

English Words of Irish Origin



There are many words commonly used in English that come from the Irish language.

Below there is a list of these words with a definition and the original Irish word.

Word used in English	Definition	Original Irish Word
clan	family	clan (meaning children of a nuclear family)
galore	lots, plenty	go leor (meaning a lot)
gob	mouth	gob (literally meaning "beak")
phoney	fake	faínne (meaning ring, first used by immigrants in the US to describe fake gold rings sold there)
smithereens	little pieces	smidrín
smashing	good/great	is maith é sin (meaning "that's good")
slob	lazy person	slaba
slew	throng	slua