

The Importance of Morphology and Engaging Activities

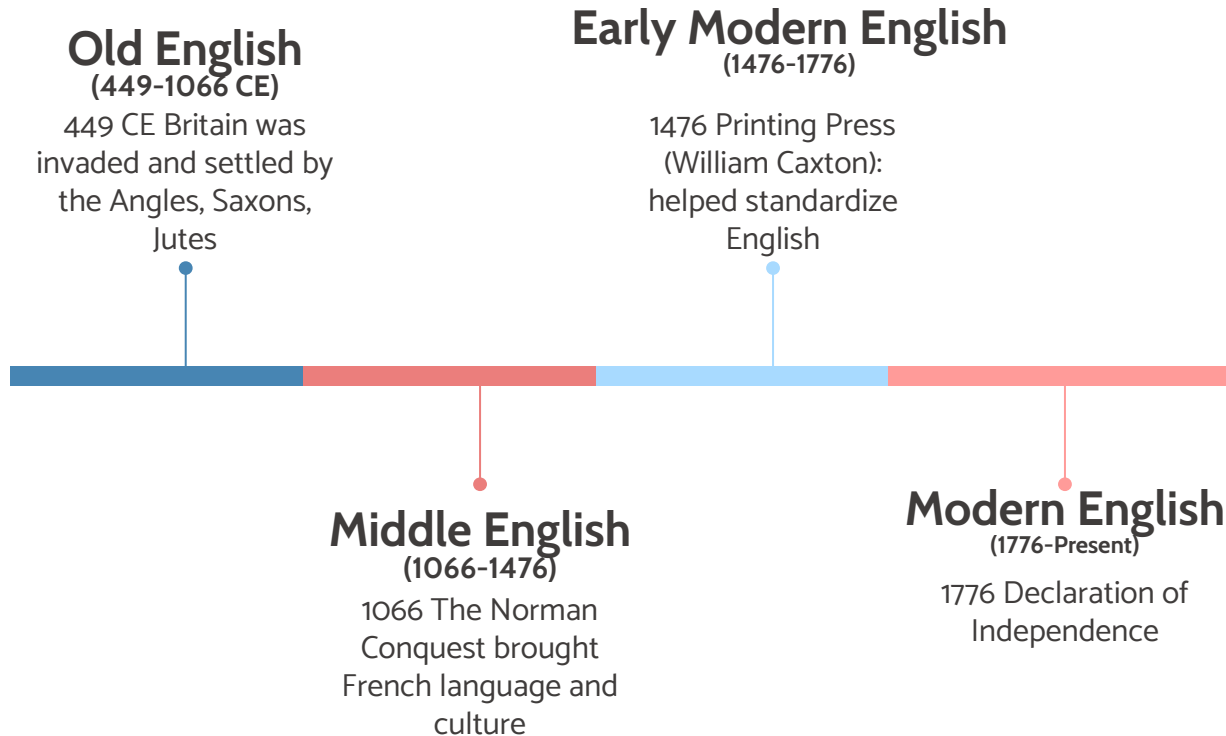
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American English Timeline



Characteristics of Latin

Anglo-Saxon

- Free morpheme
- Combined to make compound words
- Many common letter-sound correspondences as well as many irregular spellings (e.g., knight)
- Simple words that reflect the times

Latin

- Latin bases cannot stand alone (bound morphemes)
- Must attach a prefix or suffix
- Latin base is usually stressed
- More technical, sophisticated than AS

Greek

- Scientific and mathematical terms
- Combining forms
- Unusual spellings
- 60% of the words used in text contain Latin and Greek bases (Henry, 2010)

Key Terms

1. Phonology: Study of the sounds system within a language
2. Orthography: Writing system within a language (spelling)
3. Morphology: The study of meaningful units of language and how they are combined in word formation (Moats, 2020, p. 300).
4. Morpheme: The smallest unit of language that holds meaning.
5. Inflectional Suffix: Suffixes that indicate number, person, tense, or comparative forms.
6. Derivational Suffix: Change the part of speech
7. Etymology: the study of the origin or history of words
8. Connectives are the “glue” that sometimes come between morphemes in Latin and Greek-based words (e.g., document). A connective is not a morpheme and does not hold meaning.
9. Assimilation is when the last consonant of the prefix changes to the same or similar phoneme as the first phoneme of the base (e.g., *sub* changes to *suc* with *success*; *con* changes to *com* in *combine*).
10. Morphophonemic: English orthography is a deep alphabetic writing system that is organized by both sound-symbol correspondences and meaning (Moats & Tolman, 2019).

Teaching Morphology

Archer & Hughes, 2011



Daily Review



New Learning



Guided Practice



Corrections &
Feedback



Independent
Practice



Weekly &
Monthly
Review

Word Sums Practice

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Phoneme and Morpheme Practice

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Phonemes	Morphemes

Activity Ideas

Interactive Slides

Secret Door Foldable

- One and a half pieces of paper
- Fold, cut, weave

Morpheme Foldable

Building Words with Morphemes

Balderdash

Guess the Word (using emojis)

Websites:

- www.wordworkskingston.com
- www.learnthat.org
- www.membean.com
- www.etymonline.com

Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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