

A Legionary's Scutum (shield)

Why was the shield curved? __

and leather and not metal?

The shield was made of wood and leather and was carried on the soldier's left-hand side. It was decorated in red, brown and beige, and featured the Roman eagle.

The metal boss in the middle of the shield could be used for punching the enemy.

The shield was curved to protect the body. It was also rectangular in shape so that a number of shields could be joined together side-by-side during battle, to protect a group of soldiers.





Why do you think the scutum was made mainly out of wood

What was the boss in the middle made out of? ____

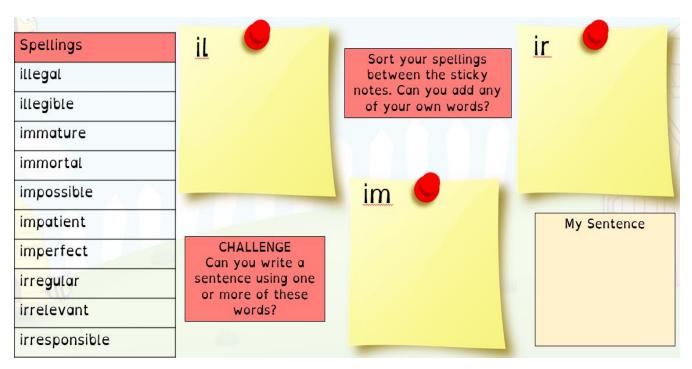
Write down the three colours painted onto the shield.

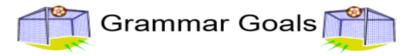




Why has the author put the word 'shield' in brackets in the title?







Tick two boxes to show where the missing inverted commas should go.



Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

Circle all the words in the sentences below that should start with a **capital letter**.

henry tudor married his first wife, catherine, in june

1509. they married in london.

Add one **comma** to the sentence below in the correct place.

The museum shop sells posters mugs and badges.