The Influence of Word Etymology Knowledge on Learning of Borrowings

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays English is the first language of more than 350 million people all around the world. The immense diversity of English speakers is connected with the great diversity of English words. When we talk about origins of English words, even about the most frequent ones, we see that English vocabulary is a mixture of many different languages. English is a language of borrowings so in most cases that cause many difficulties for EFL learners. Therefore, the history and roots of English language are very important parts of English language learning. Some etymologies are totally unexpected and therefore much more complicated for memorizing. Of course not only borrowing is a process of introducing the new words into English language. When learning new vocabulary, EFL students have many obstacles and are always in a process of searching for the new techniques and methods of memorizing and usage of newly introduced words. This work is about how much word etymology knowledge can help EFL students to memorize and use borrowings. Research is conducted at the Department of Philology, International University of Novi Pazar.