

## Scandinavian loan words

The History of English language is usually divided into four major periods that can be justified both on the basis of linguistic differences and on the basis of historical events that influenced the development of English language.

These periods are ...

1. Old English [450 - 1150]
2. Middle English [1150 - 1500]
3. Early Modern English [1500 - 1700]
4. Modern English [1700 - Present]

English has been influenced by many language. Such as Scandinavian, French and Latin. The Scandinavian language in English. The Normans brought the French and Romans brought the Latin language in English literature. English has been influenced by Scandinavian loan words mainly in old English period. Scandinavian loans differ from the other loans from the same period because they refer to common, everyday events and objects.

Because of its extent, it is one of the most interesting of the foreign influences on the English language.

Although the Scandinavian loan words began to enter the English language at the period of Old English, the evidence is writing can be found mostly in Middle English texts. The loan words were recorded long after they came in use because it took some time before they entered the standard English.



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Scandinavian loanwords are varied and simple as opposed to French or Latin loanwords. They include common, familiar everyday words. There are around 900 Scandinavian words in Modern English.

Some example of "noun" words in English which has been derived from Scandinavian —

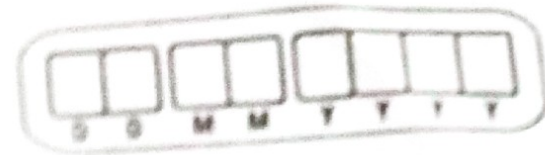
1. Bank,
2. Birth,
3. Band,
4. Bull,
5. Golf,
6. Dirt,
7. Down,
8. Egg,
9. Husband,
10. Kid,
11. Law,
12. Leg,
13. Link,
14. Loan.

Pronouns, Preposition, adverbs etc.

The most usefull and most often used words the Scandinavians give us is "are".

As we have seen, even today after so many years we can still see the evidence of Scandinavian influence in English.

There are thousands of place, names of Scandinavian origin. Many Common and Everyday words have Scandinavian origin. what is even more fascinating is that Scandinavian left an imprint on grammatical words and



Possibly syntax, which is rare case when it comes to borrowing.

So no we can say that, we cannot even imagine the English language without Scandinavian loan words. Scandinavian has had significant impact on the development of the English language.



# Latin Influence on English Language.

## Introduction:

Latin is one of the classical language - of the world. It has become the official language of Roman - Civilization. Latin has exercised a maximum influence on the English Language more than 60.000 words have been from Latin to English language.

Latin has brought to England in five ways  
1. Through Germans :-

Many words of Latin have entered into English through Germans. The Germans had direct contact with Romans. The words which were brought to England by Germans were used in Trade, Commerce, Military and Government. The word Street has come through German. In Latin it was called strata. In German it is called strasse and in English it is called street. The words like.....

- \* Wine,
- \* Apple,
- \* Dish,
- \* Wall,
- \* Silk,
- \* Copper,

These words were brought from Latin through Germans.

In England Latin speaking Britons are highly educated people from upper class. They were influenced by Latin Language to make themselves distinguished in Society.



The Latin language had made a deep impact upon upper classes people rather than low class. They came to be called as Brito latin and latin speaking people in England have brought many words to English.

- \* Educate,
- \* Ego,
- \* Complex,
- \* Custody,
- \* lens,
- \* Focus,
- \* Cancer,
- \* Advance etc.

Rome was the centre of Christian religion. All the Christian Books have been written in Latin language. The Roman Christian Missionaries have come to England to spread their religion. They started preaching about the principles of Christianity. Naturally they introduced many religious terms in

- + English.
- \* Mags,
- \* Minister,
- \* Pope,
- \* Priest,
- \* Devil,
- \* Bishop,
- \* Monk etc.



Many words of Latin have borrowed to English through the French. They had a direct contact with the French. The words like.....

\* Smile,

\* Index,

\* Collect,

\* Mediator,

were brought to English from Latin through French.

The Latin literature was a classic literature. Example Divine Comedy by Dante, Aeneid by Virgil till the renaissance people do not take any interest in Roman literature. But after the classic literature and they wished to read. These books so many classic books were translated into English. While translating the Latin work into English many Latin words came into English.

The Direct influence of Latin on English has been most deeply felt during the period of Henry VIII.

The influence of Latin has become strong at the time of Renaissance soon after the Renaissance Latin was introduced as a medium of instruction in English. Thus it was natural for education in English.

Men in Elizabethan age to use Latin language freely in their conversation.

Natural the writer of 16th and 17th century like Milton, Thomas Browning and Francis has used large number of Latin words in their works.



### 16<sup>th</sup> Century words :

- 1) Exist
- 2) Genious
- 3) Wiser
- 4) Species
- 5) Circus
- 6) Medium.

### 17<sup>th</sup> century words :

- 1) Focus.
- 2) Album,
- 3) Status,
- 4) Pendulum.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Century words :

- 1) Nucleus.
- 2) Extra,
- 3) Bonus
- 4) Direct

### 19<sup>th</sup> Century words :

- 1) Apus,
- 2) Ago.

### Conclusion :-

Thus the influence of latin is more on literary language. But it has not affected the spoken form of the English. It has affected the nature structure of English language.



## Greek Influence on English Language.

Greek language is one of the biggest contributors to English language. English language is made rich by more than 1,50,000 Greek words. We cannot see English as an independent language. Because it has borrowed technical, scientific and philosophical words from Greek. English literature itself is influenced by the great ancient Greek writers and philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle and Homer.

