

Why is there a "b" in doubt? (Conjugate the verbs)

The present-day English word "doubt" (1) _____ (START) as a Latin word, "dubitare". It first (2) _____ (MOVE) from Latin into French where it (3) _____ (LOSE) both its "buh" sound and its letter "b". And then it (4) _____ (COME) into English in the 13th century.

About 100 years later, scribes who (5) _____ (WRITE) English but also (6) _____ (KNOW) Latin, (7) _____ (START) to reinsert the "b" into the word's spelling, even though no one (8) _____ (PRONOUNCE) it that way. But why (9) _____ they (10) _____ (? / DO) this? Why (11) _____ anyone in their right mind (12) _____ (? / REINSERT) a silent letter into a spelling?

Well, because they (13) _____ (KNOW) Latin, the scribes (14) _____ (UNDERSTAND) that the root of "doubt" (15) _____ (HAVE) a "b" in it. Over time, even as fewer literate people knew Latin, the "b" (16) _____ (KEEP) because it (17) _____ (MARK) important, meaningful connections to other related words...

to fight	to remove from a place, to subtract, to obtain possession
to spread	to use profane or obscene language, to curse, to vow
to swear	to discern, to have knowledge, to have experience, to be acquainted with
to fall	to distribute over a surface or area, to apply to a surface (butter on bread...) to diffuse
to know	to eject (something) from the mouth.
to spit	to attack, to combat, to oppose, to battle against
to take	to collapse, to descend, to become lower (temperature, value...) to decline in quality, activity, quantity.

Present Simple	Present Simple NEGATIVE	Present Perfect	Past Simple	Past Simple Questions
They (FIGHT)				
She (SPREAD)				
I (SWEAR)				
He (FALL)				
You (KNOW)				
We (SPIT)				
It (TAKE)				

Use verbs from the table to complete the following sentences:

- The dentist asks you to into a sink after treatment.
- Captain Haddock is famous for his inventive words and insults.
- Thieves at least 4 million euros worth of jewels from a shop inside the Ritz Hotel in central Paris.
- She broke her wrist when she in a skiing accident.
- When I moved here, I(Negative) my neighbour very well, but now she's my best friend.
- I the law, and the law won. *Song*
- I like butter and jam on my toast in the morning.



Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

falling fighting known spitting spreadx2 swearing taking

1. When tasting wine, many professionals recommend the wine back out.
2. Snow and temperatures caused huge traffic problems in the Paris region last week.
3. Trump's nuclear policy isus right back to the cold war. *Washington Post*
4. A is a food that is literally, generally with a knife, onto food products such as bread and crackers. *Wikipedia*
5. is good for you. The amazing science of bad language. *Book by E Byrne*
6. The first Rules of Golf were drawn up in 1744 in Edinburgh for the world's first 'open' golf competition at Leith. *Scottish Golfing History website.*
7. French authorities are using night-vision goggles, drones and patrols on kayak in the against robbers that target gourmet delights including oysters, cheese and wine. *NBC news*

