The Story of English
Historical Layers of Language

Words from Greek – Compounding Patterns

phobia
dinosaur
architect
philosopher

Romance words –Latin and French: prefix-root word-suffix patterns

vent (come)	port (carry)	form (shape)	tract (drag)	rupt (broken)
invent	import	inform	contract	bankrupt
convent	export	conform	extract	disrupt
inventor	report	reform	tractor	corrupt
solvent	transport			
prevent				

duct (lead)	ject (throw)	ped (foot)	scrib (write)
conduct	inject	pedal	scribble
product	reject		script

Anglo-Saxon Morpheme Structures – Compounding and Prefix-Root Word-Suffix Patterns

Anglo-Saxon

for-	un-	be-	over-	with-	under-
forbid	unjust	begin	oversee	withhold	undergo
forget		between	overflow		
forgive		behold			
		beside			
		became			

-dom	-hood	-ship
wisdom	boyhood	hardship
freedom		lordship

-ed	-ing	-s
rusted	jumping	locks
yelled	shopping	hands
milked	rushing	wishes
thatched	raining	likes
	cooking	

rain	cat	back	foot	stone
raindrop	bobcat	backstop	football	brimstone
rainbow	copycat		footstep	hailstone
	catwalk			limestone

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