

Make your own Anglo-Saxon name!



Many Anglo-Saxon names are compound words – they are made up of two parts which have meanings. Many of you have probably heard of the story of Beowulf. 'Beowulf' means 'bee-wolf'; beo = bee and wulf = wolf.

What would your Anglo-Saxon name be? Can you make a name for your friends and family?

Choose the first and second parts of your Anglo-Saxon name from the lists below, then put them together.

Notice some funny looking letters? The Anglo-Saxons used some letters that we don't use anymore. They also pronounced some letters differently. Don't worry, we have included how to say the words.

Use for the beginning of the name		
word	say it like...	meaning
æðel	athel	noble
bēo	bay-uh	bee
beorn	be-uh-rn	warrior
ead	aird	fortune
lēof	lay-uff	beloved
eoh	e-uh	war horse
ælf	alf	elf

Use for the end of the name		
word	say it like...	meaning
flæd	flad	beauty
gifu	yivu	gift
hēah	hayah	high
weard	waird	guard
wine	win-eh	friend
ræd	rad	counsel
gār	gar	spear
mēre	may-re	famous

Use for the beginning or the end		
word	say it like...	meaning
rīc	rich	power, rule
sige	siye	victory
stān	starn	stone
swīþ	sweeth	strong
wīg	weeg	war, battle
frið	frith	peace
wulf	woolf	wolf
beorht	be-uh-rt	bright
wynn	wune	joy