

ETYMOLOGY

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Mean of Etymology

- **Etymology** (/ˌɛtɪˈmɒlədʒi/) is the study of the history of words, their origins, and how their form and meaning have changed over time.^[1] By extension, the term "the etymology (of a word)" means the origin of the particular word. When talking about place names, there is a specific term, toponymy.
- For a language such as Greek with a long written history, etymologists make use of texts in these languages and texts about the languages to gather knowledge about how words were used during earlier periods of their history and when they entered the languages in question.



- The word *etymology* derives from the Greek word ἔτυμολογία (*etumología*), itself from ἔτυμον (*étumon*), meaning "true sense", and the suffix *-logia*, denoting "the

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- The main problem of etymological research is the fact that the original meaning of a lexeme is unknowable.
- The meaning often changes , an if we go back looking at a word's history, we could come to an era of which we have no information , but we know languages were spoken at that, and words surely existed.

Semantic change

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- y SILLY (g) (Modern English)
- y Old English – saelig ≈ «happy, blessed»
- y Middle English – seely ≈ «innocent»
- y Modern English – silly ≈ «weak»
- x «simple, ignorant»
- x «foolish, empty-headed»

Etymology words



- PUNCH – the name of the drink has nothing to do with the effect that it can have on the drinker. The recipe of the drink originated in India, and the name comes from the Hindi word for five, because there are five ingredients involved in making the beverage.
- 2. CANDIDATE – denotes a person running for an office or seeking honour. It was borrowed from Latin *candidatus*, which originally meant clothed in white, because in ancient Rome candidates for political office wore white togas. In Latin *candidus* means white.
- 3. NICE – earlier meant fastidious, and before that, in ME, it meant foolish or ignorant, when it was borrowed from Old French *nic* (silly). If we go further, we can see that French form originated in Latin *nescius* (ignorant).