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### Unexpected #Etymology

**Words you wouldn't guess are etymologically linked.**

### An ongoing, continually updated thread ■■

Medicine and remedy both come from the Latin verb *medeor*, meaning to heal.

Medicine comes from the Old French *medecine*, from the Latin *medicina* meaning medicine.

Remedy comes from the Old French *remede*, from the Latin *remedium*.

<https://t.co/09BQ4avjOo>

Feminism, fawn and fetus both come from the PIE root *\*deh₂(y)-*, meaning to nurse or suckle.

<https://t.co/POZwnKbSom>

Pine (tree) & Piñata (papier-mâché container) both come from the Latin *pinus*—meaning pine.

Piñata (Spanish), came from *piña* meaning pineapple, as the paper-covered box resembles one. *Piña* comes from the Latin *pineae* meaning pinecone (derived from *pinus*).

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Whiskey and wash both come from the Proto-Indo-Euro root meaning "water; wet."

Whiskey (Irish *uisce beatha* & Scottish *uisge-beatha*) literally means "water of life."

Wash comes from the Middle English *weschen*, meaning "to wash."

<https://t.co/GflKmpx8gD>

<https://t.co/W86IE76jlg>

Text and textile both come from the Latin *texo*, meaning to weave.

Textile: borrowed from Latin *textile* (“woven”), from *tex* (“weave”).

Text: Medieval Latin *textus* (“the Scriptures, text, treatise”), from Latin *textus* (“style or texture of a work”)

<https://t.co/mATf45QsD3>

Rat and erode both come from the PIE root *\*reh-*, meaning to scrape, scratch or gnaw.

<https://t.co/XQy0RI37UM>