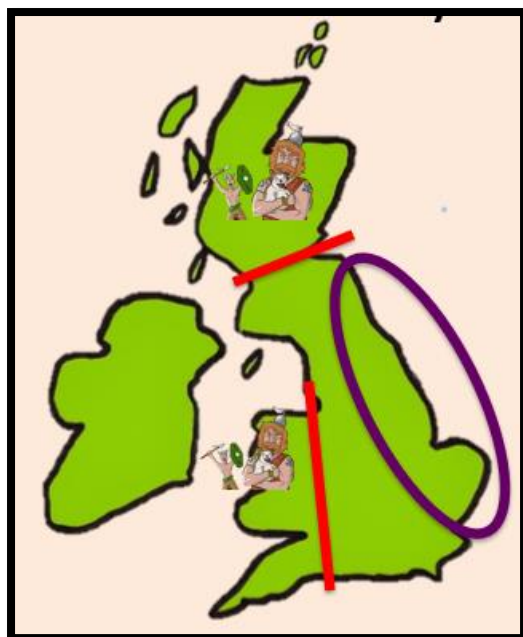


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LANGUAGE INFLUENCE	SUMMARY
Celtic / Gaelic	Around 2500, a number groups – often classified as “Celtic” or “Gaelic” – introduced some of the first consistent native languages.
(Roman) Latin	The Roman invasion of Britain around 55BC introduced Latin to Britain
Celtic / Gaelic	Around 400AD, Romans started to leave areas of Britain. This might have led to a regrowth in language such as Celtic/Gaelic.
Anglo Saxon	Anglo-Saxon invasion started to introduce Angl-ish or “Old English”
Vikings	Viking raids along the east coast introduced Norse to the mix
Normans	The Normans invaded around 1066. They introduced an old version of French.



Celtic/Gaelic origins	Roman Influences	Saxon Influences	Anglo-Saxon influences
Banshee	Thousands of our words are based on Latin but the easiest ones to spot are in place names. Roman camps and towns were often called “ castra ”. This word developed into “-chester”, “caister”, “caistor” and “caster” over time.	Amongst many thousands of words we use today, we can see the influence of their culture in our place names. We live in East Anglia , for example and Essex refers to the East Saxons ... Can you think of the counties where the West Saxons and South Saxons might have lived...? Can you work out the old meanings of Norfolk and Suffolk ?	Muck
Gob			Slaughter
Leprechaun			Berserk
Bog			dirt





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LANGUAGE VARIATIONS	
ANGLO-SAXONS ATE...	NORMAN FRENCH ATE...
sheep	mutton
cow / ox	beef
calf	veal
swine	pork
deer	venison

ENGLISH LOANWORDS	
Kangaroo	Aboriginal Australian
Jumbo	African origin
Tea	Chinese
Ukulele	Hawaiian
Kayak	Native American
Satsuma	Japanese
Barbeque	Arawak (ancient Carribean)
Shampoo	Hindi (Spoken in India)

ROOT	EXAMPLE	MEANING
Occupation (job)	John Mason	John, who is a mason (a person who cuts stone)
Appearance or personality	John Small	John, who is small
Home town	John Lincoln	John, from Lincoln
Landscape feature	John Wood	John, who lives near a wood
Parent's first name	John Thomson	John – Thomas' son

USEFUL LINKS

For a more detailed understanding of the topic, take a look at the BBC documentary linked below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLV50II2XzmY-9GLZWAuieOp27mZUQfKnj>

