

Spelling list: Words from Ireland

Words with Irish roots.

banshee	In Irish mythology, a 'banshee' is a female spirit who wails when someone is about to die.
bog	The word 'bog' dates to the sixteenth century, and comes from the Gaelic and Irish 'bogach'.
boycott	The word 'boycott' comes from the eponymous Captain Charles Boycott , who was the land agent of Lough Mask in County Mayo.
brogues	'Brogues' comes from the Irish and Gaelic 'brogan' meaning shoe.
craic	'Craic' is a chiefly Irish term that describes fun or a good time.
galore	While 'galore' is used to indicate that something is in abundance, the word actually comes from the Irish 'go leór' meaning sufficiently.
fleadh	A 'fleadh' is a festival of Irish or Celtic music and dancing.
puss	'Puss' - as in 'sourpuss' - comes from the Irish 'pus' meaning 'face'.
phoney	'Phoney' is an alteration of 'fawney', which derives from the Irish 'fainne'.
trousers	The word 'trousers' originates from the Gaelic or Middle Irish 'triubhas' meaning 'close-fitting shorts'.