



Treigladau!

Mutations!

There is one more thing you need to remember when using the past tense in Welsh. After you use a past tense phrase, for example 'Bwytais i', the word that follows it sometimes mutates. This means that the first letter of the word changes. After a positive past tense phrase, there is a **soft mutation**.

t	⇒	d
c	⇒	g
p	⇒	b
b	⇒	f
d	⇒	dd
g	⇒	-
m	⇒	f

Treigladau Meddal (T.M.)
(soft mutation)

Enghraifft:

Bwytais i **f**yrngyr.

Chwaraeais i **b**êl-droed.

Tasg - Mutate the following phrases.

1. Gwisgodd hi trowsus. _____
2. Gwyliais i rhaglenni comedi. _____
3. Darllenais i llyfr. _____
4. Chwaraeodd John criced. _____
5. Yfon ni dŵr. _____

Y Negyddol

When saying that we didn't do something in the past, we need to follow the following steps.

Step 1 - get the positive phrase e.e. Bwytais i.

Step 2 - Add ddim e.g. Bwytais i ddim.

Step 3 - Mutate the first letter of the verb. If the Negative Past Tense starts with one of the following 9 letters the first letter will change or **MUTATE**.

The letters are:

t	b	m
c	d	rh
p	g	ll

The first 3 letters mutate using the 'Treigladd Llaes':

t	⇒	th	Treigladd Llaes (T.LI.) (aspirate mutation)
c	⇒	ch	
p	⇒	ph	

The other 6 letters mutate using the 'Treigladd Meddal':

b	⇒	f	Treigladd Meddal (T.M.) (soft mutation)
d	⇒	dd	
g	⇒	-	
m	⇒	f	
.	⇒	.	
.	⇒	.	

Some examples:

I sang	Canais i	⇒ I didn't sing	<u>C</u>hanais i ddim
I bought	Prynais i	⇒ I didn't buy	<u>P</u>hrynais i ddim
I ate	Bwytais i	⇒ I didn't eat	<u>F</u>wytais i ddim
I saw	Gwelais i	⇒ I didn't see	<u>_</u>Welais i ddim

Tasg - Turn the following phrases into the negative.

Positif	Negyddol
Darllenais i	
Codon ni	
Bwytodd Jac	
Rhedaist ti	
Gwylion nhw	
Teithiais i	
Siaradodd hi	
Ffonion ni	
Gwnes i	
Es i	