

# Orthology (language)

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**Orthology** is the study of the right use of words in [language](#). The word comes from [Greek](#) *ortho-* ("correct") and *-logy* ("science of"). This [science](#) is a place where [psychology](#), [philosophy](#), [linguistics](#), and many otherwife fields of [learning](#) come together. The most noted use of *Orthology* is for the selection of words for the language of [Basic English](#) by the [Orthological Institute](#).

The book, *The Meaning of Meaning*, by [C.K. Ogden](#) and [I.A. Richards](#), is an important book dealing with orthology. The term *Orthology* comes from the book *The Grammar of Science* by [Karl Pearson](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

## References

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1. <sup>↑</sup> Karl, Pearson (1893). *The Grammar of Science*. London: Walter Scott. p. 454. "A fundamental part of logic is the study of the right use of language, clear definition, and, if needful, invention of terms -- *Orthology*."

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