

English 401: Introduction to Old Norse
Language Exercise Five
Assigned in Week Six—Due in Class Week Seven

Or *Gisla sogu Surssonar*

Þorbjorn het maðr ok var kallaðr Selagnupr; hann bjó i Talknafirði at Kvigandafelli;

Þordis het kona hans, en Asgerðr dottir. Þessarar konu biðr Þorkell Sursson ok getr hana

at eiga, en Gisli Sursson bað systur Vesteins, Auðar Vesteinsdottur, ok fekk hana; bua nu

baðir saman i Haukadal.

Common Nouns:

fell (N. a, G #80) hill, mountain

kona (F. n, G #93) woman, wife

systir (F. r, G #90) sister

dalr (M. a, G #80) dale, valley

Proper Nouns:

Gisli (M. n, G #92)

Sursson (M. u, G #88)

Þorbjorn (M. u, G #88)

Selagnupr (M. a, G #80)

Talknafjorðr (M. u, G #88)

Kvigandafelli (N. a, G#80)

Þordis (F. o, G#83)

Þorkell (M. a, G #80)

Vesteinn (M. a, G #80)

Auðr (F. o, G#83)

Haukadalr (M. a, G #80)

Adjectives:

þessi (G#111) this

baðir (pl.) both

Adverbs:

nu—now

saman—together

Pronouns:

hana (F. 3. AS, G #109) her

Verbs:

kalla (wk. II, G #141-2) call

biðja (st. V, G #131) ask, request

geta (st. V, G #131) get, obtain

eiga (pret. pres. I, G#144) have, own

fa (st. VII, G #133) get, take

Special Expression:

geta at eiga—marry (lit. get to own/obtain to possess)

Language Exercises Due in Week Seven:

- Do Fee Language Exercise Five (You're Lookin' at It!)
- Do Fee Old Norse Post-Positioned Definite Article Exercise
- Be prepared to be quizzed on: the contraction of the “post-positioned definite article,” the “personal pronouns,” and the “demonstrative pronouns”
- Memorize the First, Second, and Third Person Personal Pronouns (Masculine, Neuter, and Feminine; Singular, Dual, and Plural: *ek, þu, vit, þit, ver, þer*, etc.; *hann, hon, þat*, etc.) [Gordon #108 and 109]

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