Greek words entered into English language by two ways. One is through Latin language and second is influence of French language. Greek has been the important language for philosophers, scientists and writers. The influence of Greek language on English is clearly witnessed in the middle ages.

The following <sup>are the</sup> words which belong to science and technical field or borrowed from Greek language.

### Scientific Words:

1. Neurology
2. Hepatic
3. Cardiology
4. Clinic
5. Diagnosis
6. Anthropology
7. Zoology
8. Astrology
9. Astronomy

10. Psychology
11. Physics.

### Technical Words:

1. Telephone
2. Microphone
3. Phonograph
4. Photography



Greek language is known for literary creation and they used various grammatical and rhetorical terms in their works. Gradually during the renaissance the following words language has been borrowed from Greek.

- \* Elegy
- \* Irony
- \* Pathos
- \* Bathos
- \* Protagonist
- \* Antagonist
- \* Oxymoron.

### Prefixes and Suffixes

To use prefixes and Suffixes may English language may a unique language. The following Prefixes and Suffixes are borrowed from Greek language.

1. Anti - Antibiotic, Antibacteria.
2. Hyper - Hyper-Sensitive, Hyper-tension.
3. Amoral -
4. Ology - Sociology, Zoology, Astology.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Century words —

- \* Academy
- \* Atom
- \* Bible
- \* Harmony
- \* Exstasy
- \* Nymph
- \* Alphabet
- \* Drama
- \* Elegy
- \* Lyrics
- \* Epic
- \* Theatre



17th Century :

- \* Pendemonia
- \* Orcestra
- \* Hyphen

18th Century

- \* Pathos
- \* Bathos
- \* Phelandor

19th Century

- \* Phase
- \* Pylon
- \* Acrobat
- \* Antagonist

Phrases and Idioms borrowed from Greek language.

- \* Marathon
- \* Achilles Hill
- \* Herculean Task
- \* Pandora Box
- \* Mides Touch
- \* Spill the beans
- \* Cry the wolf
- \* Adonis
- \* Narcist



## French Influence on English Language.

French influence on English vocabulary is wide as Greek and Latin. There are more than 1,50,000 words are being used in English are directly borrowed from French language. The historical incidents led this great phenomena. called influence. So we could see numerous French words in English vocabulary.

In the year 1066 Norman King William Conquered the British Island and became the William the Conqueror. Most number of French words were introduced to English people during this age. The words related to Government (politics, Military, Art, and architecture) style and fashion Domestic Food and Judicial words were inducted to English Dictionary.

The English literature is not a exceptional great phenomenon called Influence. The father of English poetry".

Jaffry Chaucer was himself influenced by French writers and language. Later on during the restoration period the French influence palpable in the writings of John Dryden and William Congreve.

The most famous English literary trend call Romanticism. Itself is influenced by French revolution, which had taken place in the year 1789. The British writers like William Wordsworth, S.T. Coleridge William Goldsmith were directly influenced by French Philosophers.



## French

The following are words which are borrowed from French language to English language words related...

Military

Peace

Navy

officer

Battle

Danger

Escape

Words related to law and judiciary are given below:

\* Justice

\* Jury

\* Plead

\* Summon

\* Attorney

\* Judge

Common words like

\* Marriage

\* Heir

\* Marry

Religion played a vital role in bringing many French words to English. They are simply called as ecclesiastical terms.

\* Religion

\* Clergy

\* Trinity

\* Miracle



- \* Pray,
- \* Sent,
- \* Sermon,
- \* Angel,
- \* Abby,
- \* Prach,
- \* Blame,
- \* Tempt,

\* Order have been derived from French language.

words in relation to family relationship have also come from French language. during middle English period, words such as,

- \* Cousin,
- \* Uncle,
- \* Aunt,

Words are pertaining to abstract ideas - are taken from French language. For example

- \* Jealous,
- \* charity,
- \* chaste,
- \* duty,
- \* Pity,
- \* Grace,
- \* Conscience,
- \* Mercy,
- \* desire,
- \* Cruel,
- \* Discipline.



Words related to interactions / titles / positions are also derived from French language.

Examples....

Sir,  
Madam,  
Master,  
Mistress,  
Command,  
Obey,  
Rich,  
Poor,  
Poverty,  
Cash,  
Marry,  
Servant,  
Interest.

Words related to feudalism have been extracted from French language.

Prince,  
Peer,  
Coat,  
Cafecor,  
Noble,  
Honour,  
Glory.

Words related to government and politics. French and British had been arch-rivals. So they fought many times and often center was claimed by the both. Hence the many words from French language are inducted to English dictionary.



Crown,  
Minister,  
Council,  
Parliament,  
Authority,  
sovereign,  
Relam,  
Reign,  
State,  
Government.

Words related food and cooking or much associated with French culinary,

Souse,  
Boil,  
Free,  
Roast,  
Toast,  
Fastery,  
Soop,  
Jelly,  
Breakfast,  
Dinner,  
Feast.

Words related to entertainment

Cards,  
Dice,  
Joy,  
Tromph,  
Scent,  
Track  
chase  
Leaser



## Words related to art and architecture . . . .

- Design,
- Figure,
- Ornament,
- Tower,
- Pillar,
- Column,
- Cassell,
- Forch.

### Conclusion :

Thus the French have endering influence on English language and literature. French language has being one of the biggest influences on English language. It is noted that their might be many historical, social and political reason behind this vast influence on English lexicography.