

## Task [2] Old English word combinations

In Old English, most compounds, i.e. words created by putting two or more different words together, were self-explaining, that is to say, the meaning of the compound could be easily inferred from the meanings of the elements that formed it, e.g.

*gōdspel*: *gōd* 'good' + *spel* 'tidings' = gospel

*mynstermann*: *mynster* 'monastery' + *mann* 'man' = monk

*lagu-swimmend*: *lagu* 'sea' + *swimmend* 'swimmer' = fish

**Identify the meaning of the Old English words: *sige*, *mōd*, *sæ*, and *dæg* from the meaning of the following compounds:**

<b>sige</b>	<b>mōd</b>	<b>sæ</b>	<b>dæg</b>
<i>sigebēan</i> : trophy, banner <i>sigebēag</i> : crown <i>sigebēam</i> : tree of victory, cross <i>sigecempa</i> : victorious warrior <i>sigedēma</i> : triumphant, judge, God, Christ <i>sigehwīl</i> : time of victory <i>sigelēoþ</i> : song of triumph	<i>mōdbysigung</i> : anxiety <i>mōdcraeft</i> : intelligence <i>mōdearfōþ</i> : distress of mind <i>mōdfull</i> : arrogant <i>mōdglēaw</i> : wise <i>mōdhwæt</i> : mind <i>mōdlufu</i> : affection <i>mōdsēoc</i> : sad <i>mōdsorg</i> : sorrow	<i>sæburg</i> : sea-town <i>sæclif</i> : sea-cliff <i>sædeor</i> : sea-monster <i>sædraca</i> : sea-dragon <i>sæflōd</i> : flood <i>sæflota</i> : ship <i>seafōr</i> : voyage <i>sæstrand</i> : sea-shore <i>sæmann</i> : sailor	<i>dægred</i> : dawn <i>dæg-candel</i> : the sun <i>dægþern</i> : a day's space <i>dægmæ</i> day-mark, an instrument for telling the hour

*sige*: \_\_\_\_\_

*mōd*: \_\_\_\_\_

*sæ*: \_\_\_\_\_

*dæg*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers:

*sige*: victory, success

*mōd*: mind, heart, courage

*sæ*: sea

*dæg*: day