

Latin Influence

Latin words: Continental period: street wine cheese inch mile mint

L strata vinum caseum uncus mille moneta

Pre-Christian insular: chester - OE ceaster - L castra

Christian insular: bishop candle font monk

L episcopus candela fons monachus

Mediaveal & Later: (i) direct from Latin: L fragilis - fragile

(ii) from Latin via French: fragilis - frele - frail

English adjectives: continuOUS - celestIAL - ceruleAN

L continuum coelestis caeruleus

" verbs: (i) from Lat. pres. indic - laud (L laudAT)

BUT divide - (L dividit)

(ii) from Lat. pass. part- revise inspect

L revisus inspectus

English nouns - corresponding adjectives from Latin:

mind - mental (L mens-mentis); eye - ocular (L oculus); sun - solar (L sol)

moon - lunar (L luna)

Synonyms - English words express warmer feeling; Latin words more noble:

brotherly - fraternal (L frater); heavenly - celestial

Derivation, as in Latin - esteem - estimATIOn (L 'atio') - The verbal noun in Eng. is sometimes unsuitable to express the action, state & which the abstract noun is used for. EsteemING (the Engl. derived word from esteem) is usable in poetry, in poetic prose, but not in ordinary prose.

-ATIVE (L 'ativus') only in TalkATIVE.

Prefixes: DIStrust - REadjust - PRO-Russian - POST-Renaissance - ANTERoom - (distinguish from Greek prefix ANTI=against) - pre- (PRE-Renaissance) - CO-mate - SUBlet - EX-king - INTERleave - NON-conductor

Shortening L invitare - Fr envier - Eng vie
Eng invite. } different Eng. meanings.

L extracrdinarius - Eng extra - both Noun and adjective.

Eng extraordinary

L despectus - OF despit - Eng (i) despite (ii) spite

Change of Meaning:

L testa (pot or shell) for caput (Head); Eng (slang) NUT for head

L doctor = teacher; t. with a high university degree; medical man

L spiritus = Eng ghost; but also Eng² spirit

ingenious - ingenuous

preposterous

enormous

transpire

egregious

L sacerdos - priest, presbyter, senior, elder

firmament

Miltonic (potentially English words) - horrent

impassive

irresponsible