


# Systems & Structure: Latin

Statement of Inquiry:

The English language contains a system  
for the structure of words.

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 What is a system?

Process w/ parts  
break down (exceptions)



Describe three Systems you know already:

Computer system (BCS)  
solar system sports games

How is the English language a system?

rules + exceptions  
need shared meaning -origins

What does the word Structure mean?

foundation

↑  
build

rules



Which definition best fits learning new words?

bricks = roots, prefixes &  
Suffixes

Create your own.

# Word Crimes



This Crazy Language  
Called English

## MAKING ENGLISH

*What did Great Britain use before the world's second-most-spoken language?*

**1** Germanic invaders displace the original Celtic languages in Britain, substituting them with their own West Germanic tongue, now known as Old English.

**2** Lots of Scandinavian and Viking influence occurs as settlers, conquerors, and plunderers interact with the now-Germanic-speaking people, adding a North Germanic presence to the mix.

**3** The Norman Conquest in 1066 ushers in the Anglo-Norman language, or Middle English, which was highly influenced by French.

**4** Due to the Renaissance and increased literacy, knowledge of Greek and Latin spreads, resulting in a large borrowing of words from those languages. With six hundred years of tweaking, this went on to finally become the language we know today. This arrow is the only one about cultural diffusion; the rest were from invasions.

**Chronological order of languages spoken by Great Britain:**

CELTIC  
↓  
OLD ENGLISH  
↓  
MIDDLE ENGLISH  
↓  
MODERN ENGLISH

*Approximate composition of languages in Modern English:*

- Latin/Greek
- French
- Germanic
- Other

## THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### Part 1: Anglo Saxon (25% of modern words)

- Common household tasks and items
- KEEWOO

Beowulf

### Part 2: Latin (65% of modern words)

- French invasion
- Official language, wealth and power
- Prefixes, Roots, Suffixes

Canterbury Tales

### Part 3: Greek

- Influenced Latin
- Scientific, Scholarly, Medical

Illiad and Odyssey

## Structure 1: Prefixes (Team Player)

24 prefixes = 97% of words

Part One

dis-

de-

con-

ex-

in-

re-

post-

pre-

Part Two

inter-

trans-

pro-

contra-

semi-

over-

non-

mis-

Part Three

per-, pur-

bi-

uni-

ob-

en-, em-

super-

sub-

## Chameleon Prefixes



- Change to match the root
- Trick to remember the forms
- Examples

im|port      a|ddict  
in 'carry  
ef|fort

## Structure 2: Roots (Boss)

Part One	Part Two	Part Three	Part Four
duct/duce	sect/seg	grad/gress	spir(e)
mit/mis(s)	tain/ten/tin	pel/puls(e)	gest
scrib(e)/script	sist/stat	junct/joint	erra
spect/spic	pon(e)/pos(e)	flex/flect	cord
tend/tent/tens(e)	press/print	luc(e)/lus/lum	mort
tract	fact/fect/fict	struct	viv/vit/vita
dict	plic/plex/ply	pict	rect/reg
form	ceit/ceiv(e)	pend/pens	vent/vene
rupt	cept/capt	test	simil/simul
ject	fer	cred	plore
	vert/vers(e)		

## Structure 3: Suffixes (The Follower)

Part One	Part Two	Part Three	Part Four
-er/-or	-ify	-ize	-ate
-al	-ic	-ence/-ience/-tience	-ive
-ion	-ous	-ent/-ient	-ity
-ture	-le		
-ment	-able/-ible		
	-an/-ian		

## Pleaser Suffixes

- Go at the end of a word
- Overlap with the last letter of the root

portion  
Carrying result of

I make the  
root happy!

dition

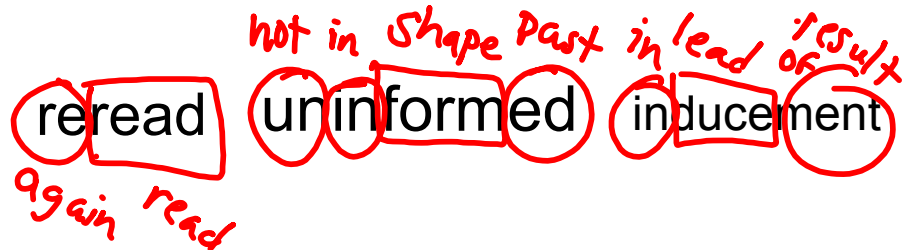


Act It Out: How do the word parts behave?

