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The article is devoted to the investigation of the origins and sense development of thousands of words of the English vocabulary. The English language has a very rich history. The fact that throughout centuries it had contacts with other countries is reflected now in the vocabulary, because English borrows words incessantly, but various periods of its development have their own measure of borrowings. The novelty of the investigation is characterized by the fact that the complex comparative and historic analysis of the principal parts of speech of the Modern English period is fulfilled beginning from the Old English period up to the present day, the common and private tendencies of the historic changes and transformations of the language structures are determined on the basis of the lexicographical sources which were not used earlier: The Oxford Dictionary of Foreign Words and Phrases, Oxford Dictionary of English, Concise Dictionary of English Etymology, The Oxford Dictionary of Word Histories, The Oxford Dictionary of New Words, The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology. The scientific novelty is characterized also by the complex method of analysis of the English word-stock which is constantly developing during the time. In this method we take into account the number of parameters that are relevant to the investigated phenomenon: size of scope, degree of scope and the ways of penetration of the lexical units.

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