



The World of Languages and Languages of the World

Clever Celtic

Today. Let's look at the ancient Celtic languages, Celtic languages used today and the importance of the word "Celtic".

Objectives

- We can see that Celtic is still spoken in areas today.
- We can understand what a proto language is.
- We can play with a word "Celtic" and think about its significance; how and where it is used throughout the world.



Let's Go!

Quiz Time!

- 1. Why and when did Latin come to Britain?
- 2. Why do we have Greek influences in English?
- 3. Why might it be important to understand some Greek words or parts of words, such as "*hydro*" or "*geo*"?
- 4. How did Viking or Norse words come to be used in Britain?
- 5. Name one way Norse mythology sculpted English.



In the beginning was Celtic

Celtic is the name for a **group** of languages that are all linked. They came from a proto language called *Proto-Celtic*.

Many Celtic languages died out – they became extinct.

Some, however, are still spoken today and are growing again.

In England, our original language was Celtic, but it bears little relation to modern-day English.



Quiz Time!

Having looked at the information on the previous slide...

1. What is a proto language?
2. What is an extinct language?
3. What do you think links Cornish, Welsh, Manx, Breton, Irish and Scottish Gaelic?

1. A proto-language is a lost parent language. Other languages are derived from it.
2. An extinct language no longer has any speakers.
3. They are all Celtic languages that are spoken today.

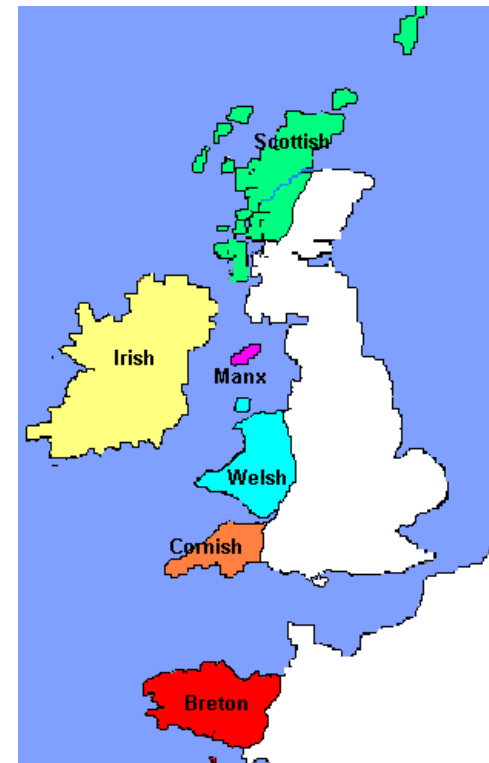


Once upon a time the Celtic language was all over Europe - and now it isn't.

What countries were Celtic
languages spoken in?

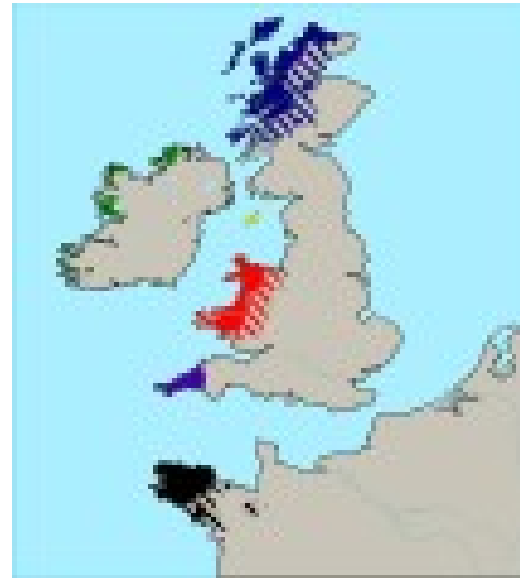


Celtic languages today.
So, what happened?



Today, Celtic is still spoken in these areas.
Can you match the language to the area on the map?

- Scotland: Scottish Gaelic
- Ireland: Irish
- The Isle of Man: Manx
- Wales: Welsh
- Cornwall: Cornish
- Brittany: Breton



The Romans

- The Celts and The Romans met each other on the battlefield. Many Celtic tribes lost people and land.
- Some Celtic tribes formed alliances with the Romans and fought in their armies.
- Celts and Romans also met in the marketplace. Some Celtic tribes thought the Roman way of life was appealing and became Romanised.



