

# Viking Houses

The animals lived in longhouses, but were behind a wooden screen.

Usually everyone slept in the same room.

The chief of the house might have a separate room for sleeping.

The Vikings built their houses from whatever they could find.

Wood was usually used for the inside walls and stamped down earth made the floor.

The floor was covered with rushes.

The roof was made of straw.

The fire was in the middle of the house.

There was no chimney to take away the smoke.

There was a hole in the roof to let the smoke out, so it was very smoky.

There were small windows to let in light.

The windows had no glass, so it was cold.