# every word has a story: RESOURCe

timeline of australian english

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| Old English | Middle English | Early Modern English | Late Modern English | Australian English | Development of Aboriginal English |
| 500 – 1100 AD | 1100 – 1500 AD | 1500 – 1800 | 1800 – Present |
| 450 AD – Germanic Anglo-Saxon tribes begin to inhabit the British IslesWords from Latin adopted late 700s – Viking or Old Norse raids on England. Words introduced from Old Norse | 1106 AD – Norman ConquestThe ruling classes in Britain speak French for the next 300 yearsThousands of French words and prefixes and suffixes enter the English language, including French words relating the crown, nobility, government and administration1476 – First English Printing Press | The English RenaissanceMixing of French, Latin, Greek and Italian1590 – William Shakespeare writes his first plays1604 – First English Dictionary published1788 – London Times Newspaper in London | British Exploration and Trade English is imported into colonised countries* American English
* Canadian English
* Indian English

Foreign words continue to enter the English language | InfluencesPeople came from many different countries and spoke different languages and other dialects of EnglishContact with Aboriginal languagesNew names for new flora and faunaStandard Australian English becomes the accepted language of education, media and literature | Australia’s First Peoples needed to communicate with non-Aboriginal invadersAboriginal people were not allowed to speak in their own languagesAboriginal English developed, enabling culture and identity to be maintained after loss of Aboriginal languagesEnglish words were adapted and alteredAboriginal languages continue to be reawakened |
| Aboriginal Languages  |

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