**Sword given to Beowulf**

1. A deity (6) = **GODDESS** in grid: **G0DDE5\*** (**S** missing letter) **G**-Right

2. An absence of light (5) = **SHADOW** in grid: **5HAD0\*** (**W** missing letter)  **H**-Up & Down

3. A shambles (5) = **FIASCO** in grid: **FIA5C\*** (**O** missing letter) **I**-Right

4. A container (2) = **JAR** in grid: **JA**\* (**R** missing letter) **J**-Up

5. A recursion (7) = **FEEDBACK** in grid: **FEE\*BACK** (**D** missing letter) **K**-Down

6. A shelter (4) = **LODGE** In grid: (**L0DE) L0D\*E** (**G** missing letter) **L**-

7. A scholar (7) = **ACADEMIC** in grid: **ACADEM\*C** (**I** missing letter) **M**-Up & Down

8. A county (4) = **DEVON** in grid: **DE\*0N**  (**V** missing letter) **N**-Left

9. A drink (5) = **COFFEE** in grid: **COFFE\*** (**E** missing letter) **O**-Up & Down

10. A musical instrument (4) = **PIANO** in grid: **P1A\*0** (**N** missing letter) **P**-Up

**No Q**

11. A microorganism (7) = **BACTERIA** in grid: **BAC\*ER1A** (**T** missing letter) **R**-Down

12. A capital city (4) = **SOFIA** in grid: **S\*F1A** (**O** missing letter) **S**-Up

13. A social prohibition (4) = **TABOO** in grid: **TA\*00** (**B** missing letter) **T**-Right

14. A material (4) = **SUEDE** in grid: **5U\*DE** (**E** missing letter) **U**-Right & Left

15. A Caribbean cult (5) = **VOODOO** in grid: **V0\*D00** (**O** missing letter) **V**-Up & Down

16. A marital status (6) = **WIDOWED** in grid: **W1D0\*ED** (**W** missing letter) **W**-Left

17. An American tribe (4) = **SIOUX** in grid: **510\*X** (**U** missing letter) **X**-Left

18. A mode of transport (6) = **BICYCLE** in grid: **B1CYC\*E** (**L** missing letter) **Y**-Up & Down

19. A type of hat (2) = **FEZ** in grid: **\*EZ** (**F** missing letter) **Z**-Left

Taking the missing letter from each word, we get the phrase "**Sword given to Beowulf**". There were two eight-letter swords given to Beowulf, Naegling and Hrunting. HRUNTING is the only sword that works with the title of the puzzle.