

# Grimm's Law

A	B	Match	Correspondences:
(1) <u>f</u> oot . . . . .	<u>c</u> ardiac _____	_____	f...t . . . . . <u>p...d</u>
(2) <u>t</u> ooth . . . . .	<u>g</u> entle _____	_____	t...th <sup>1</sup> . . . . . _____
(3) <u>f</u> ather . . . . .	<u>t</u> rauma _____	_____	f...th <sup>1</sup> . . . . . _____
(4) <u>k</u> ind . . . . .	<u>p</u> edal _____	(1)	k...n . . . . . _____
(5) <u>h</u> orn . . . . .	<u>g</u> rain _____	_____	h...n . . . . . _____
(6) <u>h</u> ear <u>t</u> . . . . .	<u>p</u> ro <u>g</u> eny _____	_____	h...t . . . . . _____
(7) <u>h</u> ound . . . . .	<u>c</u> ornet _____	_____	h...n . . . . . _____
(8) <u>k</u> in . . . . .	<u>p</u> aternal _____	_____	k...n . . . . . _____
(9) <u>t</u> hrash . . . . .	<u>c</u> anine _____	_____	thr <sup>1</sup> . . . . . _____
(10) <u>c</u> orn . . . . .	<u>d</u> ental _____	_____	k <sup>2</sup> ...n . . . . . _____

Column A above contains English words descended from Old English. Column B contains English words **borrowed** from Latin and Greek. Each one of the words in Column A is related to, and means something related to, one of the words in Column B. They are not in the right order, so the first part of the problem is to match up the words in column A with the word in Column B you think it's related to, using the meaning of the words as the main clue. Number 1 has been matched for you.

Once you have matched the words, the second part of the problem is to compare the underlined letters in each pair of words. Every underlined letter in Column A corresponds to one in Column B. List the correspondences; again, Number 1 has been done for you as an example.

Finally, state any generalizations you can find about what letters in Column B correspond to what letters in Column A. Is there any regular pattern? Could you describe it in a chart?

<sup>1</sup> The letter combination "th" in (2), (3), and (9) really represents one sound instead of two, so treat it as if it were a single letter.

<sup>2</sup> The letter "c" in number (10) is really pronounced "k", as in (4) and (8), so treat it like a "k".