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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 Isles  Words from Latin adopted  late 700s – Viking or Old Norse raids on England. Words introduced from Old Norse | 1106 AD – Norman Conquest  The ruling classes in Britain speak French for the next 300 years  Thousands of French words and prefixes and suffixes enter the English language, including French words relating the crown, nobility, government and administration  1476 – First English Printing Press | The English Renaissance  Mixing of French, Latin, Greek and Italian  1590 – William Shakespeare writes his first plays  1604 – First English Dictionary published  1788 – 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 | Influences  People came from many different countries and spoke different languages and other dialects of English  Contact with Aboriginal languages  New names for new flora and fauna  Standard Australian English becomes the accepted language of education, media and literature | Australia’s First Peoples needed to communicate with non-Aboriginal invaders  Aboriginal people were not allowed to speak in their own languages  Aboriginal English developed, enabling culture and identity to be maintained after loss of Aboriginal languages  English words were adapted and altered  Aboriginal languages continue to be reawakened |
| Aboriginal Languages | | | | | |

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