

# **An Analytical Study on the Etymological Roots of the Words in French Language**

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French language is one of the widely spoken and learnt languages worldwide. Therefore, French language education has become popular in the recent decades. When attention is focused on the evolution of French language we can identify three major periods. During all these periods French language was largely influenced by other languages which culminated in words of different language origins in French language. In learning a foreign language the words play a pivotal role and so are the origin and the history of a word which is called the etymology of a word. When one has knowledge of the etymology of a word it becomes useful in understanding the meaning of words better and they never get clueless about the meaning of a word. Etymological study analyses the words through a limited number of basic mechanisms such as loanwords from other languages and different types of word formation such as derivation, compounding, onomatopoeia and sound symbolism. Etymology could be a great technique to improve language skills. Especially, the origin of the words is an interesting aspect in respect to semantics which means the study of meanings in a language.

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