Card sort on Hastings

*Please arrange the cards in three piles*

*A: William’s skill*

*B: Luck*

*C: Harold’s mistakes*

*Which was the most important reason why William won?*

Harold decided not to rest his men after marching south. Instead he went straight to fight William.

William’s men thought that he had been killed in the middle of the battle and started to run away. William removed his helmet to show them he was still alive.

William got his archers to fire over the top of English shields

The wind changed and allowed William’s troops to cross the Channel at a time when Harold’s troops were away in the North dealing with the Norwegians.

William’s knights were heavily armoured and rode war horses.

Many of Harold’s men thought that William’s men were running away and chased after them. The Normans turned around and killed them. It was a trick!

William had brought professional soldiers to fight Harold’s army, which was mostly made up of farmers.

William took Harold by surprise before his men were ready to fight.

When William landed on the south coast he burned his boats. The Normans had to win now!

After the Battle of Stamford Bridge Harold refused to share the booty with his men. Many soldiers deserted his army.

William persuaded many powerful French nobles to join him by promising them land in England.

Harold chose to wait all summer for William on the south coast but it was the Vikings who arrived first – in the north.

In the middle of the battle Harold was killed. Many of his men did not want to continue fighting.

Harold’s best men were his loyal housecarls. Many of them had been killed at Stamford Bridge.

William threatened to capture London, trying to force Harold into a battle.

Harold’s men were tightly packed together. It was hard for them to move.

The Normans clever trick of pretending to retreat caused the English to leave their strong position on the hill.