

## Our Amazing English Language

I think you may already **know** of **tough** and **bough** and **cough** and **dough**. Others may stumble, but no, not you, on **hiccough**, **thorough**, **though**, and **through**. Well done! And now you wish, perhaps, to learn of less familiar traps? Beware of **heard**, a dreadful **word**, that looks like **beard** and sounds like **bird**. And **dead**; it's **said** like **bed** not **bead** – for goodness sake, don't call it **deed**! Watch out for **meat** and **great** and **threat** – they rhyme with **suite** and **straight** and **debt**. A **moth** is not a **moth** in **mother**, nor **both** in **bother** or in **brother**. And **here** is not a match for **there**, nor **dear** and **fear** for **bear** and **pear**. And then there's **dose** and **rose** and **lose** – just look them up – and **goose** and **choose**, and **cork** and **work** and **card** and **ward**, and **font** and **front** and **word** and **sword**, and **do** and **go** and **thwart** and **cart** – Come, come, I've hardly made a **start**! A dreadful language? Man **alive**, I'd mastered it when I was **five**!

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