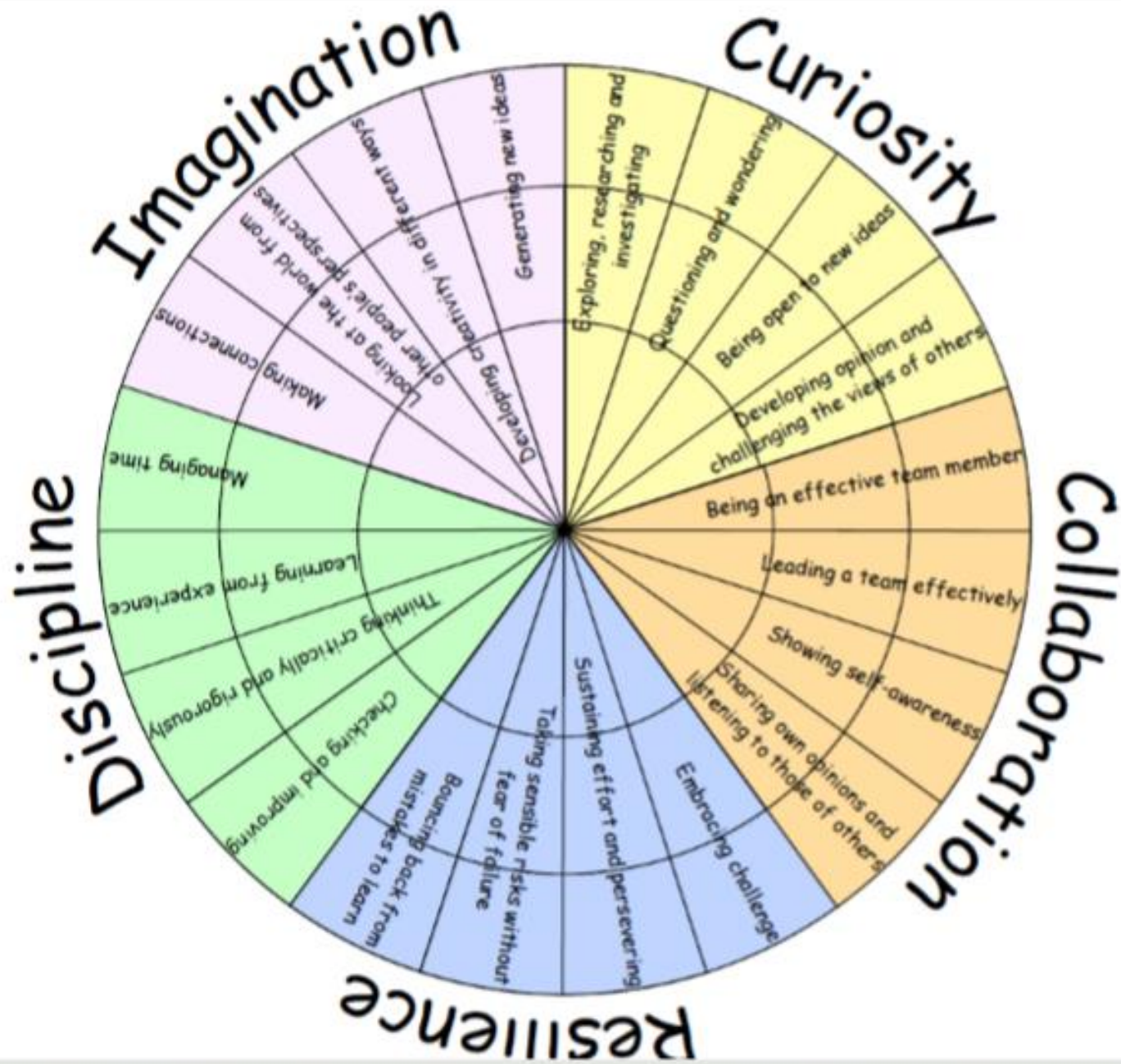




Viking Invasion

Recount

Phase 3 Day 2



Today we are going to do our final checks and improvements, this time looking at vocabulary.

Which of the learning habits do you think will be important to do this?