Parts: "The Boss" Root  
"The Team Player" Prefix  
"The Follower" Suffix

# Strip the Fix

1. Partner up
2. One reads & the other highlights or draws a box
3. Both take the word apart



# Set One Roots



### Set One Roots

spect/spic (see)  
 Spectacular see 1 person who  
 Spectator  
 despicable see  
 respect  
 tend/tent/tens(e) (stretch)  
 attend intended intense  
 tract (pull)  
 tractor retract (back Pull) distract (sway Pull)  
 port (carry, gateway)  
 import (in Carry) export (out Carry) important airport Portal



### Set One Roots

dict (say)  
 dictionary  
 dictator (say person)  
 predict  
 form (shape) again  
 formulate reform (shape) reformation  
 rupt (break, burst)  
 corrupt (break) erupt (burst) rupture  
 ject (throw)  
 rejection (back throw result of)  
 subject eject inject





### Set One Prefixes

pre- (before)

preview  
prefix  
pretend

prescription  
before write result of

post- (after)

postpone  
after place  
postgame  
postseason

re- (again, back)

reread rewind  
respond repose  
again pledge

de- (down, opposite, away)

descend destroy detach  
depression destruction deduct  
down squeeze result of

### Set One Chameleon Prefixes

dis-, (not, opposite, away) \*

di-,

dif-

different  
bring  
dissect  
away cut

divided  
away force

divergent

ex-,

es-, (out) \*

ef-,

e-,

explain  
excellent  
efficient  
export

SHORTCUT: S X F E

## Act It Out: ESCAPE

Parts: Rich Opera Lover  
Thief

## Set One Chameleon Prefixes

con-,  
co-,  
col-,  
com-,  
cor-

co|operate

(with, together) \*

col|lect

com|mun|ity

cor|rect

together

straight/rule

im|mov|al

in-,  
ir-, (in, not) \*  
il-,  
im-

ir|re|place|able

il|leg|al

im|mov|al

SHORTCUT: Oh run like mad!

SHORTCUT: Run like mad!

### Set One Suffixes

-er/-or (person who)

farmer  
farms person who

soldier  
officer

together sell related to  
commercial

-al,  
-ial,  
-tial,  
-cial

(related to)\*

initial

musical  
tidal tidal  
colonial  
official

### NOUNS

### Set One Suffixes

-ment (result of)

improvement  
in better result of

replacement

equipment

-ion,  
-tion,  
-sion,  
-gion

(result of)\*

commission

tradition

religion


-ture (result of)

creature  
adventure  
feature

scripture  
writing result of

1. de <del>form</del> ed	
2. Meaning of the word from its parts	opposite of shaped in past
3. mis <del>ion</del>	
4. Meaning of the word from its parts	result of sending
5. e <del>ect</del>	
6. Meaning of the word from its parts	throw out
7. ex <del>end</del>	
8. Meaning of the word from its parts	stretch out
9. ex <del>tract</del>	
10. Meaning of the word from its parts	pull out
11. spec <del>ator</del>	
12. Meaning of the word from its parts	person who sees
13. im <del>port</del>	
14. Meaning of the word from its parts	carry in
15. dic <del>tion</del>	
16. Meaning of the word from its parts	result of speaking
17. con <del>duct</del>	
18. Meaning of the word from its parts	lead together
19. scri <del>pture</del>	
20. Meaning of the word from its parts	result of writing

## Set Two Roots

vert/vers(e) (turn)  **diversity**  
 version turning result of  
 oppos. turning quality of



universe

invert

capt

cept

ceit

ceive (take)

captive

concept

conceit

receive

**capture**

accept

deceit

conceive

taking result of

deception

deceive

### Set Two Roots

fer (bring) refer refer  
 differ transfer prefer  
 oppos. bring before bring

plic plex ply (fold)  
 applicable duplex Comply  
 complicated Complex apply  
 together fold become

