

# Narahari's Spelling and Math GURUCOOL

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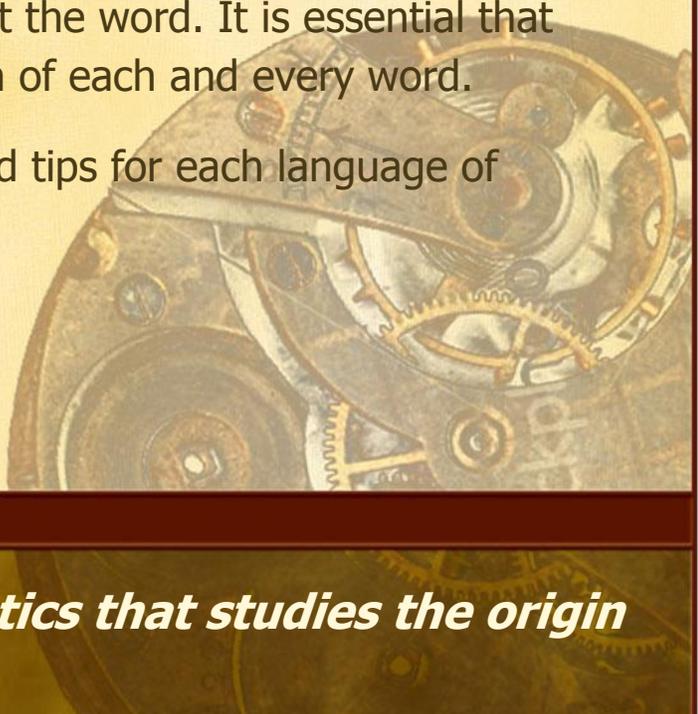
## July 2012 Spell Gurucool Newsletter

The July newsletter and lessons from Spell Gurucool give you a new set of words. Here's what we will learn this month:

- 1) Senior division (Grades 4 to 8) will learn eponyms (words based on names) and words from Latin
- 2) Junior division (Grades 1 to 3) will learn Old English

### **The study packet for July contains the following:**

- 1) The word lists contain study words and challenge words for the language(s) you will be learning this month. Each of the words in the document has a link to the online Merriam-Webster dictionary to help you learn information about the word. It is essential that you learn the correct pronunciation of each and every word.
- 2) The July lessons give you tricks and tips for each language of origin.



***Etymology: The branch of linguistics that studies the origin and history of words.***

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**News from The South Asian Spelling Bee:** The South Asian Spelling Bee regional contests began in June. Champions and Runners-up from 6 locations have been determined. The top 2 spellers from each location make it to the South Asian Spelling Bee national finals.

**If you would like to participate in the South Asian Spelling Bee, visit their website and register at**

<http://www.southasianspellingbee.com/>

## **About Old English:**

**What exactly is "Old English?" Old English is a language that was spoken in Britain before 1066. Despite the fact that languages are constantly changing, Old English contains many words that still bear meaning in today's world.**

**Word of the month: mistletoe**

Do you know what mistletoe means?

*The etymology of mistletoe is Old English.*

## NSM GURUCOOL

Coaching and guidance by  
Narahari Bharadwaj in math and spelling

### Definition of **MISTLETOE**

: a European semiparasitic green shrub (*Viscum album* of the family Loranthaceae, the mistletoe family) with thick leaves, small yellowish flowers, and waxy-white glutinous berries; *broadly* : any of various plants of the mistletoe family (as of an American genus *Phoradendron*) resembling the true mistletoe

### Illustration of **MISTLETOE**



### Origin of **MISTLETOE**

Middle English *mistilto*, from Old English *mistel**tān*, from *mistel* mistletoe + *tān* twig; akin to Old High German & Old Saxon *mistil* mistletoe and to Old High German *zein* twig

First Known Use: before 12th century

**Study tip:** While learning each word, understand the word formation, its definition, and, most importantly, the pronunciation of the word.

Thanks,

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