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ON-LINE BEGINNERS CLASS IN REVIVED CORNISH

Weekly lessons by Zoom

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PRACTISING SECOND STATE MUTATION

The Rule

After the definite article **an** 'the' we change the first sound of a feminine noun. We make the same change to the first sound of an adjective that comes immediately after a feminine noun.

Here are the changes

We call the unchanged spelling (before the arrow) 'First State'. When the sound is changed (after the arrow) we call it 'Second State'.

p > b

t > d

c, k, q > g

b > v

d > dh

g > zero (g disappears), but we add **w** in front of any exposed o-vowel or u-vowel.

m > v

f > f (but *pronounced v*)

It is true that **s** pronounced with a hiss (true s-sound) often changes to **s** pronounced with a buzz (z-sound). But technically this is *not* Second State mutation. It happens with masculine nouns as well. Sometimes even when there is no preceding word at all. You'll automatically get the hang of pronouncing **s** correctly as you progress.

Some more practice for you

Put the Cornish words together, making any necessary Second State changes, and say what each phrase means. *Warning:* Second State mutation won't apply in every case! Check the Rule.

an + buwgh

an + canstel

an + kyst

an + pluvak

an + den

an + pons

an + caltor

an + qweth

an + maw

an + tesen

an + gwlas

buwgh + du

canstel + coth

kyst + gwag

pluvak + gwydn

den + trist

pons + terrys

caltor + poos

qweth + medhel

maw + brâs

tesen + poos

gwlas + brâs

an + buwgh + du

an + canstel + coth

an + kyst + gwag

an + pluvak + gwydn

an + den + trist

an + pons + terrys

an + caltor + poos

an + qweth + medhel

an + maw + brâs

an + tesen + poos

an + gwlas + brâs

an + gool

gool + gwydn

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