

After the Battle of Hastings

What happened after the battle? Here is the rest of the story of William the Conqueror. As you read, underline all the words that begin with *h*.

Answers: See underlined words

1. King Harold died a horrible death at Hastings.
2. The heroic Duke William became the new king.
3. King William liked to eat. He was always hungry.
4. His eating habits made him fat.
5. He became very heavy.
6. His wife, Queen Mathilda, was honest, kind and very rich.
7. When she was a girl, she dreamed of wearing a crown on her head.
8. She combed her long hair for hours every day.
9. She used her money to help her husband.
10. Their marriage was happy and they had eleven children.
11. Their third son Rufus was the heir to the throne.
12. He served his country with honour.

Can you find seven *h*-words are that are French cognates?

Answers:

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| horrible (1) | heroic (2) |
| habits (4) | honest (6) |
| hours (8) | heir (11) |
| honour (12) | |

Which of these seven have no *h* sound in English? They kept their French pronunciation. There are four of them. Circle these four.

Answers: honest, hours, heir, honour

Now practice reading the sentences with a partner.