

HISTÒRIA DE LA LLENGUA ANGLESA.

1. **The process of language change.**
2. **Sound change:** Assimilatory changes. Dissimilation. Loss of sounds. Insertion of sounds. Metathesis.
3. **Gramatical change:** Morphological change. Syntactic change. Grammaticalization.
4. **Semantic change:** The basis of semantic change. The results of semantic change.
5. **Historical word-formation:** Derivation. Compounding. Conversion. Other word-formation strategies.
6. **The historical background of the English language:** English and the Indo-European family of languages. English and the Germanic group.
7. **The history of English:** Main periods in the history of English. Loan words and their sources.
8. **The Old English period:** Main characteristics of the Old English period. Analysis of OE texts.
9. **The Middle English period:** The linguistic influence of the conquest. Main characteristics of the Middle English period. Analysis of ME texts
10. **The Modern Period:** Early Modern English. The growth of a written standard. The Great Vowel Shift. Other sound changes. The inflections of Early Modern English. Eighteenth century attitudes towards language. Grammatical and lexical changes since Early Modern English. Changes in progress.

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