

Self-Review: Algeo, Ch.4B

- What is the most common reason that we know that English is a Germanic language?  
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- Germanic languages have a distinct \_\_\_\_\_ that have no known cognates in other Indo-European languages.
- Germanic languages had two ways of marking adjectives, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ inflections were used when the adjective followed a determiner and modified a definite noun: for example: “the young boys.” \_\_\_\_\_ inflections were used in all other cases.
- In Germanic languages, where did stress typically fall in a word?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- List the steps in Grimm’s Law:
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_.
- Verner’s Law dealt with exceptions to Grimm’s Law. Karl Verner noticed that some time after Grimm’s Law took effect, stress shifted to the first syllable. PIE \_\_\_\_\_ followed by an unstressed syllable became Germanic \_\_\_\_\_. The /z/ (spelled ‘s’) also rhotacized into /r/, which explains why “was” has the plural form “were.
- What is ablaut?  
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