



EVERYDAY ETYMOLOGY

*EXPLORING THE RICH HISTORY
OF EVERYDAY WORDS*

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5.1 AUTUMN

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

Root origin is *aug-* suggesting a
'drying up season.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

'Harvest was the English name of
the season until the word
'autumn' replaced this word in
the 16th century.

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Seasonal words (*autumn, spring, summer, winter*) come from Latin.

autumn in other languages:
autunno– Italian
otoño– Spanish
outono– Portuguese



5.2 CONKER

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Did you know that the game of
'conkers' was originally played
with snail shells in the late
1800s?**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**Other regional words for
'conkers' are:**

- obblyonkers**
- cheggies**
- cheesers (flat-sided ones)**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**'Conkers' (the game played with
horse chestnuts) is derived
from the word '*conquer*' as the
goal is to break the other
player's item.**



5.3 HARVEST

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Derived from the root *kerp-*
meaning 'to gather or pluck.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**Other words with the shared root
kerp-:**

**carpe diem
carpel
carpet
scarce**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Old English word
haerfest.**

**The meaning of 'gathering of
crops' only arrived in the mid
1300s. This led to the change of
season name to 'fall' after 1500.**



5.4 HALLOWEEN

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The root **'hallow'** comes from Old English and means 'to make holy.' This word comes from the root **kailo-** meaning 'whole or uninjured.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

The original root **kailo-** also gives us the word **health**.

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Halloween is a Scottish shortening of **Allhallowe'en** or **All Hallows even** meaning 'the evening before All-Hallows.'

Halloween is the last night of the year in the old Celtic calendar.

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5.5 CRISP

#EverydayEtymology

**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *sker-* meaning
'to turn or bend.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**Other words sharing the root
sker-
circle
circuit
curve
research**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From the Old English word *crisp*
meaning 'curly, crimped or wavy.'**



5.6 APPLE

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The French word for potato
(*pomme de terre*) literally means
'earth apple.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**The word '*pineapple*' is made up
of two words – *pine* + *apple*. This
was so named from the physical
shape of a pineapple as it looks
like a pine cone!**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From Old English *aeppel* meaning
'apple or any kind of fruit.'**
**In Middle English, the word '*apple*'
was used to name any fruit.**



5.7 PUMPKIN

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**Root origin is *pekw-* meaning
'to cook or ripen.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**Other words with the shared root
word *pekw-*:**
apricot
biscuit
cook
cuisine

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

***Pumpkin* comes from the French
word *pompon* and the Greek
word *pepon* meaning 'ripe or
cooked by the sun.'**



5.8 CHESTNUT

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The root word 'nut' comes from
the original root word *kneu-*
meaning 'nut.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**The root *kneu-* also gives us the
words:**

**nut
nucleus**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**The Greeks explained the word
'*chestnut*' as a 'nut from a tree in
Castanea.'**

**The word '*chestnut*' was applied
specifically to the horse-
chestnut tree by 1832.**

5.9 LEAF

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

**The root origin is *leub(h)-*
meaning 'to peel or break off.'**

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

**The phrase 'turn over a new leaf'
arrived into English in the late
1500s, meaning 'to begin a new
or better course of life.'**

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

**From Old English *leaf* meaning
'leaf of a plant, foliage, page of a
book or sheet of paper.'**



5.10 ACORN

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The spelling of *acorn* comes from an association with the words 'oak' (Old English *ac*) and 'corn.'

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

The word '*acorn*' is related to the word '*acre*' in the sense of 'fruit of the open or unenclosed land.'

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

From the Middle English word *akorn* and Old English word *aecern*.



5.11 BONFIRE

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The word *bonfire* is a compound word made up of the words *bone + fire*.

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

Other words related to 'fire':

pyrite
pyro
pyromania

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

Bonfire arrived into English in the late 14th century, spelled *bonfir* or *banefire* and meant 'a fire in which bones are burned.'



5.12 SCARECROW

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**Morpheme
Marvel asks...**



**What are the
root words?**

The word *scarecrow* is a compound word made up of the words *scare* + *crow*.

**Captain
Connector asks...**



**Which words
are related?**

Other (older) words for 'scarecrow' include *shewel*, *shoy-hoy* and *fray-boggard*.

**Doctor
Derivation asks...**



**What's the
word history?**

'*Scarecrow*' came into English in the 1550s. The earliest meaning referred to a person who was employed to scare birds.