

Matching words across a thousand years...

The task is to find the three versions of each word and put them together, using your knowledge and perhaps some intuition. Once complete, you have a way of looking at the development of those **words** over a **thousand years**.

Old English	Middle English	Standard English
(as in Beowulf)	(as in Chaucer)	(as spoken today)
e.g. weg	wey	way

Directions:

Print this page and then cut these **words** out. Then see if you can line them up in the table above so that each word is shown in the correct column with its different forms in a row running across the different periods.

*Two clues: Remember that **p** is a 'th' sound. Also, 'hart' is a word still used for a deer.*

dyde	chylder	helen	nighte	children
heorot	heah	cildru	hlaf	wode
heal	fyre	to care	sooth	hælan
wey	loaf	loof	high	hert
sothe	heart	nihta	did	fire
dide	weg	cearian	herte	heigh
hwil	wood	while	way	wudu
caren	sop	whyle	night	hart
fyr	heorte			

[Answers](#)

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