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BORROWINGS IN ENGLISH AS THE REFLECTION OF PARTICULAR WORLDVIEW

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ABSTRACT

English is now a global language with an estimate of approximately 1.5 billion people across the world. The English Language has loan words from languages across the world. This paper aims at discussing the evolution of English Vocabulary due to borrowing. The paper mainly looks at the evolution of English vocabulary due to loan words. This change will be looked in terms of both the meaning and form of the words. The study will be conducted under the linguistic concept of borrowing and change, studying the words in context of sound change, morphological change and stylistic developments in written English. We will also study the concept of loan words against the concept of semantic borrowing. The category of loanwords will also be extended to loan translations and its overall impact on the vocabulary.The study is conducted chronologically starting from early contact in continental Europe and Britain, Proto English in contact with Latin towards Old English, Borrowings from French and Latin towards middle English, loan words from other languages like Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, High German and Yiddish, Russian, French, Arabic, Malay, languages of South Asia towards early modern English. The paper concludes with the long-term effects of loanwords on the form of English lexicon.

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