**HOW WELSH IS (NOT) LIKE ENGLISH**

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Welsh is a VSO language with verb-subject order in all kinds of clause. It is also notable for mutations – word-initial consonant alternations – which are responsible e.g. for the fact that ‘father’ can be *tad*, *dad*, *thad*, or *nhad*. Welsh looks quite different from English, but of course appearances may be misleading. Researchers have sometimes been led to think that there are important differences where things in reality are quite similar to English. It is also possible, however, to miss important differences and to think that the situation is quite like English where it is really rather different. This talk will consider examples of both kinds of mistake.