

~ Module 13, Session 1~

Influence of Word Origin on Word Structure

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Decoding Instruction

- Language Origins
 - Anglo-Saxon
 - Latin
 - Greek
- Structural Patterns
 - Letter-sound correspondences
 - Syllable patterns
 - Morpheme patterns



Word Origin by Word Structure Matrix

	Letter-sound correspondences	Syllable Patterns	Morpheme Patterns
Greek			
Latin			
Anglo-Saxon			

M. Henry, 1987, 2003

Layers of Language



From Calfee et al., 1980

Understanding these
language origins can
help students learn
to read and spell.

Anglo-Saxon-based Words

Common, short, everyday, down-to-earth
words used often in ordinary situations.
Used frequently in informal speech, and
Found in school primers.
Examples: *run, jump, cry, laugh, sing, eye,
mouth, chin, mother, father, love, & happy*

Henry, M., 2003; Calfee et al., 1980

Latin-based Words

Technical, sophisticated words used primarily in more formal contexts such as literature and textbooks. Latin-based words are always affixed as in *disruptive*, *subscription*, *predicted*, & *reflecting*.

Henry, M., 2003; Calfee et al., 1980

Greek-based Words

Specialized words used mostly in Math and science. Unique letter-sound correspondences provide clues. Combining forms are compounded as in *photograph*, *chlorophyll*, *microscope*, *anthropology* & *pterodactyl*.

Word Expansion

Anglo-Saxon-based words expand by compounding and affixing.

Latin-based words expand by affixing.

Greek-based words expand by compounding.