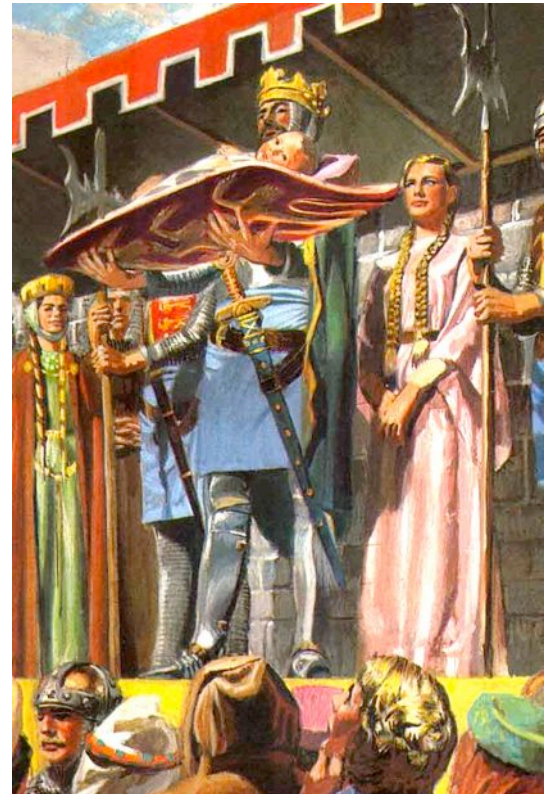


The First Prince of Wales

King Edward I had been fighting the Welsh for a long time before he was able to overcome them. It was only when he had killed their leader, Prince Llewellyn, that the Welsh gave up the fight.

Edward now wanted peace in Wales, so he thought of a trick to win the Welsh barons over to his side. He promised that their new Prince would not come from England and that he would not speak a word of English. The Welsh barons were happy for they thought Edward would choose one of them.

It was no small surprise for them when in 1301 Edward came out of Caernarfon Castle. On his shield he carried a newly born baby, his son. "Look", he laughed, "this is your new prince of Wales. He was born in Wales and does not speak a word of English."



fight: struggle
to be able: to be capable
to overcome: to win
leader: boss

peace: armistice
to promise: to guarantee
to choose: to select
surprise: astonishment

shield: protection
to carry: to pack

The world is multilingual:

She was born in Australia and she speaks ...*English*...

He is a teacher in Moscow and speaks

They are politicians living in Madrid and they speak

We are engineers from Sweden and we speak

I'm a train conductor in Marseille and I speak

I go every year to Italy so I also speak

My friend comes from Japan. She speaks

Next year we travel to Brazil. There the people speak

I couldn't understand the speech of Angela Merkel. She spoke

They come from Ireland. They speak English and

