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The article discusses the words denoting the natural phenomenon **wind**. The multiplicity of natural phenomena names (NPN) indicates their exceptional influence and importance for human beings. The analysis showed that a large amount of borrowings was the result of contacts of English language speakers with other peoples. The Old English lexicon mainly consisted of the words of German origin and had a small number of borrowings. There was found no evidence of borrowed NPN during this historical period. Beginning with the Middle English period there has been an inflow of borrowings into the English language. These words came from both classical and modern languages. French, Scandinavian languages and Latin had the greatest influence on the development of the English language. Owing to the cultural and trade links, English was enriched with NPN from Spanish, Italian, Russian, German, languages of Africa, Australia, the Middle East, etc. The expansion to the New World led to the appearance of some NPN borrowed from Native American languages.

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