

Are You Sure This is English?

Yep. We're sure. And you will be, too, once you find modern translations for these Anglo Saxon phrases and figure out what they mean. Here's what you need to do:

- Look up the Old English kenning in an online Anglo Saxon dictionary. Sometimes you'll find the entire kenning intact, but sometimes you'll need to look up each part of the compound phrase (i.e., look up "bán," then look up "hús" and put them together).
- Write your literal translation of the words in the "Modern English" column.
- Contemplate your modern translation and try to figure out what the Anglo Saxons may have been referring to with this descriptive phrase.
- Write your best guess in the "What it Means" column.

Old English	Modern English	What it Means
bán-hús		
beado-leóma		
wæg-flota		
hran-rád		
seolh-bæp		
heofon-candel		
úht-sceaþa		
heofon-wyn		
heofon-fýr		