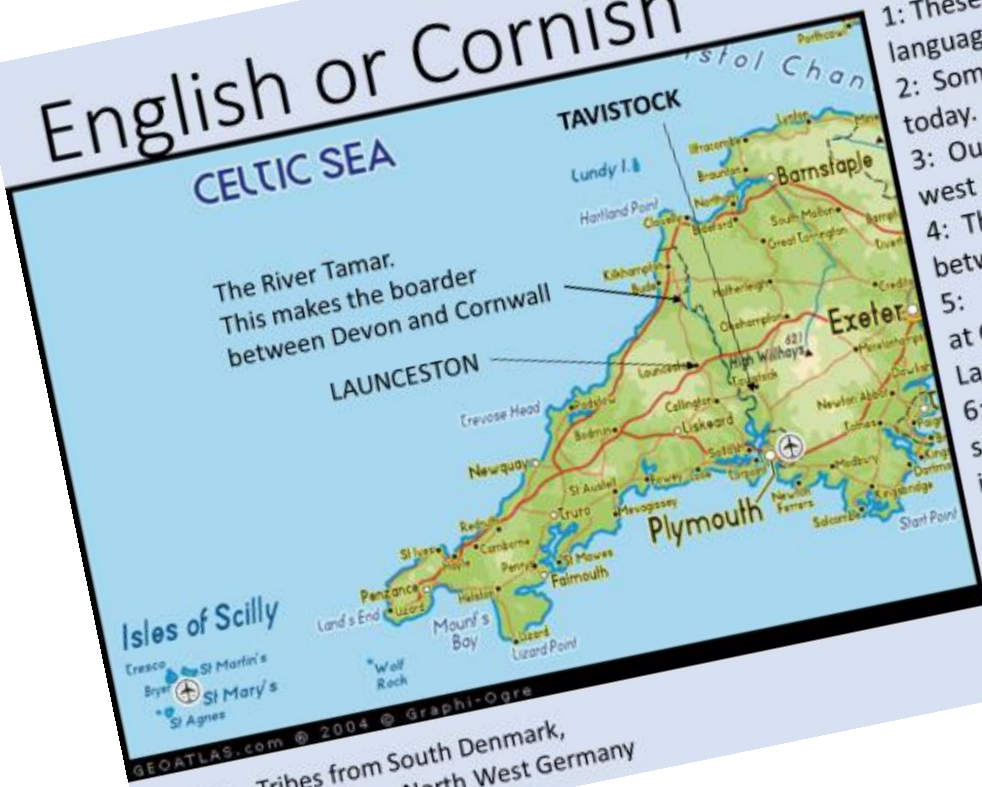


ENGLISH OR CORNISH?

Before the event...

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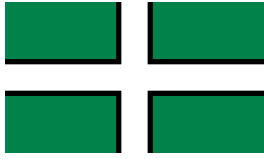
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Many languages are spoken in Britain and some of them were spoken even before English appeared in England in AD 447

- 1: These languages were the Celtic languages
- 2: Some of these languages are still spoken today.
- 3: Our journey starts in Tavistock in the west of England
- 4: The river Tamar makes the boarder between Devon & Cornwall.
- 5: We will take a car ride across the Tamar at Old Grey Stone Bridge and travel to Launceston. (The old capital of Cornwall)
- 6: In Launceston (Lanstefan) we will learn some Cornish and order our drinks and eats in the Kernow Café.
- 7: **This is an opportunity to speak one of the most ancient languages of Europe**

Angles... Tribes from South Denmark,
Saxons,... Tribes from North West Germany



This is the flag of the COUNTY of Devon



This is the flag of the COUNTY of Cornwall

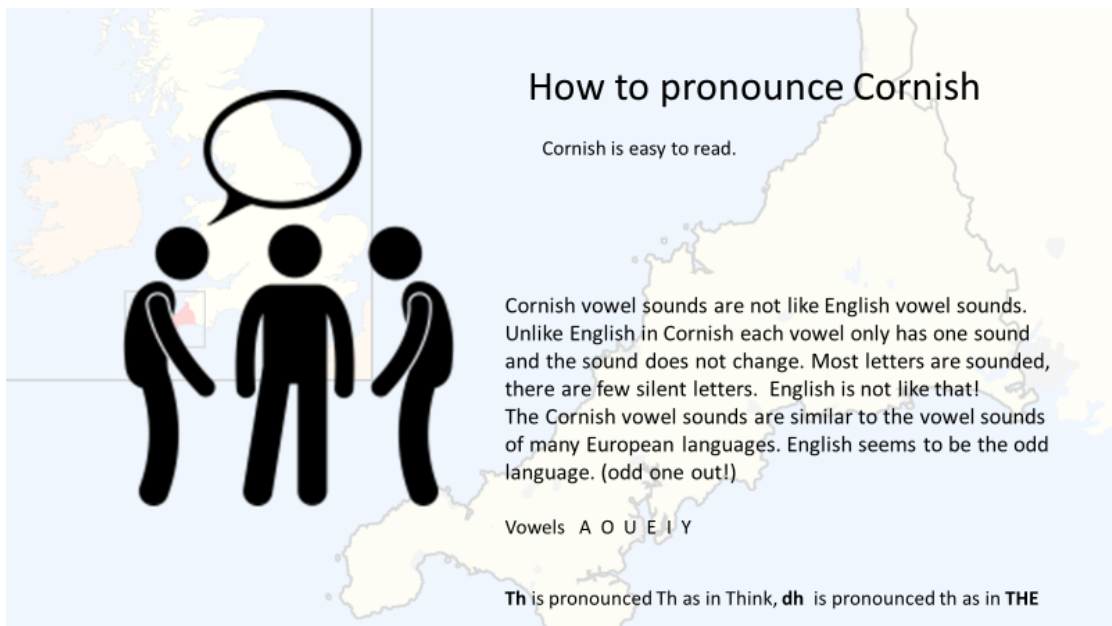
The Roman times in Britain are from about AD 4 to 410



The first people to be called '**English**' were the **Anglo-Saxons**

You will hear the following melodies played on the oboe. These are like national tunes Jerusalem, the Cornish Floral Dance and Trelawney.

Please follow the link below in order to hear examples of spoken Cornish.
Please choose first steps at the main menu.
<https://www.learncornishnow.com/beginners.html>



How to pronounce Cornish

Cornish is easy to read.

Cornish vowel sounds are not like English vowel sounds. Unlike English in Cornish each vowel only has one sound and the sound does not change. Most letters are sounded, there are few silent letters. English is not like that! The Cornish vowel sounds are similar to the vowel sounds of many European languages. English seems to be the odd language. (odd one out!)

Vowels A O U E I Y

Th is pronounced Th as in Think, dh is pronounced th as in THE

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Teachers' Notes

These notes have been prepared for students to read before the event.

What to do:

1. Ask students to google images of geographic locations mentioned.
2. Ask students to check out how to speak Cornish at <https://www.learncornishnow.com/beginners.html>
3. Ask students to find the following melodies on YouTube: Jerusalem, the Cornish Floral Dance and Trelawney.

Students can also prepare questions to be asked during the event.