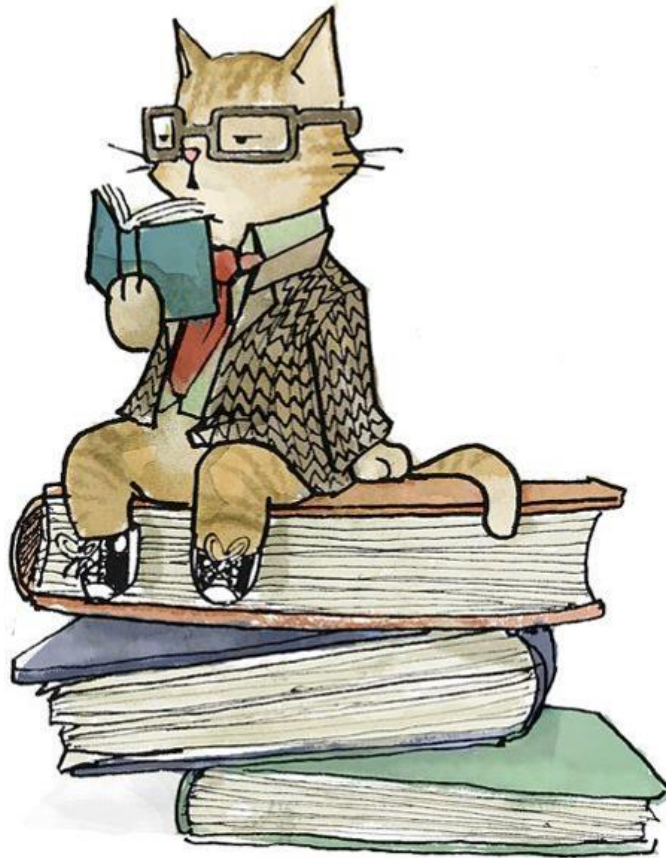


Etymology



Look at what language these words come from...

Chocolate

Nahuatl (Aztec)

Hyper

Greek

Average

Arabic

Ketchup

Cantonese

What does this suggest about the English language?

The English Language

- The majority of the words that we use everyday are in fact borrowed and adapted from hundreds of languages all over the world (don't worry: they borrow words from us too!).
- This has been happening for thousands of years to form what we know today as The English Language!



Etymology Lessons

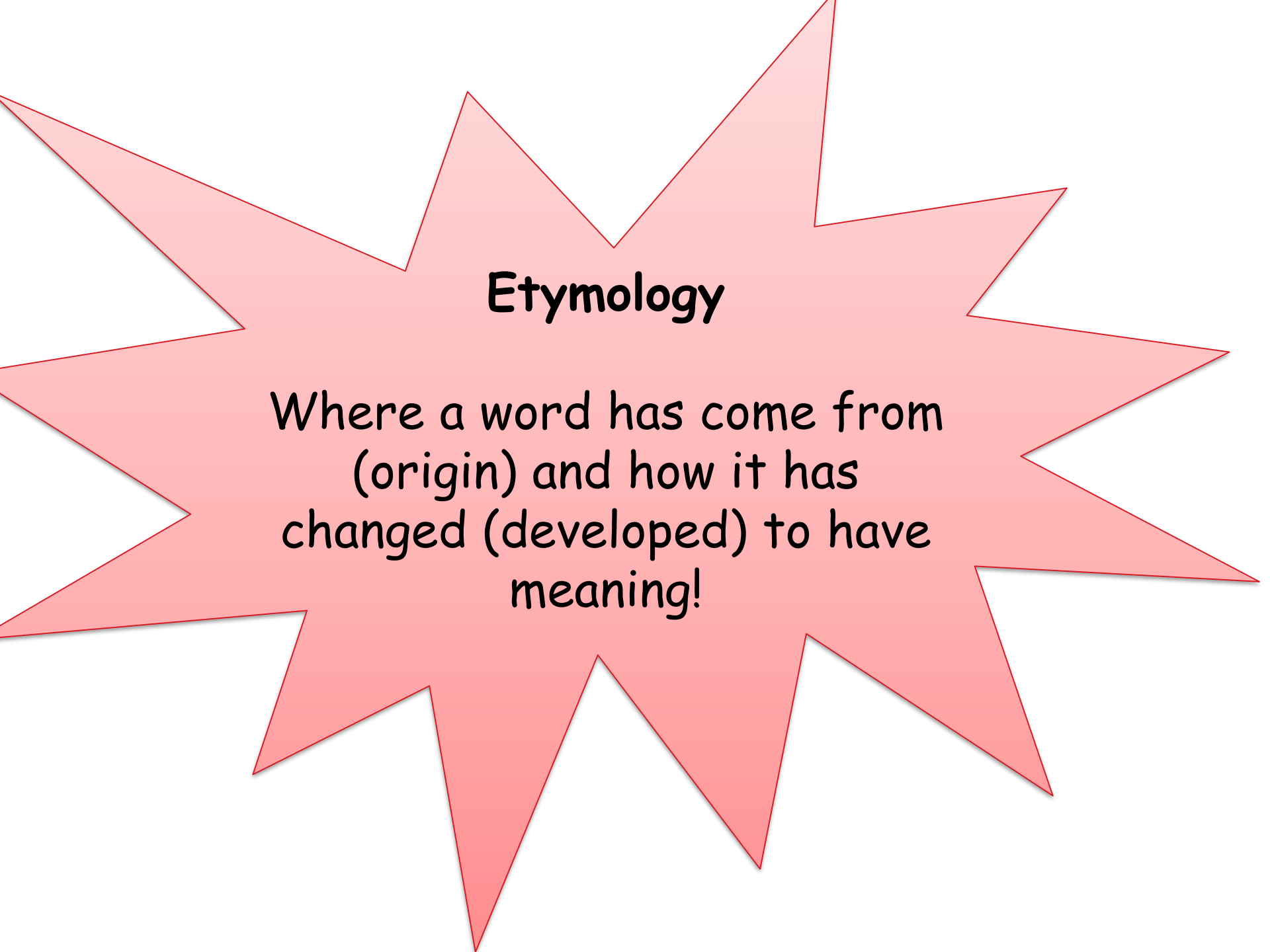
We are going to look at how words are **'built'**.

This will help you with **spelling** and **reading** difficult words.



Investigation Question:
How can understanding **etymology** help
my spelling and reading?





Etymology

Where a word has come from
(origin) and how it has
changed (developed) to have
meaning!

Etymology Task

Look up the underlined words in the sentences and find out where they originated.

Create a table to show which words come from which country.

| Key Word | Definition | Example |
|-----------|------------|--|
| Etymology | | The word chocolate originated in Mexico, from the word chocolatl |

Six Sentences to research

- She walked quickly to school through a field of hazardous dandelions, stretching her muscles.
- His mortgage on the new house was astronomically high on account of his twenty lemurs.
- Generally, war is not nice to fight in; I'd rather have a chat about the issue.
- An elephant in quarantine is dangerous because it eats too many delicious peanut sandwiches.
- The lunatic went absolutely berserk during the typhoon because of the full moon.
- The phony assassin ate his avocado while lighting his pipe.

Are there more words from one country/continent?

Why do you think that is?

How can understanding the etymology of words help you to spell and understand them?

Next Steps

The Etymology Challenge!

Can you write a sentence in which all the words originate from the same country?

It has to be at least six words long!