## TODAY'S KEY SKILLS:

I can remove unnecessary repetition from my writing

I can use vocabulary that suits the purpose

Please start by reading through all your writing again. Are there any words or phrases that you've repeated several times?



Have a look at this example. Can you see which words and phrases are repeated?

The fearless Vikings set off in their longships across the North Sea. When they set off in their longships, the Vikings didn't know what they would find. The first place they came to was the Island of Lindisfarne. The Island of Lindisfarne is off the northeast coast of England. On the island of Lindisfarne, the Vikings found a monastery. When the Vikings found the monastery on the Island of Lindisfarne, they decided to attack.

Look at all this repetition!

The first time that each of these words or phrases appears is fine, but after that it might be better to use alternative words or phrases.

On the next page, we'll see how we can improve this.

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There's no need to repeat this. We can just get rid of it.

We can use a shorter version of the phrase here. Our reader will know what we mean.

There's no need for this fronted adverbial.

We could find another word to replace 'Vikings'. The reader will understand who we're talking about.

We don't need to keep telling the reader where the Vikings found.

The fearless Vikings set off in their longships across the North Sea, not knowing what they would find. The first place the explorers came to was the Island of Lindisfarne, off the northeast coast of England. There, the Norse adventurers found a monastery, which they decided to attack.

Compare this version. There is less writing, but also less repetition.

# How to remove repetition

1: Can you just get rid of the repeated bit? Will the writing still make sense without it?

2: You could try replacing nouns with pronouns.

The Vikings - **they**

Monks - **they**

Lindisfarne - **it**

Monastery - **it**

3: Use alternative words. There is a list on the next page.



# Vocabulary

## Vikings

Norse people  
Norsemen  
explorers  
adventurers  
warriors  
attackers  
raiders  
invaders

Pronoun:  
they

## Monks

brothers  
Christians  
residents of the monastery

Pronoun:  
they

## Lindisfarne

the island

Pronoun:  
it

## Longships

longboats  
mighty vessels

You can use these words to remove unnecessary repetition from your writing. You can also use other suitable words you know.

# Check your spellings

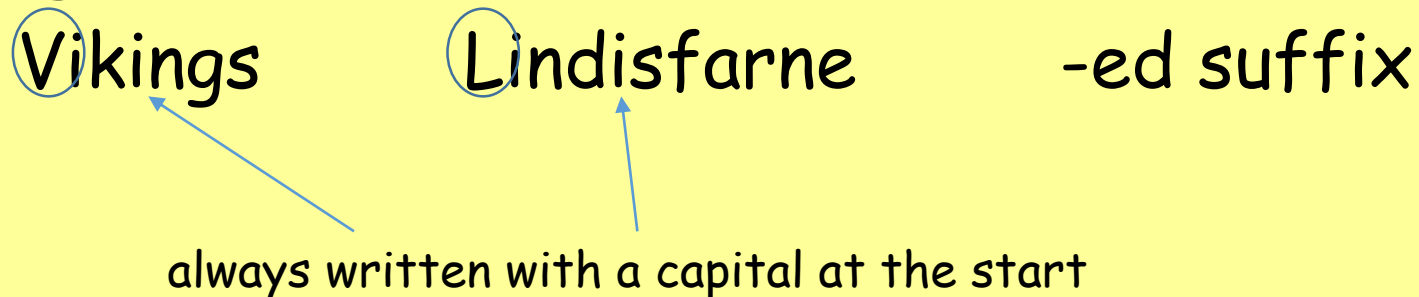
- If there are any you're not sure of, try using Google's built-in dictionary. Just type 'dictionary' into Google.
- If you have Siri / Cortana / Google assistant / Alexa or similar, you can ask it how to spell a word!
- Key spellings:

Vikings

Lindisfarne

-ed suffix

always written with a capital at the start



# Get organised!

Tomorrow you will write your final piece.

Make sure you've got all your practice paragraphs ready and in the right order.

Make sure you've checked thoroughly and improved it to the best of your ability. This takes a lot of **discipline!**

Make sure you have paper and a pen or pencil ready. If you choose to use a computer to write, **you must still include all the same punctuation and grammar features.**