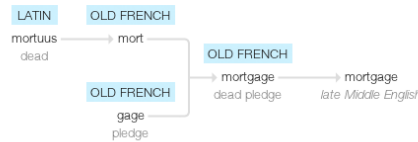


## Vocabulary Set 5

**Etymology:** the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.

Etymology of "Mortgage"



**Paradox:** a [statement](#) or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth.



**Oxymoron:** a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction



Difference between the two:

- A paradox is a seemingly contradictory statement which may nevertheless be true. An example would be someone who was born on the 29th February, and who had therefore had only 6 birthdays but who was 21 years old.
- An oxymoron is a figure of speech which combines two normally contradictory terms, such as 'plastic silverware' or 'partly complete'.

**Monologue:** a long speech given by a character in a story, movie, play, etc., or by a performer (such as a comedian)

**Soliloquy:** an utterance by a person who is talking to himself or herself or is disregarding or oblivious to any hearers present (often used as a device in [drama](#) to disclose a character's innermost thoughts)

- Basically, the character is up on stage expressing feelings but only the audience can hear.

**Analogy:** a comparison between two things, typically on the basis of their structure and for the purpose of explanation or clarification.

Ex: Socks are to feet as gloves are to hands.

Basil is to herb as oak is to tree