

The Vikings Named These Towns

SAY IT ALOUD

port	PORT	a landing place
fjörðr	FYORTH-ur	Old Norse for an inlet

COPYBOOK MOMENT · 6 MIN

Write three Viking town names and the Norse word inside each.

Read as written. Pause the board; every pupil writes. Not collected, not marked.

WATCH FOR

- Accents. 1 of this lesson's words carry one (fjörðr). A missing accent is a missing letter.

ANSWERS

1 · The pieces inside the names

- port — a landing place
- fjörðr — Old Norse for an inlet

2 · Break the names open

- Waterford — Ram's Fjord / Windy Inlet
- Wexford — Inlet of the Mud Flats
- Wicklow — Vikings' Meadow
- Arklow — Arnkel's Meadow

3 · Name a place yourself

- Open answer — Any name built from something really there, with its meaning given. Accept English spelling of the Irish piece.