



EVERYDAY ETYMOLOGY

*EXPLORING THE RICH HISTORY
OF EVERYDAY WORDS*

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2.1 FESTIVAL

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *dhes* forming
words for religious concepts.**

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

**feast
fete
fiesta
enthusiasm**

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

**Introduced in the 1580s meaning
'a festal day or a day of festive
celebration.'**

**From Old French *festival* (adjective)
meaning 'suitable for a feast.'**

**From Medieval Latin *festivus*
meaning 'of a church holiday.'**



2.2 NATIVITY

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *gene* meaning
'give birth.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**generation
generate
genesis
genuine
innate
indigenous**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**Early 12c *nativite* meaning 'feast
day celebrating the birth of Christ.'**

**From Old French *nativité* meaning
'birth, origin or descent.'**

**From the Latin word *nativus*
meaning 'born, native.'**



2.3 SNOW

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



What are the
root words?

Derived from the Latin word *nivem* which is the source of the French word for snow, *neige*.

**Captain
Connector** asks...



Which words
are related?

snowstorm
snowball
snowbank
snowbird
snowbound

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



What's the
word history?

From the Old English word *snaw* and the Old Saxon word *sneo*.

From the Old Norse *snjor*, Irish *snaechd* and Russian *snieg*.



2.4 SOLSTICE

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



What are the
root words?

Root origin is *sawel* meaning
'the sun' and also from *sol*.

**Captain
Connector** asks...



Which words
are related?

parasol
sun
south
solarium
Sunday
solar

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



What's the
word history?

From the Old French word
solstice and the Latin word
solstitium meaning 'the point at
which the sun seems
to stand still.'



2.5 WINTER

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *wed* meaning
'water, wet.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**wash
water
whiskey
wet
hydrate**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Old English word *winter*
meaning 'the fourth and coldest
season of the year.'**

**From Danish and Swedish *vinter*
and Old Norse *vetr* meaning
literally 'the wet season.'**



2.6 FEAST

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *dhes* forming
words for religious concepts.**

The Latin *feriae* means 'holidays.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**fiesta (Spanish)
festival
fete
festive
fedora**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**Introduced c. 1200 meaning 'a
secular celebration with feasting
and entertainment.'**

**From Old French *feste* meaning
'holy day; market fair; fun'**



2.7 YULETIDE

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

'Yule' is from Old Norse *jol* which was the name of a heathen feast, later taken over by Christianity.

'Tide' is from the root *da* meaning 'to divide.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**jolly
jolie ('pretty' in French)
jovial
joy
deal
tidings
time**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

The Old English cognate *giuli* was the Anglo Saxon's name for a two-month midwinter season (December and January).

'Tide' is from the Old English *tid* meaning a point in time.



2.8 FAITH

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *bheidh*
meaning 'to trust, confide or
persuade.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

abide
fidelity
defiance
confidant

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Introduced in the mid-13th
century and spelled *faith, feith,*
fei or *fai*.

From Anglo-French *feid, foi*
meaning 'belief, trust, pledge.'

2.9 LIGHT

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is *leuk* meaning
'brightness.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**illustration
lightning
lucid
luminary
illuminate
lunar**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From Old English *lihtan* or *liehtan*
meaning 'to ignite, set on fire.'**

**Cognate with the German
leuchten and Gothic *liuhtjan*.**



2.10 TRADITION

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *trans* meaning
'over or across.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

trance
transcend
transcribe
transfer
thrill

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Introduced in the late 14th
century meaning 'a belief
handed down from generation to
generation.'

From Latin *traditionem* meaning
'to surrender or give up.'



2.11 PARADE

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *pere* meaning
'to produce, procure.'

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

apparel
empire
imperial
parachute
parasol
parent

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

1650s meaning 'a show of
bravado' or 'an orderly assembly
of troops for inspections.'

From the French word *parade*
and the Italian word *parate*.



2.12 ADVENT

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *gwa* meaning
'to go, come.'

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

acrobat
adventure
avenue
come
event
welcome

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

Meaning 'important arrival' from
1742 or 'season preceding
Christmas.'

From Latin *adventus* meaning 'a
coming, approach, arrival.'

