



WHY IS IT ENGLISH SPELLING SO WEIRD?

1 When Christian missionaries arrived in England, they started to use spellings that didn't reflect how words were pronounced.

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2 Words like **cough**, **enough**, **though** or **thought** were originally pronounced with the same sound at the end.

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3 When the printer was invented, the changes in pronunciation had finished.

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5 A big part of modern spelling is due to how words were pronounced in the past or how they were spelled in French.

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6 Latin started influencing spelling in the late 1500s, when English spelling was still undergoing big changes.

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7 Latin was responsible for the introduction of letters that are written but not pronounced.

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8 The pronunciation of the word **colonel** comes from Italy.

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