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Unexpected #Etymology

Words you wouldn't guess are etymologically linked.

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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.

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Feminism, fawn and fetus both come from the PIE root *d^heh¹(y)-, meaning to nurse or suckle.

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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 pinea 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."

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<https://t.co/W86IE76jlg>

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

Textile: borrowed from Latin *textile* ("woven"), from *tex* (to "weave").

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

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

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