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2.13 REINDEER

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *dyr* meaning 'animal' and *ker* meaning 'horn or head.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

cerebral
corner
horn
migraine
rhinoceros
unicorn
triceratops

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

From Old Norse *hreindyri* with 'dyr' meaning 'animal' (deer).

Also from the Old English word *hran* which was influenced by a word from folk etymology *rennen* meaning 'to run.'



2.14 HOLLY

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is *kel* meaning
'to prick or pierce.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**apocalypse
cell
eucalyptus
helm
holster
helmet**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**Introduced in the mid-15th
century. The word is a
shortening of the Old English
words *holegn* and *holen*.**



2.15 POLAR

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is *pele* meaning
'flat, to spread.'**

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

**accomplish
complete
plenary
plenty
supply**

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Latin word *polus* and
polaris meaning 'an end
of an axis.'**

**'Polar bear' was introduced
in 1781.**



2.16 CANDY

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

**In Britain, the word 'candy' is
referred to as 'sweets.'**

**'Candy' refers to sweets made
from boiled sugar.**

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

**candied (preserved with sugar)
candy cane**

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

**Introduced in the late 13th
century as 'crystallised sugar'
from Old French *cucre candi* or
'sugar candy.'**

**Most likely from the Sanskrit
word *khanda* meaning 'piece of
sugar.'**

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2.17 CANDLE

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *kand* meaning
'to shine.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**candid
candidate
candour
chandelier
frankincense
incense**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Old English word *candel*
referring to a lamp, lantern or
candle.**

**Also from the Latin word *candere*
which is the source of French
chandelle, Spanish *candela*,
Welsh *canwyll* and Arabic *quandil*.**



2.18 CAROL

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *choros* meaning 'chorus' combined with *aulos* meaning 'reed instrument.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

chorus
choir
choral
chorister
cohort
court
courtier

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Introduced in the 1300s meaning 'a joyful song.'

Also from Latin *choraules* meaning 'flute player' and Greek *knoraules* meaning 'flute player who accompanies choral dance.'



2.19 GIVING

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is *ghabh*
meaning 'to give or receive.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**able
debt
duty
endeavour
forgive
gift
give**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Middle English noun *yeve*
meaning 'that which is given or
offered, a contribution of money.'**

**The word was influenced by the
Old Norse word *yefa* which
explains the spelling change (y-g).**



2.20 COCOA

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**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

The word stems from the Mayan word *chocol* meaning 'hot' as they enjoyed this treat by dissolving chocolate in water.

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

coconut
chocolate

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

Cocoa has been the regular spelling since the 1800s, however, early spellings included *coco* and *cacao*.

Cacao is the Spanish word referring to the cocoa bean.



2.21 FROST

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is from the Proto-Germanic word *freusan* meaning 'to freeze.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

freeze
frozen
frost-bite
freeze-dried
freezer

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

From the Old English word *forst* or *frost* meaning 'frost, a freezing, frozen precipitation, extreme cold.'

From the verb *freusanan* meaning 'to freeze' which is the source of the Old English word *freosan*.



2.22 ICE

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel** asks...



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is uncertain.
Possible relatives are Avestan
aexa and Afghan *asai*.**

**Captain
Connector** asks...



**Which words
are related?**

**The slang of 'ice' referring to
diamonds was introduced in the
early 1900s.
On thin ice
Break the ice
ice-pick**

**Doctor
Derivation** asks...



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Old English word *is*
meaning 'ice, piece of ice.'
Ice is also the name for the Anglo
Saxon rune for -i-.
The modern spelling 'ice'
appeared in the 15th century.**

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2.23 SKI

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *skei* meaning
'to cut, split.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

ski-jumper (from 1894)
ski-mask (1963)
conscience
nice
skive
shin

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

From the Norwegian word *ski* and
related to Old Norse *skio* meaning
'long snowshoe' or literally
'stick of wood.'



2.24 NOEL

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root origin is *gene* meaning
'give birth.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

gender
generate
generation
genesis
genius
gentle
genuine

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Introduced in the late 14th century
with the spellings *nowel* and
noel.

From the Old French word *noel*
meaning 'the Christmas season.'