

LIN108: Roots of English – Homework 4

Name:

1. Define the following terms:
 - (a) vowel grade:
 - (b) patronymic:
 - (c) grammatical gender:
 - (d) vernacular:
 - (e) feature semantics:
2. Describe how cognates are used to determine language relatedness and why that can tell us about the location where a language is/was spoken.
3. What is the difference between a dual and a plural marker?
4. Name two sources for surnames and provide examples. (Bonus: What social change/feature brought about the sharp increase in surname adoption?)
5. What are the four primary dialects of OE? What are the four dialects of ME? You should mention their name and location. Choose one OE and one ME dialect. Include an extra detail or characteristic for each of the two.