***Reading – The Anglo-Saxons***

The English language has evolved over time from various sources, including the Germanic languages spoken by Anglo-Saxon and Viking settlers in England, French brought to England by the Norman Conquest of 1066, and later influence from Latin and Greek during the Renaissance.

The earliest form of English, called Old English or Anglo-Saxon, was spoken in England from the 5th century until the Norman Conquest. It developed out of the languages of the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes who settled in England from northern Germany and Denmark.

After the Norman Conquest, French became the language of the ruling class in England, and Latin continued to be used as a written language for religious and scholarly purposes.

***Comprehension***

1 What did the Norman Conquest bring to England?

2 When was the earliest form of English first spoken?

3 Where did the Jutes come from?

4 Who used French in England after the Norman Conquest?

***Matching***

Match these words with their meaning:

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| evolved | different |
| various | Place where something comes from |
| source | first |
| settler | People in control of a country |
| earliest | developed |
| ruling class | Person who moves to live in a new place |

***Task***

Work with a partner. Use Google to find out the answer to these questions:

1 Find the name of a famous poem written in Anglo-Saxon

2 Find the name of a famous Anglo-Saxon king

3 Find the original Anglo-Saxon words for modern ‘mother’, ‘daughter’, ‘father’

***Lexical practice***

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The earliest –6-- of English, called Old English or Anglo-Saxon, was –7-- in England from the 5th century until the Norman Conquest. It –8-- out of the languages of the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes who –9-- in England from –10-- Germany and Denmark.

***Fill in the gaps with these words:***

Greek northern language developed sources settlers spoken settled Conquest form

***ANSWER KEY***

Matching 1e; 2a;3b;4f;5c;6d

Task moder, dohtor, faeder

Gaps: Language – sources – settlers - Conquest Greek form spoken developed settled northern