

Task 3: COIN YOUR OWN KENNINGS!

Make up some kennings of your own. You could pick an object you can see in the room at the moment, or let your imagination wander freely for subjects.

Remember that kennings can refer to abstract nouns as well (such as the kenning *modhord* for 'mind', or what we might refer to as 'consciousness').

It might be fun to try to make kennings for objects that Old English poets could not have possibly known themselves. What might be a good kenning for submarine for example? Mobile phone? A highstreet bank? Satellites? Gravity?

When you have a few examples, pass them on, or read them out loud, to another member of the group. How easily can they guess your kennings? Which ones in the group do you like best? And why?

