

Old English and modern English

Many English words come from **Old English**, but the origins are not always obvious. For example, the word 'knight', a man raised to high military rank, usually mounted in armour, comes from the Old English *cnicht* meaning 'young man'.



GETTING STARTED

1. Cut along the dotted lines to make 20 cards. Shuffle them and spread them out face down.
2. Play the game in pairs.
3. Take turns to pick up two cards. You have a match if you pick up a modern English word and its Old English original.
4. If you have a match, keep going until you pick up two cards that don't match. If you do not have a match, put the two cards back in the same place face down.
5. When all the cards have been picked up, the person with the most pairs wins.

long (modern English)	lang (Old English)	last (modern English)	latost (Old English)
rock (modern English)	roccian (Old English)	fly (modern English)	flycge (Old English)
old (modern English)	ald (Old English)	right (modern English)	riht (Old English)
light (modern English)	leoht (Old English)	after (modern English)	aefter (Old English)
lock (modern English)	loc (Old English)	none (modern English)	nan (Old English)



MOVING ON

Find the Old English origins for the following.

1. none _____
2. bench _____
3. bid _____
4. lap _____

? How many did you get right?

1 = NOVICE

2 = EXPERT

3 = MAESTRO

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