**Investigating language change**

If you are lucky enough to see a real Tudor document you will notice that the language used is very different from today. John Pawson’s Will would have had some strange looking words in it because, over time, the English language has changed. In fact, even today our language is constantly changing.

For a closer look at the English language during the Tudor period have a go at the following activities.

Pair up the modern English words in the box below with these old English words. Write the correct modern English beside the old English word.

1. Offyse
2. Longe
3. Lytle
4. Paire
5. Stole
6. Quyshygness
7. Barlie
8. Cupborde
9. Kneydynge trough
10. Forke
11. Thynge
12. Sawser

Thing Barley Cushion Office Stool

Pair Long Little Saucer Fork

Cupboard Kneading trough

What do you notice about how old English words were spelt?

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