### Set Two Roots

tain tin ten (hold)  
 retainer continue Continuity detention  
 back hold thing that down hold result of

pone pose (set)  
 postpone propose compose suppose  
 after set forward set

## Set Two Roots

**sist** (stand)  
assistant  
**Consist**  
together stand  
**sect**  
intersect  
insect

**stat** (stand)  
status

**seg** (cut)  
**Segment**  
cut result of  
segregate

## Set Two Roots

**print**  
imprint

**press** (squeeze)  
pressure  
oppressed  
**depressed**  
down squeeze  
suppress

**fact**  
**factual**  
make related to

**fect**  
infect  
affect  
effect  
perfect

**fict** (make or do)  
fiction

## Latin 2: Song



### Create a song to learn the roots:

1. Use all the roots (Di)
2. Use a tune you already know
3. Add hand motions/non-verbal cues (Dv)
4. Everyone helps to make the song
5. Practice it every day



## Set Two Prefixes

mis- (wrong)

misplace  
misspelled  
**misinform**  
Wrong in Shape

over- (over)

overworked  
overconfident  
overwatch  
overdose

non- (not)

nonfat  
nonnegotiable  
**nonfiction**  
not make result of

pro- (in favor of;  
forward)

Professional  
Proactive  
Propel  
Proceed

**produce**  
forward lead

## Set Two Prefixes

contra- (against)

**Contradict**

against <sup>speak</sup>

Contraband

semi- (half)

Semicolon Semifinals

Semicircle

Semitruck

trans- (through;  
across; beyond)

transpire

transgender

transmit  
transfer

inter- (between)

interfere interrupt

**Interception**

between

take

result of

## Game: Pro, Contra, Semi

I will say a word. (Like broccoli)

You tell me if you are pro, contra, or semi  
and make the sign that goes with it.



### Set Two Suffixes

-an    -ian    -tian    -cian    -sian    (belonging to)

American    Egyptian    Parisian  
African    Italian    musician

-ous    -ious    -tious    -cious    -gious    (full of)

famous    gregarious    spacious    contagious  
cautious

### Set Two Suffixes

-ify (make)    stupify    clarify  
identify    clear    make

-ible    -able    (able or tending towards)

edible    inevitable  
reversible    lovable  
horrible    consumable

-ic (like)      realistic      music  
                         fantastic      relic  
                         economic      toxic      classic

-ic + -al      musical, classical  
                         economical

-ic + -al + -ly      musically  
                         classically  
                         realistically  
                         economically

### Set Three Prefixes

uni- (one)  
unicycle      **uni**form      \* **uni**corn  
                         one shape      **uni**ty, **uni**on

bi- (two)  
bicycle      **bi**sect      **bi**nary \*  
                         two cut      bilingual

(sur) super- (above)  
above **super** **fi**dial      related      superior      supervise  
                         make      to      Superman

### Set Three Prefixes

ab- (away) abstract  
absent abdominal

Abnormal  
away normal

sub- (under, near to) submarine substantial

sug- suggest    suc- Success    suf- Suffer    sum- Summary    sup- Supreme    sus- suspicious  
Supply    Sustain    Suspect

Support  
near carry

Apply maps cuts

### Set Three Prefixes

ad- (towards)  
admire.

Fdst printers clog

accept

to take  
wards

affect

toward do

ac-

af-

ag-

al-

an-

aggressive

alliance

annoy

ap-

ar-

as-

at-

appealing  
apply

arrest

assist

attend

attendance

## Set Three Prefixes

en- (in, surround)

enrage

encounter

em-

embrace

embarrass

per- (through, completely)

perfect  
Completely make

pur-

purpose  
Completely set  
pursue  
purchase

## Set Three Prefixes

ob- (towards, over, away, against)

obligate obtuse object obtain  
toward hold

oc-

occupation

of-

official  
office

op-

operate  
opposite

cats fancy pants  
Caring facial predicament  
Caught fence parts

### Set Three Roots

cred (believe)

incredible  
not believable

Credentials  
Credibility

test (pledge)

testimony

contest

testify  
pledge make

### Set Three Roots

pict (paint)

picture  
painting result of

pictorial

pictogram

struct (build)

