

The Etymology Lens Rubric

Key Feature	Glimpser	Observer	Analyst
Word Origin	Identifies language of origin for common words	Traces words to earlier forms in other languages	Explains historical and linguistic changes leading to current word forms
Etymological Root	Recognises basic etymological roots; uses resources to look up origins	Identifies multiple words sharing roots; discusses etymology’s influence on spelling and meaning	Explains root influence across parts of speech; synthesises information to explain semantic and orthographic changes
Historical Journey	Understands historical effects on words	Provides examples of historical influence on words; identifies eponyms and obvious cognates	Explains complex etymological changes due to history; explains common eponyms; recognises less obvious cognates