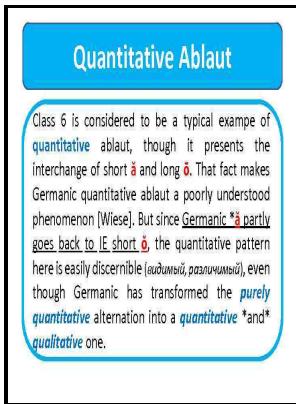


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The explanation is that the Germanic and Greek nominative forms developed from the o-grade, the Latin word and the Germanic genitive from the zero-grade in which syllabic n̩ developed into en much in the same way as it became un in Germanic. The Past was used to indicate various events in the past including ModE Past.

Chief characteristics of the Germanic Languages.

In Germanic languages it was widely employed as a grammatical means. Knowledge of them comes chiefly from that linguistic reconstruction, along with material evidence from and.

Germanic Ablaut

However, the phenomenon of the Indo-European ablaut itself was first recorded more than 2000 years earlier by the and was codified by in his , where the terms guṇa and were used to describe the phenomena now known respectively as the full grade and lengthened grade.

Chief characteristics of the Germanic languages

A classic example of the five grades of ablaut in a single root is provided by the different case forms of two closely related Greek words.

Germanic Ablaut

In the singular, the stem is stressed, so it remains in the e-grade, and it takes the inflection -ti. I refer you to the following link to learn about umlaut, and more about ablaut, as well as to review the linguistic principles and history brought up here:. We should probably think of them as a loose network of clans and tribes, inhabiting a coherent territory of limited size.

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