

An influential spelling list

At the end of his *Elementarie*, Robert Mulcaster provides a list of recommended spellings. This sample from the beginning of letter G shows how far spelling had yet to travel to reach its present-day form, but over half the words in the list have spellings we use today.

gaie
gable
gab
gag
gage
gagle
gain
gainfull
gainstand
gainsaie
gale
galedeliuerie
galerie
galiemaufrie
gallant
gallous
galie
galon
gallop
gall
gald
galdbak
game
gambold
gamon
gander
gant
gap
gape
garbage
garbish
garble
garboil
garden
gardiner
gardian
gargle
garish
garland
garlik
garment
garnish
gardnape

garnet
garner
garter
gaunt
gauntlet
gase
gash
gasp
gat
gate
gatehouse
gather
gangrell
gaue
gaud
gaudie