

	English	German
p became f as in:	open	offen
	sleep	schlafen
	ship	Schiff
t became s as in:	water	Wasser
	eat	essen
	what	was
k became ch as in:	make	machen
	seek	suchen
	reek	rauchen
p became pf as in:	apple	Apfel
	pan	Pfanne
	pound	Pfund
d became t as in:	bid	bitten
	do	tun
	hand	hant

(spelled Hand)

No explanation has been found as to why such changes occurred.

About 2000 Indo-European roots have been reconstructed. As mentioned earlier, eighty percent of English vocabulary is derived from Germanic, Latin, and Greek sources (Claiborne 1989, 5). Most of these words can be traced back to their Indo-European roots. Potter points out, "Of all the tongues descended from Indo-European, English has had the most contacts with its kindred near and far" (Potter 1959, 14). The following will give some idea of the richness of this heritage. The roots are asterisked because they are reconstructions (Claiborne is my source for the following).