Welsh

- 2. валлийский, уэльский язык
- 3. разг. кардиффский уголь (тж. Welsh coal)

2. [wel∫] *a*

Welsh

Welsh noun, adjective BrE [welʃ] * NAmE [welʃ] *

1. uncountable the Celtic language of Wales

• Do you speak Welsh?

2. the Welsh plural the people of Wales

Word Origin:

Old English Welisc, Wælisc, from a Germanic word meaning 'foreigner', from Latin Volcae, the name of a Celtic people.

Culture:

Welsh is spoken as a first language by about 16% of the population of Wales, mainly in the north and west of the country. Groups like the Welsh Language Society and the [†]Welsh Language Board encourage its use. Welsh and English are the official languages of the [†]Welsh Assembly and its laws are written in both languages. Welsh is taught as a first or second language in all schools in Wales and other subjects are taught in Welsh in about 500 schools. Road signs, etc. in Wales are in both Welsh and English. There are also programmes in Welsh on the Welsh radio station, Radio Cymru, and on the television station [†]S4C.

adjective

of or connected with Wales, its people or its language

Welsh poetry

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I. Welsh, Ir vine /'3 v the '3 d-BrE ^{*} AmE ^{*}

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(1961–) a Scottish writer whose best-known novel, *Trainspotting*, was made into a successful film. The characters in Welsh's novels are usually young and take drugs such as *theroin* and *toccaine*. Their lives are hard, but the stories are told with a lot of humour. Welsh has been called 'the *toccaine* of the chemical *toccaine*', meaning that he is respected and liked by young people who drink and take drugs.

II. Welsh¹/welſ/ BrE * AmE * adjective

relating to Wales, its people, or its original language

III. Welsh² BrE AmE noun

[Language: Old English; Origin: wælisc, welisc 'Celtic, Welsh, foreign', from Wealh 'Celt, Welsh person, foreigner]

1. the Welsh [plural] people from Wales

2. [uncountable] the original language used in Wales

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