Structure

instruct

destruction  
opposite of building

construct  
with build



## Set Three Roots

pel (urge)

repel  
back urge

puls(e)

repulsive  
impulse

grad (step)

graduate  
gradual

gress

aggressive  
Congress

## Set Three Suffixes

-ence (quality of, being)

resistance  
again stand quality of

difference  
away bring quality of

-ience

experience

-tience

patience

## Set Three Suffixes

-ize (make) demonize  
 criticize  
 summarize

dehumanize  
 down human make

-ent (person who, quality of, being)  
 patent serpent pendent

-ient

-tient

-cient

lenient  
 disorient  
 variant

patient  
 suffer person who

ancient

## Suffix Practice

-ent    -ient    -tient    -cient

- |             |           |          |
|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. differ → | different | (-ent)   |
| 2. effici → | efficient | (-cient) |
| 3. absorb → | absorbent | (-ent)   |
| 4. ambi →   | ambient   | (-ient)  |
| 5. quote →  | quotient  | (-tient) |
| 6. difici → | dificient | (-cient_ |



## Suffix Practice


-ence    -ience    -tience

1. Confer → conference (-ence)
2. ambi → ambience (-ence)
3. excell → excellence (-ence)
4. transi → transience (-ience)
5. pati → patience (-tience)

## Latin 4 Roots

Plor (cry out)


**explore**  
out cry out



implore

**deplore**  
down cry out

sem (same)



simil

Similar


simul

Simultaneous

Simulate

**assemble**  
forward same able

vent                      ven(e)                      veni                      (come)

**invent**                      venom                      **Convenient**                       come + get your verti

in come                      vending                      with come quality of:

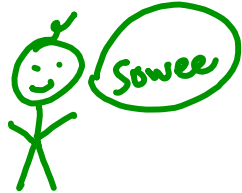
prevent                      adventure

rect                      reg                      rig                      (straight/rule)

**erect**                      **regulate**                      rigged                      rigid

out straight                      rule                      related to                      regulation

viv(e)                      vit(a)                      (life)

**revive**                      invite                       Sowee

again live                      vital


vivid

mort                      (death)

**mortal**                      mortician                      mortgage

death                      immortal

related to



cord (agree)

discord      <sup>agree</sup> record      accordion

erra (wander)      err (a)

error      aberrant  
away wander quality of

gest (carry)

digest      suggest      gesture  
near carry

spir(e) (breath)

inspire      spiritual      respiration  
in breathe

# Latin 4 Suffixes

-ate

(related to, form of, become, person who)

concentrate  
alienate  
carbonate  
mutate

a graduate  
step person who

educate → elevate - become higher

-ive

(related to, tending to)

active

creative (tend to create)

receptive  
again take related to

-ity

(quality of)

humanity

profanity

university  
one turn quality  
insanity

**Latin Four Practice**

1. discord meaning \_\_\_\_\_
2. mortal meaning \_\_\_\_\_
3. deplorable meaning \_\_\_\_\_
4. similarity meaning \_\_\_\_\_
5. simulate meaning \_\_\_\_\_
6. assemble meaning \_\_\_\_\_
7. inspire meaning \_\_\_\_\_
8. error meaning \_\_\_\_\_
9. gesture meaning \_\_\_\_\_
10. revive meaning \_\_\_\_\_
11. vital meaning \_\_\_\_\_
12. venture meaning \_\_\_\_\_
13. convene meaning \_\_\_\_\_
14. inconvenient meaning \_\_\_\_\_
15. correct meaning \_\_\_\_\_
16. regulate meaning \_\_\_\_\_
17. incorrigible meaning \_\_\_\_\_
18. graduate meaning \_\_\_\_\_
19. creative meaning \_\_\_\_\_
20. deceptive meaning \_\_\_\_\_
21. complexity meaning \_\_\_\_\_
22. unity meaning \_\_\_\_\_