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## WELSH DIALECT CLASSIFICATIONS

**Language Code:** ISO 639-1: cy ISO 639-2: wel (B), cym (T)

### Abstract

Native speakers of Welsh are well aware of geographical variation in features of the language, and are able to tell where people come from by listening to the way they speak. Welsh dialectologists have over the years looked at geographical variation in phonology, lexis and grammatical forms and have tried to establish where changes between different features are located. They have shown relatively little interest, however, in defining distinct regional dialects, and dividing the country into separate speech areas. This paper will look at those attempts which have been made in the frameworks of isoglottic dialectology, by John Rhys in 1897 and by Alan Thomas in 1973 and 1980, and ethnolinguistics by Rudolf Trebitsch in 1907-1909.

**Keywords:** dialect classification, isoglottic dialectology, ethnolinguistics, Welsh

## DOSBARTHU TAFODIEITHOEDD Y GYMRAEG

### Crynodeb

Mae Cymry Cymraeg yn ymwybodol o'r ffordd y mae nodweddion yr iaith yn amrywio o ardal i ardal, ac yn medru dyfalu o ble y mae pobl yn dod wrth wrando arnynt yn siarad. Dros y blynyddoedd mae tafodieithegwyr wedi astudio sut y mae ffonoleg, geirfa a ffurfiau gramadegol y Gymraeg yn newid ar draws y wlad, ac wedi ceisio darganfod ble y daw'r ffiniau rhwng gwahanol nodweddion. Ychydig iawn o ddiddordeb sydd wedi bod, fodd bynnag, yn y dasg o ddiffinio tafodieithoedd penodol, a rhannu Cymru yn rhanbarthau ieithyddol pendant. Yn y bennod hon byddwn yn edrych ar y cynigion sydd wedi eu gwneud, o fewn fframwaith tafodieitheg isoglottig gan John Rhys yn 1897 a chan Alan Thomas yn 1973 ac 1980, ac o fewn fframwaith ethnoieithyddiaeth gan Rudolf Trebitsch yn 1907-1909.

**Allweddair:** dosbarthu tafodieithoedd, Cymraeg, tafodieitheg isoglottig, ethnoieithyddiaeth