“Spell It in English”

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***Summarizing main idea***

According to the reading, why is English spelling and pronunciation so complicated?

***Scanning for details***

1. According to the reading, what combination of languages formed the Celtic language?

2. What are four conquering peoples whose languages affected the development of the English language?

3. Before the invention of the printing press, English was mostly what kind of language?

4. Who was responsible for giving English its first dictionary?

5. Why are we not likely to see major changes in the way most words are spelled?

***Making Inferences***

1. The reading implies that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. English was a pure language before the 14th century

b. when Britain made English its official language, it stopped foreign words from entering the language and making it even more complicated

c. the influence of other languages made English a rich but complicated language

2. From the reading, it can be concluded that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. scholars weren’t much more educated than the masses.

b. until the first dictionaries were written, even educated people weren’t overly concerned with the spelling of words

c. the invention of the printing press didn’t have a significant influence on the English language