

Anglo-Saxon symbols and letters

The Anglo-Saxons used some symbols and letters that we don't use any more. Other letters have changed shape over time.

Try writing the Anglo-Saxon symbols and letters below.

7 = and

(This symbol is called a 'Tironian et')

Æ and æ = A

(Sounds like 'a' in 'cat')

þ = th

(This letter is called 'thorn')

Old English Word Hoard

Can you match the Old English words with their modern meaning?

Creacanford =

Bryttas =



Hengest =



Æsc =



Kentland =

Lundenbyrg =

rinca =



hors =

mann =

ides =



mod =



brave

Britons

sword

London

ship

shield

heart or mind

warriors

woman

horse

spear

Crayford

Kent

man

spot or place

Æsh (Hengest's son)

Hengest (leader of the Anglo-Saxons)

stowe =



ellen =

spere =

scip =



sweord =

scild =

They could see...

They could hear...

They could feel...

They felt...

Amazing alliteration!

Choose two words from above. Think of adjectives (describing words) that start with the same letter to make examples of alliteration.

Kennings

Kennings describe an object using a pair of words. Can you think of two kennings?
