ETYMOLOGICAL DICTIONARIES - BORROWINGS

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TYPES OF BORROWINGS

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- morpheme-by-morpheme loan-translation
- Engl. skyscraper
 - → Fr. gratte-ciel
 - → It. grattacielo
 - → Sp. rascacielos
 - → Gal. rañaceos
 - → Ger. Wolkenkratzer

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- borrowing /extend meaning of an already existing word
- Engl. star
 - → Ru. звезда́ (zvezdá)
 - → Heb. בּוֹכַב (kokháv)
 - → Fi. tähti

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- word has parts from a foreign language and parts from its native language
- monolingual: Greek prefix,
 Latin root

DATING

- Both the donor and the borrowing language have to have historical records
- Etymon has to be documented before the loanword
- Dating is always tentative in nature and should be dated itself
- And: starting point of a word ≠ acceptance by the speaking community as a whole
- "Ideally, etymologies of borrowed items will account for such factors, explaining not only the initial adoption of a word, but its subsequent spread within the lexical system" (Durkin 2009: 163)

GOOD EXAMPLES

- Manfred Höfler's Dictionnaire des anglicismes (DictAngl)
 - Three types of lexicalisation
 - Quoted lexemes explicitly attributed to foreign languages (marked by [...])
 - Occasional borrowings in texts (marked by \blacklozenge)
 - Borrowings which appear in the word-list of general dictionaries (marked by ||)

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- Borrowing processes include phonological and/or morphological change
- In printed dictionaries (due to space limitations) this is rarely indicated
- Dictionnaire des emprunts au russe dans les langues romanes (DictEmprRuss)
 - tags like "adapt. morph." (morphological adaptation)
 - "chang. cat." (change in part of speech)
 - "chang. genr." (change in gender)
 - "chang. suff." (suffix change)
 - "greffe suff." (graft: simplex falsely analyzed as a derivative which received, in place of its pseudo-suffix, a real one)