

An English-German Cognate Quiz

Test your skill in etymology (the history of words)! Using the information provided in this display, see if you can guess the English cognate! Remember that only the consonant changes are predictable—the vowels may vary. Also, words that are cognates may have acquired different meanings in different languages, but often they will still represent similar concepts.

1. heizen
2. laufen (meaning “to run”)
3. reiten
4. die Pflanze
5. der Weg
6. der Zug
7. die Schürze (meaning “apron”)
8. der Tod
9. zwölf
10. das Ding
11. der Zeh
12. die Fliege
13. tragen (meaning “to carry” or “to wear clothes”)
14. das Grab
15. schaffen
16. schlüpfen
17. schlagen (meaning “to hit forcefully”)
18. alt
19. lieben
20. das Tier (meaning “animal”)
21. die Tür
22. das Auge
23. das Zeug (meaning “gadget”)

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

How many of your answers were right?

Wieviele deiner Antworten waren richtig?

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