

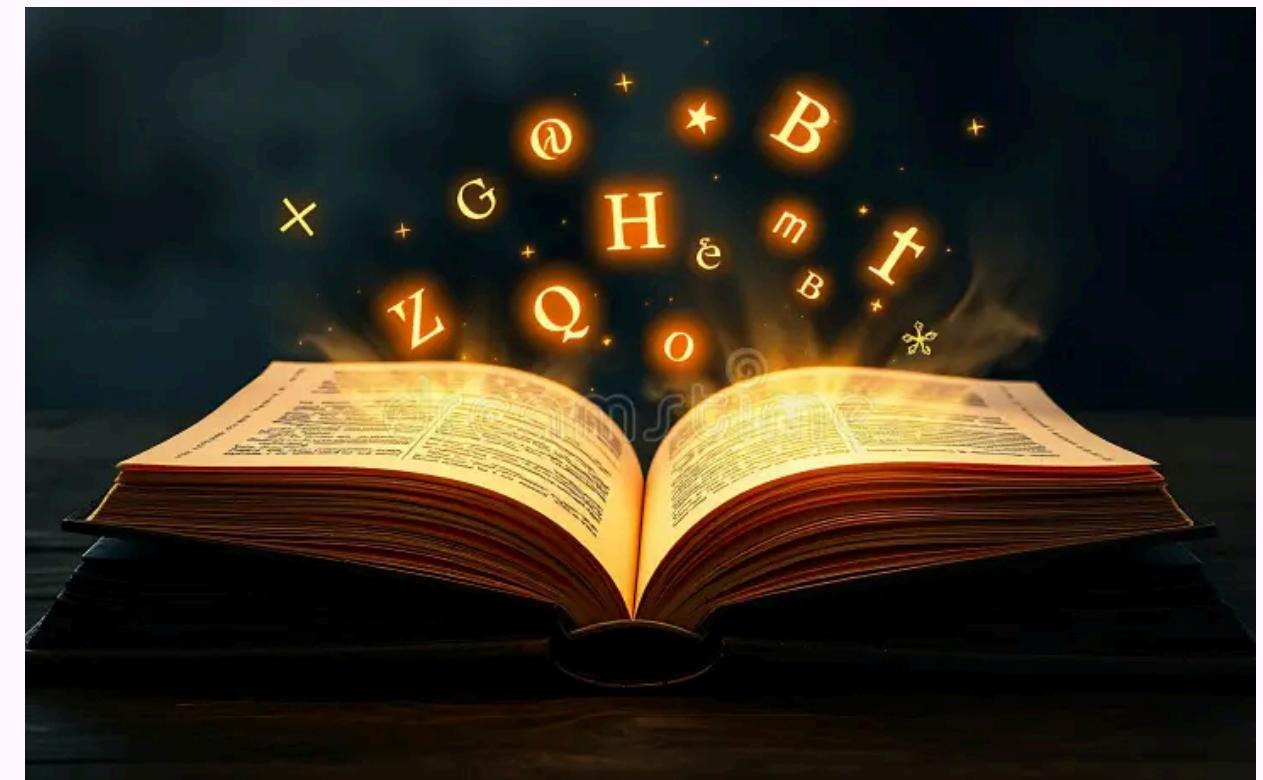
# *Etyumology*

Behind the Words

# Introduction

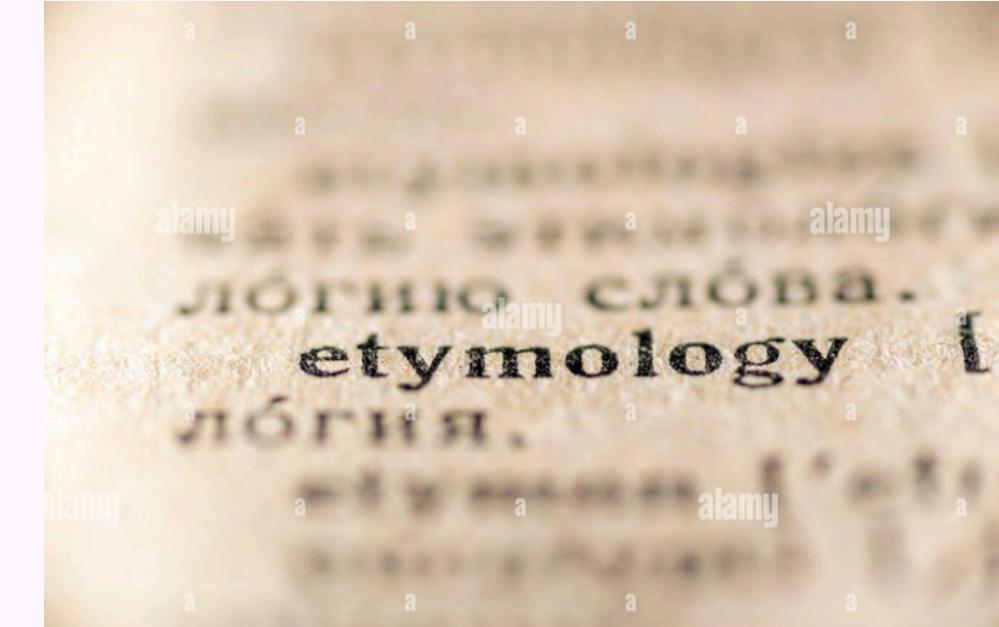
## What Is Etymology?

- The study of the origin of words and how their form and meaning have changed over time.
- Helps us understand history, culture, and language evolution.



# Why Etymology Matters?

- Shows how languages are connected (e.g., Latin roots in English).
- Reveals how historical events (like invasions and trade) influenced vocabulary.
- Enhances vocabulary and spelling.



# Word Origins – Everyday Examples

Nightmare – Old English niht (night) + mære (evil spirit)

Salary – Latin *salarium* – Roman soldiers were paid in salt!

Robot – Czech *robota* – meaning forced labor or drudgery

Disaster – Greek *dis* (bad) + *aster* (star) = bad star

# Funny & Surprising Origins

- Quiz: Rumored to be invented by a Dublin theater owner as a prank!
- Clue: Comes from clew, a ball of thread - from the Greek myth of Theseus in the labyrinth.
- Memo: Coined by biologist Richard Dawkins in 1976 (from Greek mimema, meaning "something imitated") — long before internet memes existed!



# Etymology in Pop Culture

- Selfie: First used in 2002 in an Australian forum post.
- Google (verb): From the search engine “Google,” now a standard verb.
- Spam: Once a brand of canned meat, now also means junk email (thanks to a Monty Python sketch!).



# Language Borrowing – Words From Other Languages

French – café, bouquet, garage

Hindi – bungalow, shampoo, jungle

German – kindergarten, angst, blitz

Japanese – tsunami, sushi, emoji

# Etymology Game

Guess the origin!

Ketchup

(Chinese kôe-chiap,  
a pickled fish  
sauce)

Alcohol

(Arabic al-kuḥl,  
originally eye  
makeup)

Lemon

(Persian limun)

# Conclusion

- Etymology is more than word origins — it's linguistic archaeology.
  - It connects us to culture, history, and the evolution of thought.
  - Final Quote:  
"Words are the fossils of history." - Ralph Waldo Emerson
  - Encourage curiosity: The next time you say a word, ask where it came from!





Thank you!!!