

How Many Languages Do You Speak?

Translate these words into your native language:

language _____ conquer _____ develop _____ last _____

army _____ island _____ first _____ stolen _____

The English people made a **NEW Language** from Latin and the other languages.

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English was one of the **LAST languages** to develop in the world.

When Rome left, people speaking **other languages** came to England.

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One of the last places Rome conquered was an **island** named **England**.

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Fast Facts about ENGLISH!

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In the western half of the world, **LATIN** was one of the **FIRST languages** to develop.

Italian, Spanish, and French were the first **ROMANCE languages**.

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Latin was the language of **ROME, Italy**- and the Roman army conquered the world!

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In every place the Roman army conquered, Latin **MIXED** into the native language.

Write about English!

One of the first languages was _____. The people in _____, Italy spoke this language. The Roman army _____ the world! Everywhere the Romans went, _____ became mixed up with the language of the people they conquered. Latin changed the native languages of those countries. Latin started new languages, such as Italian, _____, and _____.

One of the last countries the Romans conquered was _____. Latin _____ with the native language of the people there. After the Romans left, more people from many other places came to _____. The people in England took parts of all those languages to make a new language called _____.

Cognates

cognate = word stolen from another language

English stole words from many other languages. When you see a new English word that you don't know, close your eyes and **LISTEN** to it! If it sounds like a word in your native language, we probably stole it from you!

Cognates can help you understand many languages. Match these cognates to their English words.

English	Spanish	German	Chinese	Russian
humor				
coffee				
copy				
chocolate				
motor				
laser				
microphone				
mom				
fantasy				
shampoo				

	German	motor
kaffee	schokolade	
laser	mama	mikrofon
fantasie		kopie
	humor	shampoo

	Chinese	kāfēi
fàntèxi	yōumò	màikèfēng
	māmi	
kǎo bēi		qiǎokèlì
léishè	mǎ dá	xiāngbō

	Russian	mama
shampun'	mikrofon	
lazer	yumor	shokolad
	kofe	
kopirovat'	motor	fantastika

	Spanish	humor
champu	mama	motor
copiar	fantasia	chocolate
cafe		
microfono		laser