Brief history of English Language

families of languages

English is a member of the *Indo-European* family of languages, this broad family includes most of the European languages spoken today, the *Indo-European* family includes several major branches;

- Latin and the Modern Romance languages (French, ...etc.).
- Germanic languages (English, German and Swedish).
- Indo-Iranien languages (Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit).
- Slavic languages (Russian, Polish, Czech).
- Baltic languages (Latvian and Lithuanian).
- Celtic languages (Welsh, Irish, Gaelic).
- Greek.

The influence of the original **Indo-European** language can be seen today, even though no written records of it exists. The word **father** in **English** for example is **Vater** in **Germanic**, and **Pater** in **Latin**, and **Pitr** in **Sanskrit**.