

(I) Old English (1/2)

English has changed a lot since the period in which Germanic languages were brought to the British Isles over 1500 years ago. In this puzzle, you will look at some ways in which Old English (the name we give to the varieties of English that existed from the 5th century to the 12th century) differs from Modern English.

Note: The letter **b** is pronounced like the 'th' in *thin*; the letter **æ** is pronounced like the 'a' in *cat*.

Old English	Modern English
wit lufodon þæt mægden	we two loved the girl
þæt cild unc lufode	the child loved us two
ge lufodon þone cyning	you all loved the king
se cyning inc lufode	the king loved you two
þæt mægden we lufodon	we all loved the girl
we inc lufodon	we all loved you two
wit eow lufodon	we two loved you all
se æþeling unc lufode	the prince loved us two

II. Translate the following from Old English into Modern English.

- a. se cyning eow lufode

- b. ge lufodon þæt mægden

- c. wit inc lufodon



(I) Old English (2/2)

I2. Translate the following from Modern English into Old English.

- a. The prince loved the child.

- b. The child loved the prince.

- c. We all loved the child.

- d. The child loved you two.

