

# St Mark's Word of the Week



# Gumption

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



# Gumption (noun)

## Definition

- Good sense, initiative or resourcefulness

## Examples:

- She had the gumption to write directly to the company manager and persuade him to give her a job.
- As long as you have the gumption and the determination you can succeed.
- Surely anyone with marketing gumption should be able to sell good books at any time of year.

Can you come up with your own?



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## Definition

- Good, sense, initiative or resourcefulness

### Can you think of any synonyms for gumption?

- Cleverness
- Savvy
- Shrewdness
- Astuteness

### Can you think of any antonyms for gumption?

- Ignorance
- Idleness
- Indolence

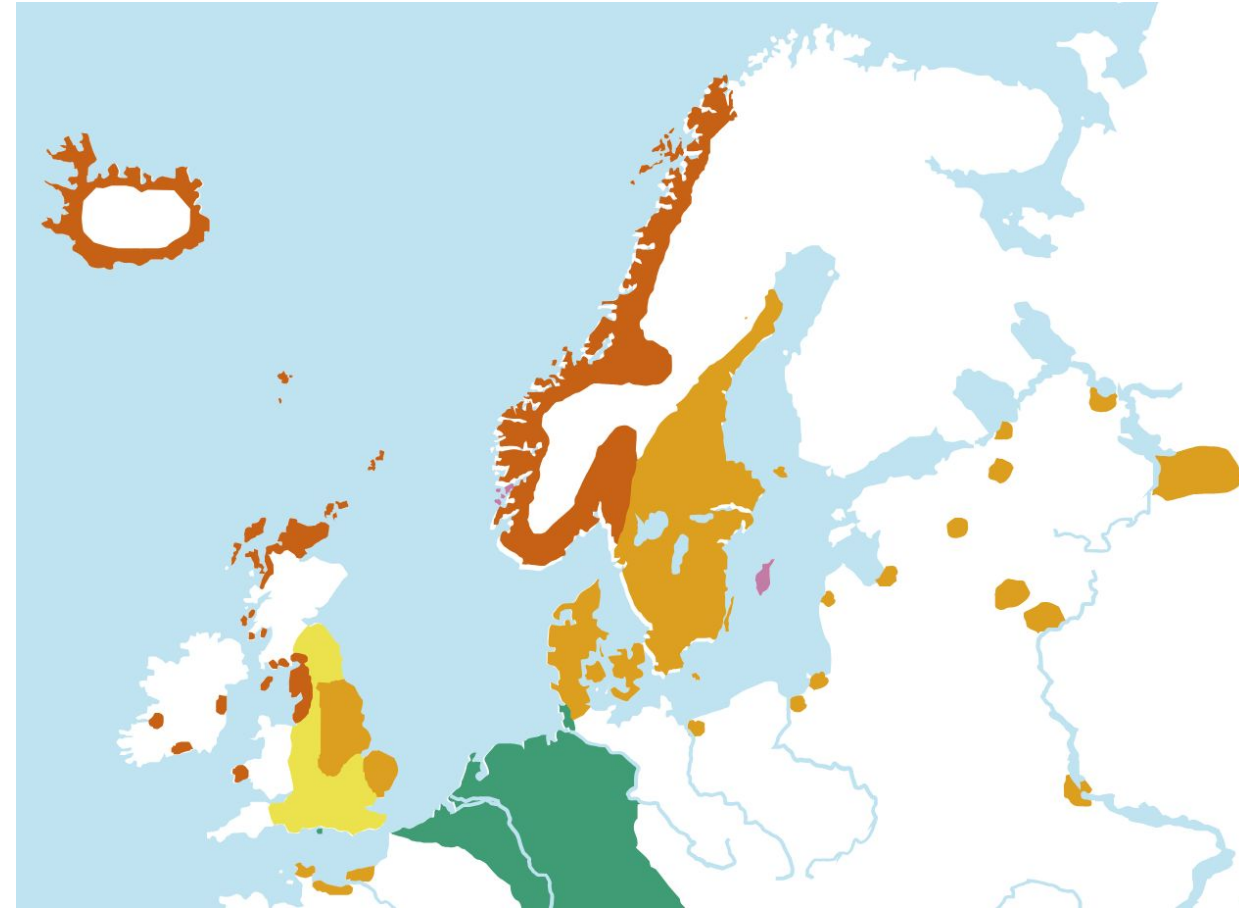


# Where does the word come from? What is its etymology?

## Gaumr

Old Norse, 'to pay attention to'

Spoken between 800-1400 in the areas coloured orange, including Scotland



## Gumption

Scots, 'Good sense, initiative or resourcefulness'

Then borrowed into English.

How could you show gumption this week?

