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## **Types Of Assimilation Of Borrowed Words From French To English Language**

*Jenis Asimilasi Kata Pinjam Dari Bahasa Prancis Ke Bahasa Inggris*

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### **Abstract**

More than half of the etymological structure of modern English consists of borrowed words, the first of which are words borrowed from French. Although the fact of the influence of French on the vocabulary of English has been repeatedly noted, the nature of this influence has not been sufficiently studied.

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## Introduction

The fact that there are many French words in English is well known, but their development in English, the degree of assimilation, and their nature have not been studied. At the same time, it is this factor that very clearly shows the nature of the relationship between the two languages, so the nature and level of assimilation of French-derived words is of great interest for studying the modern English dictionary.

## Literature review

A language that has mastered foreign words will not leave them unchanged for long. These words are gradually modified according to their phonetic, morphological, and lexical patterns and adapted to the whole language system, i.e., undergo a process of assimilation. As a result of this process, the acquired words lose their linguistic character, cease to stand out in the lexical background of the acquired language and become an integral part of it.

The basic vocabulary is the basis for the formation of new words, the lexical-semantic center of the language, which in many ways determines the ways of development and the laws of acquisition. It regulates the entry of assimilated words and determines their semantic content, which is usually assimilated and not expressed in language in the meanings that represent new concepts for a particular people. When words that have entered the language express concepts that are already expressed in the language system, they enter into certain synonymous relations with the words in the main dictionary and are left out of the language in the position of rarely used synonyms.

## Analysis

In connection with the lexical structure of a particular language, the acquired words are subject to the laws of development of the basic vocabulary, which, together with the grammatical system, change them according to the internal laws of language development.

The laws of assimilation of words that appear in a language at one time or another, their entry into the language system, their subordination to language norms, and their changes are also related to the movement of the internal laws of language. In linguistics, word acquisition defines three types of word acquisition: morphological, phonetic, and lexical assimilation, based on the change of words according to their internal grammatical structure, sound appearance, and semantic content according to the internal laws of language. These three types of assimilation are closely related to each other, but since they have their own characteristics, we consider it expedient to briefly describe each of them separately.

### Grammatical assimilation

The process of assimilation of French words in English is manifested, first of all, in their subordination to the grammatical structure. The grammatical structure that has evolved over time changes the language, including its vocabulary. Assimilated words from French have been included in active grammatical categories used in accordance with the rules of English grammar since the time they were available in English. These words take all the inflectional forms specific to this part of speech in English and form these forms according to the local English word model. During the assimilation, morphological ornaments, such as the French articles *le*, *la*, *les*, used before horses denoting gender and number, were removed. We observe a gradual disappearance of the grammatical gender category in assimilated words, which is related to the general trend of grammatical gender loss of English horses. Also, all derived horses have the same system as English horses. The genitive singular and plural *s* (*es*) are formed by adding *beornes*, *hostages*, *toures*, *crunes*, and so on.

## Discussion

According to English norms, adjectives do not follow all grammatical rules except levels of comparison. Verbs that exist in English are conjugated according to individuals and form simple and compound tenses according to the English model. Most learned French verbs are characterized by the formation of preterit and adjective II in the form of weak English verbs (e.g., to turn, to evoke, to control, to revenge).

French verbs ending in a vowel are added to the weak verbs of the 1st type, for example, *cryien* - to shout, *assayin* - to try, *obeie* (n) - to obey. Verbs ending in a consonant were first conjugated in the south of England according to the pattern of the weak verbs of type 2, that is, in the present *i* and preterite, which have not undergone a vowel syncope before *d*, e.g., *servi* (n) -served.

After the disappearance of the special forms of type 2 in both the north and south of England, they began to form preterite, among all the weak verbs.



The peculiarity of many French adjectives in English is that they retain the plural form. Such adjectives are often used in post-positive terms - letters patents, place delitables, lords spirituels; however, in the course of the subsequent development of linguistics, the plural form -s was abolished by them and the postpositive use of adjectives mastered in French was preserved in certain stable compounds such as *court martial*, *heir apparent*, *knight errant*.

Self-words and complex words within a language are often not associated with proper words. Thus, with derivatively assimilated foreign words, the process of simplification occurs if these words are not associated with the lexical material of the assimilated language. Usually the main reason for the simplification of words in the native language is due to the change of time, the words are simplified, they become simpler. We see the same thing in the French language.

French horses have lost the meaning of *control*, *rendez-vous*, *char-a-bancs*, *parterre*, English components, i.e., have been taken as simplified and simple words. In some cases, they begin to be written together, their phonetic change occurs. It comes, for example, from French to English in the form of *contre-roule* (from Latin *contra rotula*) and means "to register a treasure." The difference between simplification in local and foreign words is that in native language words this process is very slow, and assimilated words occur immediately as they enter the language.

As a result, the morphological structure of the mastered words is recognized by this people, the core morphemes have a real meaning and have the ability to form the next word, while the English affixes are used to form new words. Thus, a number of suffixes and prefixes of French origin appeared in English -*ment*, -*al*, -*ess*, -*ance* and others.

## Conclusion

Most of the French words are formed with the suffix -*ance*, -*ence*: *ignorance*, *arrogance*, *entrance*, *repentance*, *innocence* and others. So, for the English, the meaning of this suffix is clear, with the help of which abstract nouns are formed from adjectives and verbs. Thus, it allows the formation of a new word "*hindrance*", in which the French suffix is attached to the root of the English verb "*hinder*".

Similarly, the English suffix -*ment*, which is part of words such as *government*, *treatment*, *agreement*, was also recognized by the British, and with its help new words were formed from the English core: *fulfillment*, *bereavement*, *amazement*, *bewilderment*.

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