

English Words (2020-21)

Reading list

This list provides a starting point for your research. **It is not intended to be exhaustive, so please read around**; the references in the books below, along with searches in Explore, should help you to find other relevant material.

Essential

Bauer, Laurie. 1983. *English Word-formation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Brown, Keith. 2006. *The Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd ed. Amsterdam: Elsevier. [Available electronically via the library catalogue. Short referenced and cross-referenced articles on all areas of linguistics and language study; useful for all your courses!]

Durkin, Philip. 2009. *The Oxford Guide to Etymology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Katamba, Francis. 2005. *English Words* 2nd ed. London: Routledge.

Kay, Christian and Kathryn Allan. 2015. *English Historical Semantics*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Kiparsky, Paul. 1982. Word formation and the lexicon. In: Frances Ingemann (ed.) *Proceedings of the Mid-America Linguistics Conference*. Lawrence, Kansas: University of Kansas, pp.3-29.

Murphy, M. Lynne. 2010. *Lexical Meaning*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Plag, Ingo. 2003. *Word Formation in English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Ross, A.S.C. 1956. U and non-U: an essay in sociological linguistics. In: Nancy Mitford (ed.) 1956. *Noblesse Oblige: An Enquiry into the Identifiable Characteristics of the English Aristocracy*. London: Hamish Hamilton

Recommended (see comments on some texts)

Aarts, Bas and April McMahon (eds.). 2006. *The Handbook of English Linguistics*. Maldon, MA : Wiley-Blackwell. [Part IV]

Aitchison, Jean. 2012. *Words in the Mind*, 4th ed. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.

Allan, Kathryn. 2009. *Metaphor and Metonymy: A Diachronic Approach*. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell. [my monograph, which looks in detail at nouns and adjectives meaning 'clever/stupid person' and 'clever/stupid', and discusses their metaphorical and metonymical motivation]

Allan, Kathryn and Justyna Robinson. 2012. *Current Methods in Historical Semantics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [includes a paper by Robinson on a sociolinguistic approach to semantic change, and a paper by Allan on using the *OED* as a data source]

Bauer, Laurie. 2003. *Introducing Linguistic Morphology*, 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Carstairs-McCarthy, Andrew. 2018. *An Introduction to English Morphology*, 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Dixon, R.M.W. 2014. *Making New Words: Morphological Derivation in English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Durkin, Philip. 2014. *Borrowed Words: A History of Loanwords in English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hopper, P.J. & E.C. Traugott. 2003. *Grammaticalization*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [very detailed and complex; only for those interested in this topic!]

Hurford, James R. & Brendan Heasley. 2007. *Semantics: a coursebook*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [selected chapters]

Jackson, Howard. 2002. *Lexicography: An Introduction*. London: Routledge.

Jackson, Howard and Etienne Z. Amvela. 2007. *Words, Meaning and Vocabulary: An Introduction to Modern English Lexicology*, 2nd ed. London: Continuum.

Leech, Geoffrey N. 1981. *Semantics*. London: Penguin.

Lyons, John. 1996. *Linguistic Semantics: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Murphy, M.L. 2003. *Semantic Relations and the Lexicon: Antonymy, Synonymy and Other Paradigms*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Murphy, M.L & A. Koskela. 2010. *Key Terms in Semantics*. London: Continuum. [a useful glossary of terms, with an excellent introduction and a section on 'key thinkers']

Russell, Lindsay Rose. 2018. *Women and Dictionary Making: Gender, Genre, and English Language Lexicography*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [as the title suggests, interested in a particular issue; a timely counterbalance to some other works on lexicography and lexicographers which you might find interesting]

Saeed, John I. 2009. *Semantics*, 3rd ed. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell. [selected chapters]

Stockwell, Robert and Donka Minkova. 2009. *English Words*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Taylor, John R. (ed.) 2015. *The Oxford Handbook of the Word*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [an excellent collection of essays on different topics; available online via the library catalogue]

Traugott, E.C & R.B. Dasher. 2005. *Regularity in Semantic Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [detailed and fairly challenging, but very influential]

Ullmann, Steven. 1962. *Semantics: An Introduction to the Science of Meaning*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Waldron, Ronald. 1979. *Sense and Sense Development*. London: Deutsch.

Additional reading on the history of English (all aspects, i.e. not focused on lexical or semantic change)

- good first books to look at; highly readable:

Crystal, D. 2005. *The Stories of English*. London: Penguin.

Barber, C.L., J. Beal & P. Shaw. 2009. *The English Language: A Historical Introduction*, 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [fairly detailed]

- a bit more detailed, with chapters on different periods/topics:

Hogg, R. & D. Denison (eds.) 2006. *A History of the English Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Mugglestone, L. 2006. *The Oxford History of the English Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- very detailed, but good to 'dip into' if you want to find specific info:

Baugh, A.C., & T. Cable. 2013. *A History of the English Language*, 6th ed. London: Routledge.

Freeborn, D. 2006. *From Old English to Standard English: A Course Book in Language Variation across Time*, 3rd ed. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

- for particular periods (and quite short and accessible):

Hogg, R. 2002. *An Introduction to Old English*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. [again, a revised edition has recently been published]

Horobin, S. & J.J. Smith. 2002. *An Introduction to Middle English*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Nevalainen, T. 2006. *An Introduction to Early Modern English*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Tieken-Boon van Ostade, I. 2009. *An Introduction to Late Modern English*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

- on language change i.e. not spec. focused on English

McMahon, A. 1994. *Understanding Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

McColl Millar, R. 2007. *Trask's Historical Linguistics*, 2nd ed. London: Hodder Education.