



# Guess the Origin

Many words we use today come from other languages—and some are even as old as the BFG. The words in the box below all have interesting origins. Can you guess what they are?

Match each word in the box with one of the word origins below. Then write the word in the space provided. The first one has been done for you.

If you don't know the answer, look up the suggested category (e.g. **PLANTS & FLOWERS**) in the *Oxford Roald Dahl Thesaurus* to help you.

**petrify** (GIANT PLACES)

**cauldron** (MAGIC)

**berserk** (FEELINGS)

**conker** (CHIDDLERS)

**camera** (LOOKING)

**window** (HOMES)

**meander** (LANDSCAPE)

**dandelion** (PLANTS & FLOWERS)

**morsel** (EATING & DRINKING)

**rhinoceros** (JUNGLES & FORESTS)

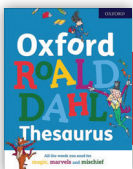


- 1) dandelion \_\_\_\_\_ comes from French words meaning 'lion's teeth'.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a Latin word meaning 'dark chamber'.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a Latin word meaning 'hot'.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the name of a river in ancient Turkey.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Greek words meaning 'nose horn'.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Old Norse words meaning 'wind eye'.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a Greek word meaning 'rock' or 'stone'.
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from an old French word meaning 'little bite'.
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the name of ancient Viking warriors.
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ was originally a dialect word for 'snail shell'.



**TIP!**

Look up **WORDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (& BEYOND)** in the *Oxford Roald Dahl Thesaurus* to find more **wondercrump** word origins.



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