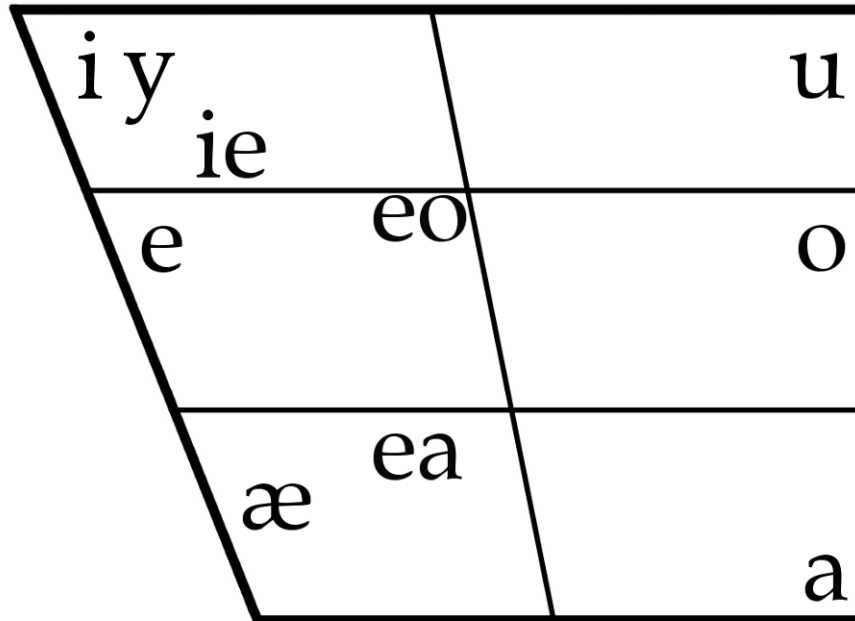


Old English Sound Changes



*dagi	*bōciz	*mūsiz
*daljan	bōtjan	fulljan

The word forms above are variously reconstructed Proto-English and attested Gothic. The image at the top shows the Old English (West Saxon) vowel system, with phonemes represented by their graphemes rather than in phonemic transcription.

1. In what sense can the word forms in the top table row be called unassimilated?
2. What do you predict these forms will look like at a later stage of the language, and why?
3. Why may the items in the second row be expected to undergo the same development?
4. Can you explain what happened to the forms in the table below?

Early form	sifon	efor	herot	gætu
Late form	siofon	eofor	heorot	geatu