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When Harry arrives at his grandma's house, he thinks life can't get more boring. But after Harry puts on a magic helmet he finds in the garden, he's transported back in time to when the Vikings ruled the seas. Will Harry find his way home?

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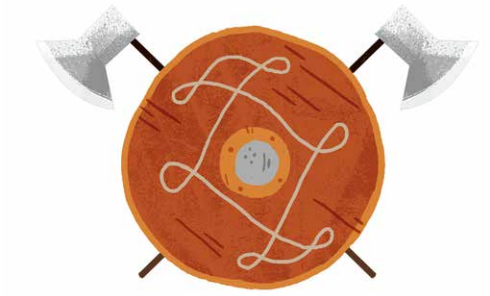
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Chapter 1

"Have fun!" Mum called. "I'll be back in two weeks." Then she drove off.

Harry stared round the living room. How would he survive two whole weeks with Gran? There was no internet and no computer. He couldn't even go outside to explore because it was raining!

Gran pointed at a record player. "Why don't you play some of Grandad's records until the

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rain stops?"

A photograph stood next to the record player. Harry looked at it curiously. It showed Grandad with his enormous red beard, holding a Viking helmet.



It had been taken just before he'd vanished. One minute he was digging for Viking treasure in the back garden, and the next he was gone!

Harry wished he could ask Gran about how Grandad disappeared, but Mum had made him promise not to.

He sighed and pressed a button on the record player. A record began to spin round.

"*Old Norse* for beginners," said a crackly voice.

"Grandad used that record to learn Old Norse," said Gran. "It's the language the Vikings spoke."

"Lesson one - Skip – Biti – Kot," said the crackly voice.

Harry repeated the Viking words. "Skip – Biti – Kot." To his surprise, it was fun!

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An hour later, the rain finally stopped.

"Yeah!" Harry sprinted into the garden.
He kicked a stone high into the air.

CLANK!

What had he hit?

The rain had washed away a lot of soil and something was sticking out of the ground.
His heart leapt with excitement.

He began to dig with his hands. Finally, he pulled something free of the mud. He gasped.
It was a helmet! It was decorated with a curling dragon.

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Harry put it on his head. Suddenly, there was a loud bang like a clap of thunder.

The helmet slid down over his eyes and –

WHOOSH!