

# Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 LO: To compare two characters

Finished? Read back over your character description of Bjorn from yesterday.

#### Spag starter

 Put these adverbials of probability in order from least likely to most likely:

Unlikely

Definitely

Probably

Possibly

Rarely

perhaps

 Yesterday we thought about Gunnar. What do you remember about his character?

What do you remember about his father and mother?

• Rewatch chapter 1 from when Skuli arrives at the farm - 5:34

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyuXDVxB7V8&t=1s

Make notes about Skuli's character.

• We are going to write a character description of Skuli, and then we are going to compare the characters of Skuli and Bjorn.

### Skuli - example

Skuli is a leading warrior who comes to visit Gunnar's family farm. He has white teeth and a black bushy beard.

I know he has a sense of humour because he jokes with Bjorn about being ugly. He also likes to banter with Helga (Gunnar's mother).

Skuli is polite. I know this because in the story he leaves his weapons at the door when he enters Bjorn's home.

I think that Skuli is ambitious because in the text, the author writes that he wants to be a jarl, or even a king. It is clear that Skuli has a lot of money because the author writes that he owns several farms.

He is a powerful man because he is claimed to have fifty warriors at his beck and call. However, I think he is still kind as he is described as smiling throughout the chapter. He also wants to warn Bjorn about the raiders, which shows he is helpful.

# Skuli and Bjorn

• Now we are going to compare the characters of Skuli and Bjorn.

• How are they similar, and how are they different?

draw a table like this:

Skuli	Bjorn

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Ambitious	Likes a quiet life
Black bushy beard – young adult	Beard flecked with grey – older
Warrior	Used to be a warrior

## Good words for comparing

- However
- Similarly
- Contrastingly
- But
- This is the same as
- They are different because
- Although

We are now going to use our table and our character descriptions of Bjorn and Skuli to write a character comparison.

#### For example:

I know that Skuli is ambitious, because the author writes that he wants to be a jarl, or even a king, one day. However, Bjorn is not ambitious anymore. I know this because in the text it says that Bjorn likes a quiet life these days.

You might end up repeating some of your sentences from before – this is ok!

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- whereas

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