





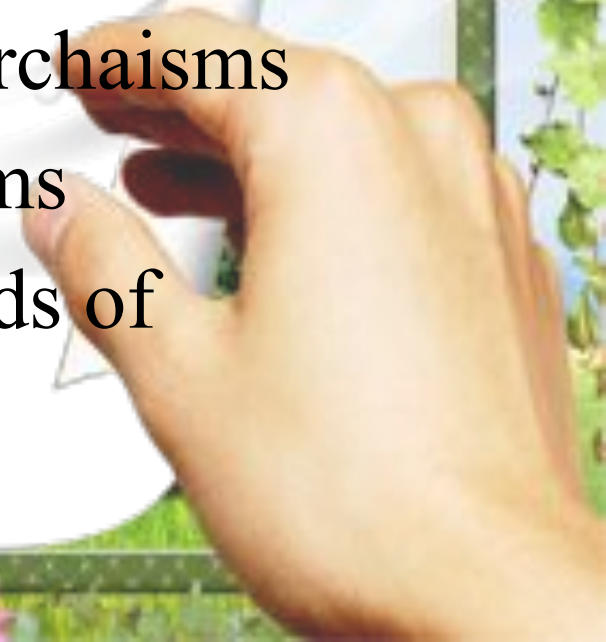
DIPLOM PAPER

*Theme : Archaic words and
their peculiarities*



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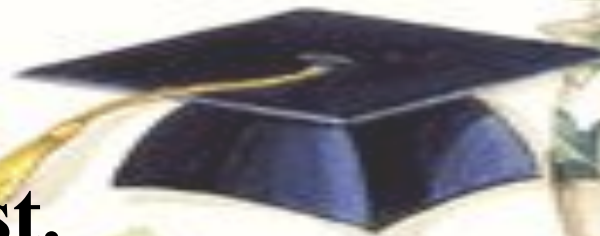
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Classification of the Archaisms

- Galperin's distinguishes 3 stages in aging process the words have passed:
 - **1 – In the English language these are the corresponding verbal ending-est:**
 - For example:
 - Say – sayest
 - go – goest
 - throw – throwest.



2 – archaic word are those that have already gone completely out of use but are still recognized by the English – speaking community.

- For example:

- nay – no

- yea – yes.

- These words are called obsolete



Which may be called archaic proper , are words that are no longer recognizable in Modern English .

- For example:
- to wot – wist
- to know – knew
- brach - hound

They classify the archaisms on the followings groups:

1) Lexical archaisms.

- For example:
- Prithee (to ask)
- Thou (you)

