



SPELLING LESSON 1: Why is English so hard to spell?

Multiple choice

1 The English language is made up mainly of these two original source languages:

- (1) Celtic and German
- (2) German and French
- (3) Danish and French
- (4) Latin and Spanish

2 Which of the following words comes from Celtic?

- (1) Britannia
- (2) Friday
- (3) knight
- (4) whisky

3 The coming of the Anglo Saxon tribes brought which one of these words?

- (1) justice
- (2) veal
- (3) land
- (4) comedy

4 Which of the following words comes from French?

- (1) knife
- (2) ship
- (3) castle
- (4) tea

5 Why has a word like 'knight' changed its pronunciation, but not its spelling, over the centuries?

- (1) Because the original pronunciation was too hard to say.
- (2) Because when the French conquered Britain, they changed the spelling.
- (3) Because William Shakespeare pronounced it that way.
- (4) Because it's Spanish, and therefore too hard to say the proper way.