



## Pig Latin

Pig Latin is primarily used by English-speaking people. The rules are pretty simple, but you need to practice to get good at it. It is better if you can practice with a friend...afterall, it is a form of communication and it takes at least two to achieve.

### Basic Rules

All words begin with a vowel and end with "ay." There are a few variations, which will be explained later.

Words beginning with one or more consonants are changed so that the first vowel is the first letter of the word and the consonant or consonants that were originally at the beginning of the word are moved to the end of the word and followed by "ay." For example:

- *Pig Latin* becomes *Ig-pay Atin-lay* (you can also write it as *Igpay Atinlay*)
- *Keeper* become *Eeper-kay*
- *The* becomes *E-thay*
- *Float* becomes *Oat-flay*

Words beginning with one or more vowels are changed more simply...."way" is added to the end of the word in standard Pig Latin. For example:

- *Adventure* becomes *Adventure-way*
- *Eight* becomes *Eight-way*
- *Art* becomes *Art-way*

The letter "y" can be either a consonant or vowel, depending on where it is. For example:

- *Yarn* becomes *Arn-way*
- *Rhythm* becomes *Ythm-rhay*

Closed form compound words where two words are melded together to form a word, such as firefly, softball, and notebook. Closed form compound words can work better in Pig Latin if the words are split up, so the word is less understandable to a non-Pig Latin speaker/listener. For example:

- *Firefly* becomes *Ire-fay Y-flay* rather than *Irefly-fay* (although that one is fun to say either way)
- *Softball* becomes *Oft-say All-bay*
- *Notebook* become *Ote-nay Ook-bay*

### Variations

There are a few variations, especially in how words beginning with vowels are formed. Three common variations to adding "way" to the end of a word are:

- Adding "yay" to the end of the word. For example, *otter* would become *otter-yay*, rather than *otter-way*.
- Adding "ay" to the end of the word. For example, *orangutan* would become *orangutan-ay*.
- Adding a "w" or "h" or "y" to the beginning of a word beginning with a vowel and adding "ay" to the end of the word. For example, *apple* becomes either *wapple-ay*, *happle-ay*, or *yapple-ay*.



**More Examples:**

*Lost in the Adventure* becomes *Ost-lay in-way e-thay Adventure-way.*

*How are you?* becomes *Ow-hay are-way ou-yay?*

*Let's thumb-wrestle for it* becomes *Et's-lay umb-thay estle-wray or-fay it-way.*