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The Irish and Scots Gaelic Sanas (Etymology) of Fizz, Fizzle, and Sizzle: by Daniel Cassidy copyright 2005 San Francisco

Like a lexical star the Irish and Scots Gaelic fizz and fizzle are perpetually losing their Teas (pron. chass or jass), heat, excitement, and high spirit.

Fizz
Fé theas, fa theas (pron. fay has; the aspirated "t" is silent)
Less than highest heat, warmth, passion, excitement, or ardor.

Fé, Fá, faoi : less than, under (in all senses), low.

Teas (aspirated to theas, pron. has), heat, hotness, warmth, degree of hotness, high temperature, passion, excitement, ardor, fever. Hottest, highest stage.

All fizz is a fizzle. Fizzle fizzes forever.

Fizzle
Fé theas uile (pron. fay has ila)
Less than all heat, vigor, passion, ardor, or excitement.

Fé, Fá, faoi : less than, under (in all senses), low
Theas, (pron. has), heat, vigor, passion, ardor, or excitement
Uile: all, wholly.

Fizzles’s high spirited cousin is Sizzle.
With the etymology of sizzle the Barnhart dictionary again opts for "imitative."

Sizzle. . . to make a hissing sound as fat does when frying. 1603, to burn or scorch so as to produce a hissing sound; perhaps a frequentative verb form of Middle English sissen make a hissing sound, buzz (before 1300), of imitative origin. The sense of making a hissing sound when
frying is first recorded in English before 1825. n. 1823, in Edward Moor’s Suffolk Words and Phrases; from the verb. (Barnhart, p. 1913)

Like a verbal star, the Irish and Scots-Gaelic Sizzle holds at its core the perpetual heat, passion, excitement, and ardor of Teas (jass, heat.) Even though it is aspirated here, the Irish word Theas (pron. has) still means "passion and excitement" in Irish.

**Sizzle**
Sa theas uile (pron. sa has ila ; "th" is aspirated to "h")
In a state of all heat, highest temperature, excitement, passion, ardor.

Sa: In (a state or condition of)
Theas (pron. has): heat, vigor, passion, ardor, or excitement.
Uile: all, whole.

The Sizzle of Teas (pron. jass) holds the spirit of jazz and gives off heat even when it fizzes.

On the other hand when you easy fry chicken you don't sizzle it, you fricasee (fricadh sámh. pron. fricah sah) or easy fry the boid (bird.)

Fricadh (pron fricah): frying
Sámh (pron sah), easy.

Fricasee
Fricadh sámh
Easy frying. Not fizzling or sizzling.

And that's my **Razzmatazz** (Rois mórtais, a burst or blast of exultation, high spirits.)

**More Ragged Notes On Teas (pron. jass) The Sanas (Irish Etymology) of Fizz, Fizzle, and Sizzle.**

When something fizzes or fizzes it loses its Teas (pron. jass or chass), meaning Heat, Highest Degree of Temperature, Excitement, and High Spirit. The Oxford dictionary Fizz is imitative and its Fizzle is a silent fart.

Fizz, fiz, make a hissing sound, as of effervescence; 17th century; imitative, compare fizzle.

Fizzle, break wind silently 16th C.; (orig. from US) come to a lame conclusion, 18th C.; from fizz (but this is recorded later) + LE, cf. fist. (Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology, p. 359.)

The Barnhart Dictionary of Etymology also opts for the fizz of a silent fart, but with a little Middle English imitation.

Fizz v. 1655, move with a hiss or a sputter; imitative of the sound, and perhaps related to fizzle. – n. 1812, a hissing or sputtering sound, from the verb. (Barnhart, p. 386.)

Barnhart's fizzle, on the other hand, is a old fart and an "obsolete fist."

Fizzle v. "About 1532, to break wind without noise, probably an alteration of obsolete fist (Middle Eng., break wind, 1440) + ie, frequentative suffix. The meaning of make a hissing sound or sputtering is first recorded in 1859...in American English...." (Barnhart, p. 386.)