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**ON-LINE BEGINNERS CLASS IN REVIVED CORNISH**

Weekly lessons by Zoom

**MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 19:30**

**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**

**an + gool**

**buwgh + du**

**canstel + coth**

**kyst + gwag**

**pluvak + gwydn**

**den + trist**

**pons + terrys**

**caltor + poos**

**qweth + medhel**

**maw + brâs**

**tesen + poos**

**gwlas + brâs**

**gool + gwydn**

**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 + gwydn**