Where did English come from?

1. Which languages does ModE share words with?

________________________________________________________________

2. When did these words come into the English language?

________________________________________________________________

3. What did the French-speaking Normans add to the English language?

________________________________________________________________

4. What is the name of this first stage of English?

________________________________________________________________

5. Which language family does Old English belong to?

________________________________________________________________

6. When were these dialects brought to the British Isles? Who brought it there?

________________________________________________________________

7. Which dialect did this become known as?

________________________________________________________________

8. How did Norse word borrowing become added to the dialect?

________________________________________________________________

9. What can help us understand the roots of ModE?

________________________________________________________________
10. After the 6th century, two examples of sounds that changed in English? What were their origins?

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

11. Explain how words like ‘skull’ and ‘skirt’ did not change their sounds to ‘sh.’

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

12. Which common language did English, Swedish and German descend from? When was this language spoken?

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

13. What is the origin of Proto-Germanic? When and where was it spoken?

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

14. What can we find in different Indo-European language branches?

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

15. What are three differences between English and Latin?

________________________________________________________________

16. What are three ‘distant relatives’ of English?

________________________________________________________________

17. What is an amazing fact of the origins of English?

________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________