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Trade and the Vix Crater

- The Romans and the Celts traded. So did the Greeks and the Celts.
- Trade between Celtic lands and the Mediterranean was of huge importance.
- The Vix Crater, pictured here, was found in a Celtic burial site. It was used to make wine and dates from 500 BCE. It was made in Greece and imported.
- Global trade is a long-established tradition.



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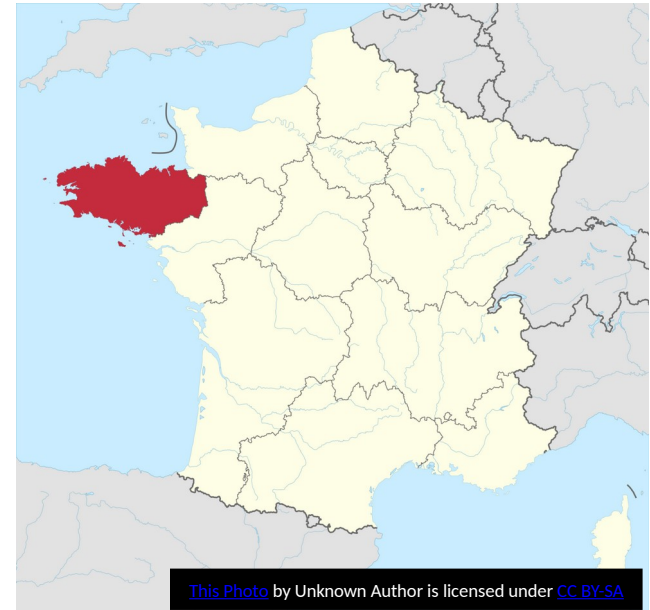
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Breton

- Where is Breton spoken?
- This area is also called Finisterre. Why?

1. Breton is spoken in Brittany in the North-West of France. (Highlighted red on the map).

2. Finisterre comes from the Latin *finis terrae*, meaning "**end of the earth**". Look where it is on the map!



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Manx

- Where is Manx spoken?
- The Manx language was extinct?
What does that mean?
- How did the language come to be spoken again?

1. Manx is spoken on the Isle of Man
2. An extinct language is no longer spoken and no longer studied.
3. One man decided to resurrect the language and learnt it by listening to old recordings. Support grew and brought it back to life.



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Gaelic

- Where is Gaelic spoken?
- Where is Gaelic football played?
- Gaelic is spoken in Scotland (Scottish Gaelic) and Ireland (Irish Gaelic).
- Gaelic football is an Irish game.



Celtic Words

What could these words mean?

Breton mor

Welsh mor

Scottish Gaelic mar

Irish Gaelic mar

Manx mooir



They mean “sea”. In German the word is Meer.



Have you heard of the Boston Celtics?

Lucky the Leprechaun



Larry Bird (and Magic Johnson)





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1. Where is Boston?
2. What is a leprechaun?
3. What symbol does the leprechaun wear and why?
4. Why are the Boston Celtics called the 'Celtics'?
5. Which basketball players have starred in Space Jam?

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6. When and why did Irish people migrate?



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1. Boston is in Massachusetts in the USA.
2. A leprechaun is a mischievous little fairy being, usually a man with a ginger beard.
3. The shamrock is the symbol of Ireland.
4. The Boston Celtics have their name because of the many Irish people who settled there.
5. Michael Jordan and LeBron James.
6. Irish migration was at its highest in the 1800s because of religious conflict, poverty, disease and in the 1840s, the Great Famine.



Have you heard of Celtic Football Club?



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Quiz Time!



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1. Where do Celtic Football Club play?
2. Why are they called 'Celtic'?
3. Which is the other major team in that city?
4. Why is all this writing in Green?

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1. Celtic Park
 2. The name of the club (pronounced with an s) reflects the clubs Scottish and Irish roots.
 3. Rangers
 4. Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because of its green countryside.



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WoLLoW wants to know...

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- The word "Celtic" is used throughout the world.
- People are proud of their Celtic roots.
- Celtic languages are being learnt again in schools.
- Do you think it is important for Celtic languages to be taught in traditionally Celtic-speaking areas?
- Should languages be protected?