

# Word Relationships: “Amateur,” “Enemy,” “Amorous,” and “Amiable”

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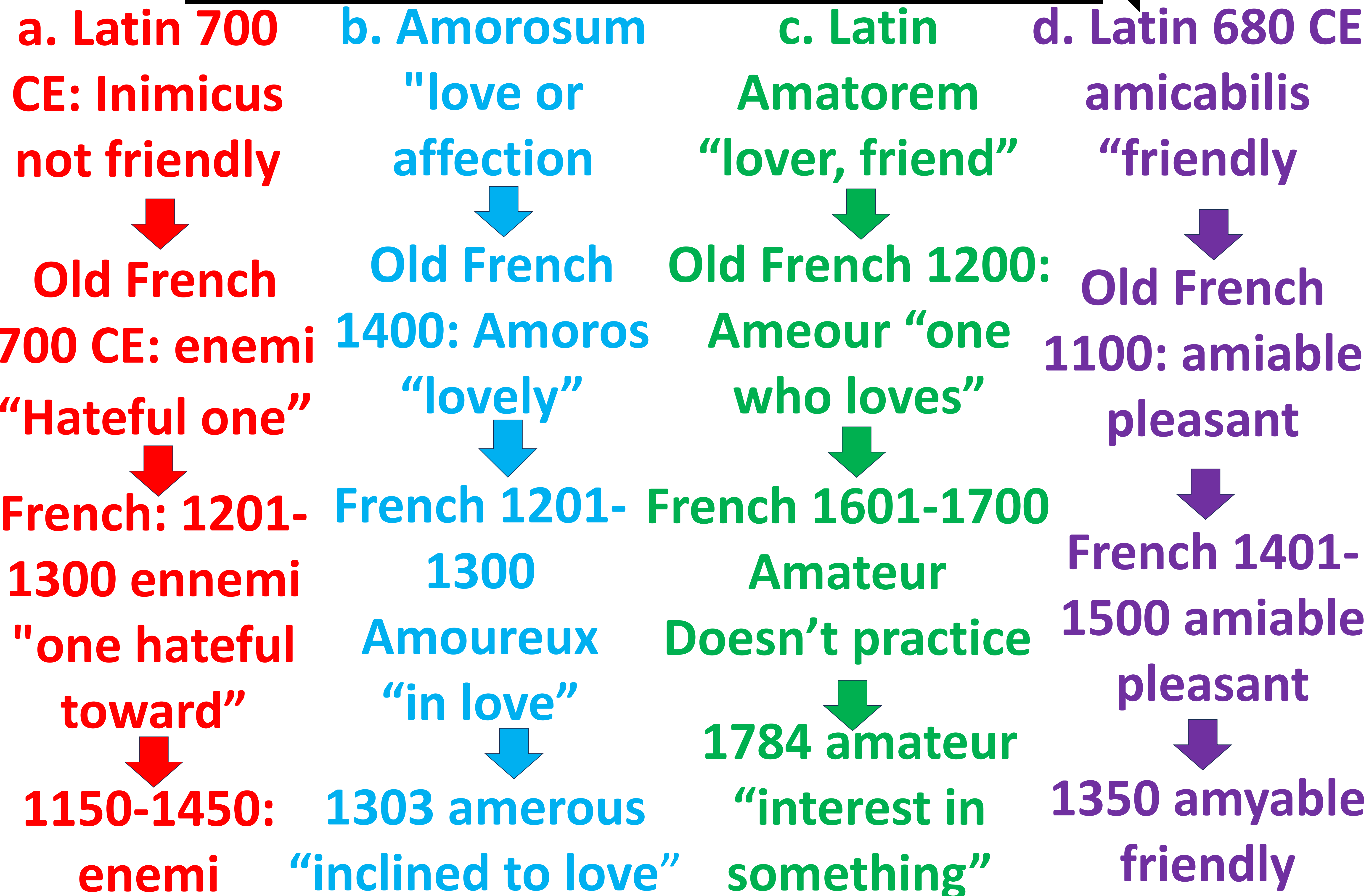
Modern Spelling of Words:

- a. 1450 enemy
- b. 1603 amorous “in love”
- c. 1803 amateur “anyone who cultivates anything as a pastime”
- d. 1849 amiable “worthy of being loved”

PIE\* Em “to take”

Proto-Italic: ama “to take” → Old Latin: amare “to love”

Latin: amicus “friend” 201 CE-700 CE



### Introduction

Modern English words developed, borrowed, and evolved from other languages over long periods of time. Ancestor languages include Proto-Indo European: prehistoric language that was not recorded and is reconstructed as words that must have existed to produce later developed language. Latin and French borrowed heavily

### Other Kinds of Word Formation

Words can also form/change by: Adding prefixes. Dropping or adding suffixes. Metathesis: the change of letters or sounds in a word.

### Semantic Shifts

Semantic changes refer to the evolution of word usage overtime. Inimicus meant not friendly and developed to ennemi meaning hateful. Amatorem meant lover or friend and shifted to mean someone doing things in past time. Amorosum was used to describe love and affection, later it was meant to describe a neural mood or feeling. Amoros to Amoureux went from an adverb to a verb.

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