

## Introduction to Etymology

Read the introduction to etymology and answer the following questions:

1. What is etymology, and why is it important in understanding the English language?

2. How can knowledge of word origins help you decode unfamiliar words?

## Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. What language does the word "coffee" come from?

- a) Arabic
- b) French
- c) Spanish
- d) Italian

2. How has the French language influenced the English language?

- a) Through the Norman Conquest
- b) Through trade and commerce
- c) Through cultural exchange
- d) All of the above

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## Short Answer Questions

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Answer each question in complete sentences:

1. What is the origin of the word "telephone"?

2. What does the suffix "-able" mean in the word "comfortable"?

3. Give three examples of words that have been borrowed from Spanish into English.

## Essay Question

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Choose one of the following essay questions and answer it in complete sentences:

1. Discuss the impact of language contact on English vocabulary.

2. Explain the role of word roots, prefixes, and suffixes in decoding unfamiliar words.



## Project-Based Task

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Create a visual project (e.g. infographic, poster, or comic strip) that illustrates the origins of a given word or phrase. Choose one of the following words or phrases:

1. "Break a leg"
2. "Bite the bullet"
3. "Cost an arm and a leg"

[Space for project work]

## Word Search

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Find and circle the following words related to etymology and word origins:

- Prefix
- Suffix
- Root
- Etymology
- Language
- Vocabulary

[Word search puzzle]

## Crossword Puzzle

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Complete the crossword puzzle using the following clues:

- Language of origin for the word "coffee" (5 letters)
- Prefix meaning "again" (2 letters)
- Suffix meaning "able to be" (4 letters)

[Crossword puzzle]

## Answer Key

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Check your answers with the following key:

- Multiple Choice Questions:
  - 1. a) Arabic
  - 2. d) All of the above
- Short Answer Questions:
  - 1. The word "telephone" comes from the Greek words "tele" meaning "far" and "phone" meaning "voice".
  - 2. The suffix "-able" means "able to be" or "capable of".
  - 3. Three examples of words borrowed from Spanish into English are: tomato, canyon, and ranch.

## Assessment Rubric

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*Your work will be assessed based on the following criteria:*

- Multiple Choice Questions: 1 point for each correct answer
- Short Answer Questions: 2-3 points for each question, depending on the quality of the response
- Essay Question: 10-15 points, depending on the quality of the response
- Project-Based Task: 5-10 points, depending on the quality of the project

## Conclusion

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*Congratulations on completing the Etymology and Word Origins worksheet! You have learned about the importance of etymology in understanding the English language and how to recognize and apply word roots, prefixes, and suffixes to decode unfamiliar words.*

