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Etymology table

Some of the words in the English language have their origins in other languages like Greek or Latin. Knowing the original meaning of the word, or the significance of the prefix or suffix, can help us to decipher unknown words and find out more about what they mean. The study of the origins of words is called 'etymology'.

For example: 'bicycle' (1868), from *bi-* which means 'two' and a Latinised form of the Greek word *kyklos* which means 'wheel' or 'circle'. 'Bi' comes from the word root *dwo-* which means 'two' (like the Latin word *duo*).

Use Etymonline (etymonline.com) to look up the words 'fable', 'allegory' and 'parable'. Document as much information as you can find from the website in the table below. You may need to click around on the hyperlinks a bit, too!

	Fable	Allegory	Parable
Originating language			
Date of origin			
Word root			
Meaning of root			
Other information			