

Ogham Alphabet Fun

The Ogham Alphabet is thought to be named after the Irish god Ogma. About 500 Ogham inscriptions have been found in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England and the Isle of Man dating from between the 4th and 7th centuries AD. Here is the Ogham Alphabet:

aicme b (first aicme)

beith (birch)	luis (rowan)	fern (alder)	sail (willow)	nion (ash)	uath (hawthorn)	dair (oak)	tinne (holly)	coll (hazel)	ceirt (apple)
b	l	f	s	n	h	d	t	c	q
[b]	[l]	[w]	[s]	[n]	[y]	[d]	[t]	[k]	[k ^w]

aicme h (second aicme)

aicme m (third aicme)

muin (vine)	gort (ivy)	ngéadal (reed)	straif (blackthorn)	ruis (elder)	ailm (white fir)	onn (gorse)	úr (heather)	eadhadh (poplar)	iodhadh (yew)
m	g	ng	z	r	a	o	u	e	i
[m]	[g]	[g ^w]	[sw/ts]	[r]	[a]	[o]	[u]	[e]	[i]

aicme a (forth aicme)

fifth aicme

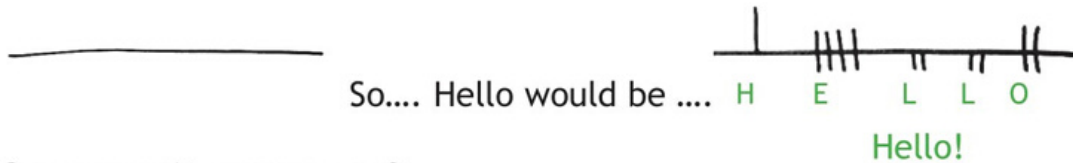
éabhadh h	ór (gold)	uilleann (elbow)	ifin (pine)	eamhanchóol (double c)	peith (soft birch)	start of texts	Spás (space)	end of texts
ea	oi	ui	ia	ae	p			

Other symbols

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To write

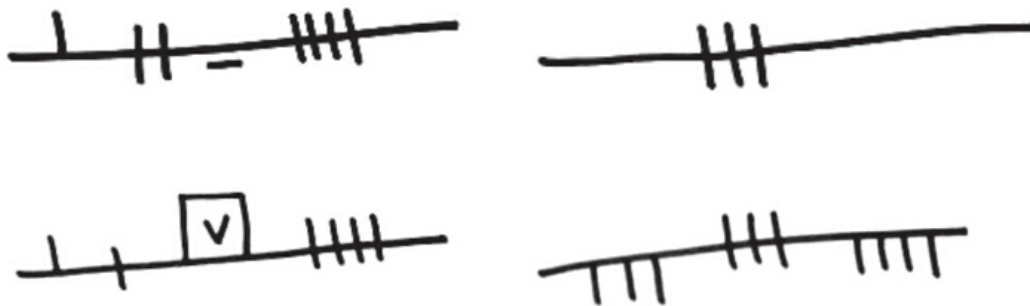
Letters are linked together by a solid line.
So just draw a line... and add the letters onto it.



Can you write your name?

Can you write a secret message?

Here is our message to you.



As you may have figured out already the Ogham alphabet doesn't have exactly the same letters as the one we are used to! So you can maybe make up your own code for the few that are missing....

This is what I chose - if you see the 3rd letter of the 3rd word I wrote is a V.



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