2) Lexico – word-building archaisms

- For example: madest – made , showest – show , knowest = know

3) Lexico – phonetic archaisms

- For example:
- ney= no
- yea=yes

4) Lexico – semantic archaisms

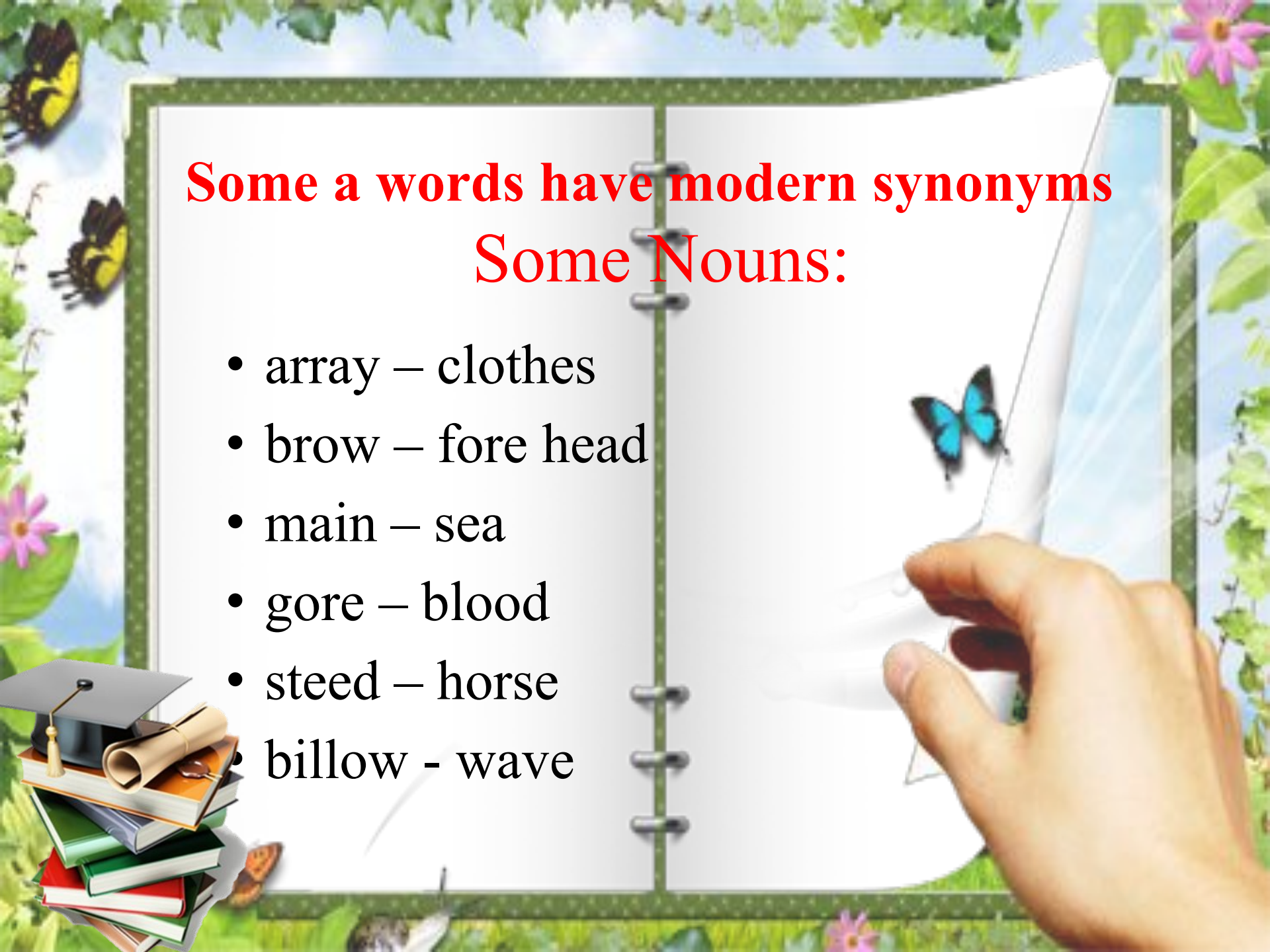
- For example: the phoneme “dream” changed it’s meaning from “ joy, festivity, noisy meriment” – to “ a sleeping vision”



Some a words have modern synonyms

Some Nouns:

- array – clothes
- brow – fore head
- main – sea
- gore – blood
- steed – horse
- billow - wave



Some verbs :

- Behold – see
- Deem – think
- Slay – kill
- Throw – believe

Some Adj:

- Fair – beautiful
- Hapless – unhappy
- Lone- lonely
- Uncouth - strange



Adverbs:

- Nigh – almost
- Oft – often
- Annoan – presently
- Whilom - forinerly

Conjunctions:

- Albeit – although
- Ere - before



Appendix:

- Annaon = presently
- Array = clothes
- Art = are
- Billow = wave
- Deem = to think
- Ere = before
- Fair = beautiful
- Goest = go
- Castel = castle
- Main = sea
- Morn = morning
- Nay = no
- Nigh = almost
- Wilt = will
- Hath = have
- Steed = horse
- Thee = you
- Repast = meal
- Slay = kill
- Throw = believe
- Yea = yes
- Shalt = shall

