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Abstrak

This new edition is concerned primarily with the learned vocabulary of English, the words borrowed from the classical languages. It surveys the historical events that define the layers of vocabulary in English, introduces some of the basic principles of linguistic analysis, and is a helpful manual for vocabulary discernment and enrichment. An online workbook contains readings, exercises, and root lists accompanying each chapter to strengthen knowledge acquired in the classroom. New to this edition:

- Updated with a discussion of the most recent trends of blending and shortening associated with texting and other forms of electronic communication.
- Includes a new classification of the types of allomorphy.
- Discusses important topics such as segment sonority and the historical shifting of long vowels in English.
- Includes a new section on Grimm's Law, explaining some of the more obscure links between Germanic and classical cognates.