

1. MEANING SOUND AND LOOKS - B) SOUND: THE PHONETIC ASPECT

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- As soon as a name is what it sounds, its meaning has become irrelevant. Its looks (spelling) then may or may not be adapted to its sound.
- The dominance of the phonetic aspect to a name (the 'oral tradition') allows the name to degenerate graphically.
- Eventually, the name may be adapted semantically to its perceived sound, through a process called 'popular etymology'.

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