

## How Thunor Got His Hammer

Sif was Thunor's wife and she had long, golden hair. One morning, she went out onto the porch and fell asleep. Just as she did, Loki came along. He was always playing tricks. Loki went up on the porch and cut off Sif's golden hair.

When Sif woke up and saw that her hair was gone, she cried and cried. Then she ran to hide. She did not want Thunor to see her. When Thunor came home, he looked all around the house. At last he found her crying.

"Oh, Thunor, look, all my hair is gone! Somebody has cut it off. It was a man. He ran away with it."

Thunor was infuriated. "I know it was Loki. He is always getting into mischief. Just wait until I get him!" he screamed.

### Questions

- a) Where did Sif fall asleep?
- b) Write two adjectives that the author could have used to describe Loki.
- c) Why do you think that Sif did not want Thunor to see her without her hair?
- d) What do you think Thunor did next?

## Woden Allfather



Woden (or Odin) was the highest and holiest Anglo-Saxon god. He was said to be everywhere in the universe and made every part of it. He was the god of wisdom and victory, and the leader and protector of princes and heroes. As all the gods were supposed to have come from him, his surname was Allfather. He was said to sit upon a mighty watch-tower, overlooking the whole world and could see everything that was happening among gods, giants, elves, dwarfs and men. Woden was said to be a tall, strong man, around fifty years of age, either with dark, curly hair or with a long grey beard and bald head. He wore a grey suit with a blue hood and carried a spear called Gungnir which could never be broken.

### Questions

- a) How old was Odin said to be?
- b) Why do you think Gungnir could never be broken?
- c) What is the one main point of this text?
- d) Who do you think this information was written for? Explain your answer.