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## Language Development in Primary years

Our children's Language abilities will develop greatly once we prepare the environment properly. It is important for our teachers to really get into knowing the roots of teaching in the Montessori setting.

It is not about getting children who know everything we teach in the 3 to 6 classroom. It is also not about getting children to repeat the last Nursery class because they can neither read nor write. Instead it is all about meeting each child at his or her point of need. Taking them from where they presently are at, to where they need to be.

You will not need to go through every single 3 to 6 presentation to ensure that your 6 to 7 year old child can read. We must disabuse our mind from thinking that children must repeat classes. Instead consider their stage of development and ability and start your language classes and even the rest of the Cosmic Education lessons at a level that the child can cope with.

We are really going to enjoy helping the children learn this way.

They need to explore and have fun, while they are learning from their points of interest. They will research and give presentations, make booklets etc. as they learn to read and write. Interest in the subject areas they have chosen will enable them to learn to read and write. Continue reading to them. Start simple and build up their capacity.

Here are the areas of study you will need to explore to give the children a good grasp of the Language, doing it the traditional way is not a fun way to explore language. Let's ensure that the children explore

1. The History of Language
2. Grammar and syntax
3. The Written Language
4. The Spoken Language
5. Literature
6. Style

Let's look at each in turn. In this lesson we will explore the History of Language.

Watch the second video

## **The History of Language**

There are many influencers that has helped develop the English Language, in fact a couple of Nigerian words have made it into the English language dictionary in the last year. Let the children know that languages can live or die, disappear forever as a spoken language eg. Latin...

The English Language is made up of the 26 alphabets they learnt about in the History of Communication, see how many influences gave birth to the way we write. The children may want to research the symbols of the Language or the roots, origins of the words (etymology).

This could be an interesting way for children to build their vocabulary. It should be what they are interested in not a class where they have to go memorise the roots or words. Introduce the lesson in story form and see where it takes them.

Latin is one of the main influencers. Let's look at some of the Latin words still found in English today.

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<b>Latin word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>English Words derived from the Latin</b>
<b>qua</b>	<b>water</b>	<b>Aquatics, aquarium, aqueduct, aqueous</b>
<b>agricola</b>	<b>farmer</b>	<b>agriculture</b>
<b>bestia</b>	<b>beast</b>	<b>bestial, bestiality</b>
<b>figura</b>	<b>figure, shape</b>	<b>figure, figurine, figment, figurative</b>
<b>flamma</b>	<b>flame</b>	<b>flame, flamboyant, flambeau</b>
<b>herba</b>	<b>herb</b>	<b>herb, herbivorous, herbage</b>
<b>insula</b>	<b>island</b>	<b>insular, insulate, insularity</b>
<b>lingua</b>	<b>language</b>	<b>language, lingual, linguistics</b>
<b>nauta</b>	<b>sailor</b>	<b>nautical, nautilus</b>
<b>pirata</b>	<b>pirate</b>	<b>pirate, piratical</b>

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<b>schola</b>	<b>school</b>	<b>scholar, school, scholastic</b>
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<b>alba</b>	<b>white</b>	<b>albino, albinism albumen</b>
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<b>amica</b>	<b>friendly</b>	<b>amicable, amicability, amity</b>
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<b>maritima</b>	<b>sea</b>	<b>maritime</b>
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<b>mea</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>me, my</b>
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Greek also has a lot of influence on the English Language:

<b>Greek word</b>	<b>meaning</b>	<b>English word</b>
<b>Deca</b>	<b>ten</b>	<b>Decasyllable, decalogue</b>
<b>Demos</b>	<b>people</b>	<b>democracy, epidemic, demographics</b>
<b>Derma</b>	<b>skin</b>	<b>epidermis, taxidermist</b>
<b>Didonai, dosis</b>	<b>give</b>	<b>dose, apodosis, anecdote</b>
<b>Dis, di</b>	<b>twice, doubly</b>	<b>dichromatic, digraph</b>
<b>Dynamis</b>	<b>power</b>	<b>dynamite, dynasty</b>
<b>Eidos</b>	<b>form, thing seen</b>	<b>idol, kaleidoscope, anthropoid</b>
<b>Epi</b>	<b>upon</b>	<b>epidemic, epithet, epode, ephemeral</b>

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<b>Gamos</b>	<b>marriage</b>	<b>cryptogam, bigamy</b>
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<b>Ge</b>	<b>earth</b>	<b>geography, geometry</b>
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<b>Genos</b>	<b>family, race</b>	<b>gentle, engender</b>
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<b>Gamma</b>	<b>writing</b>	<b>monogram, grammar</b>
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<b>Grapho</b>	<b>write</b>	<b>telegraph, lithograph</b>
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<b>Haima</b>	<b>blood</b>	<b>hematite, hemorrhage, anemia</b>
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<b>Heteros</b>	<b>other</b>	<b>heterodox, heterogeneous</b>
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<b>Homos</b>	<b>same</b>	<b>homonym, homeopathy</b>
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<b>Hydor</b>	<b>water</b>	<b>hydraulics, hydrophobia, hydrant</b>
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<b>Hyper</b>	<b>over, extremely</b>	<b>hypercritical, hyperbola</b>
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<b>Hypo</b>	<b>under, smaller</b>	<b>hypodermic, hypophosphate</b>
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**Isos** equal

**isosceles, isotherm**

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**Logos** word, study, management,  
measure

**theology, dialogue**

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**Meta** after, over

**metaphysics,  
metaphor**





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French words are found in the English Language, there are others derived from the French as we find with Latin and Greek, but it is noteworthy that a lot of words we use today in the English language are the same in the French language. This means that it is possible for a child who is aware of this to find it easier to pick up French as a second language!

Here are a few words that are the same in French:-

- bourgeois
- brunette
- blond(e)
- adieu
- au contraire
- chauffeur
- chic
- critique
- depot
- déjà vu
- (eau de) cologne
- eau de toilette
- en route
- entrepreneur
- bouquet
- boutique
- coup
- milieu
- coup d'état

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The Scandinavian influence adds yet another flavour:

<b>Old Norse words</b>	<b>meaning</b>	<b>English words</b>
<b>klubba</b>	<b>a heavy, blunt weapon</b>	<b>club</b>
<b>gunn</b>	<b>war</b>	<b>gun</b>
<b>skaoa</b>	<b>to injure</b>	<b>scathe</b>
<b>slatra</b>	<b>to butcher</b>	<b>slaughter</b>
<b>byloog</b>	<b>village- law</b>	<b>bylaw</b>
<b>helonn</b>	<b>one who inhabits the countryside</b>	<b>heathen</b>
<b>husbondi</b>	<b>hus (house) + bondi (occupier and tiller of the soil)</b>	<b>husband</b>
<b>bukr</b>	<b>An insect within tree trunks</b>	<b>bug</b>
<b>kalla</b>	<b>to cry loudly</b>	<b>call</b>

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29 new words were added to the Oxford English Dictionary from Nigeria: add these to the children's list of words. They may want to find out what other words from Africa have been added to the English Language.



Enjoy your exploration of the Language with children.