





The Ancient British Language



The Celtic language in the British Isles consisted of two distinct groups: Giodelic (Gaelic or Q-Celtic) and Brythonic (British or P-Celtic). Gaelic was spoken in Ireland, the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and the is a of Man. The rest of **Britain including Wales** spoke Brythonic.

Answer the questions

1) What percentage of Wales speaks modern Welsh? 2) Is there anywhere else in the world where Welsh is spoken? 3) What percentage of Ireland can speak Irish Gaelic? 4) Which speakers of different languages have no difficulty in communicating? 5) Which language has no native speakers left? 6) Which language has regular radio broadcasts? 7) Which language is the most recent to the British Isles?

the 5th century A.D.

Match the words with their definitions:

to reduce a tribe a language •to invade a social division in a traditional society fluently quickly to die outto vanish a tongue to use force to occupy an to decline/ area



- 1. The education in the country is **compulsory/descendant.**
- 2. She speaks Italian **fluently/overall** as she lived there.
- 3. The number of the rural population has declined/related.
- 4. The land was uninhabited after the enemy's overall/invasion.
- 5. Some Indian **tribes/invaders** live as their ancestors did.
- 6. The traditional **occupation/population** here is fishing.
- 6. The tradition seemed to be lost but nowadays it is **reviving/dying out.**