

<inauguration>

A ceremony in which a new president takes an oath

Inauguration of
President Donald Trump
will begin at 11:00 am ET

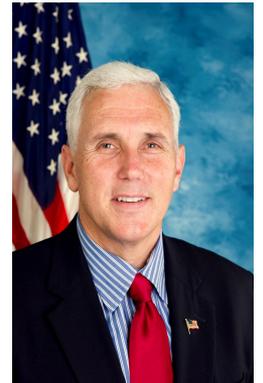
sworn in around noon

January 20, 2017

with Vice President Mike Pence



Outgoing President Obama's inauguration ceremony in 2013



During this ceremony, President Trump takes an oath --makes a promise



oath (n.)

Old English *að* "oath, judicial swearing, solemn appeal to deity in witness of truth or a promise," from Proto-Germanic **aithaz* (source also of Old Norse *eiðr*, Swedish *ed*, Old Saxon, Old Frisian *eth*, Middle Dutch *eet*, Dutch *eed*, German *eid*, Gothic *aiþs* "oath"), from PIE **oi-to-* "an oath" (source also of Old Irish *oeth* "oath"). Common to Celtic and Germanic, possibly a loan-word from one to the other, but the history is obscure. In reference to careless invocations of divinity, from late 12c.



Modern-day definition of **oath**:

noun,

1. a solemn appeal to a deity, or to some revered person or thing, to witness one's determination to speak the truth, to keep a promise, etc.:
4. the form of words in which such a statement or promise is made.

Etymology of <inauguration>

inauguration (n.)

1560s, from French *inauguration* "installation, consecration," and directly from Late Latin *inaugurationem* (nominative *inauguratio*) "consecration," presumably originally "installment under good omens;" noun of action from past participle stem of *inaugurare* "take omens from the flight of birds; consecrate or install when omens are favorable," from *in-* "on, in" (see ***in-*** (2)) + *augurare* "to act as an augur, predict" (see ***augur*** (n.)).

must go back further in the history of this word...

augur (n.)

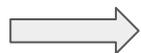
1540s, from Latin *augur*, a religious official in ancient Rome who foretold events by interpreting omens, perhaps originally meaning "an increase in crops enacted in ritual," in which case it probably is from Old Latin **augos* (genitive **augeris*) "increase," and is related to *augere* "increase" (see **augment**). The more popular theory is that it is from Latin *avis* "bird," because the flights, singing, and feeding of birds,... were important objects of divination (compare *auspicious*). In that case, the second element would be from *garrere* "to talk."

....finding more trails to uncover....

augment (v.)

c. 1400, from Old French *augmenter* "increase, enhance" (14c.), from Late Latin *augmentare* "to increase," from Latin *augmentum* "an increase," from *augere* "to increase, make big, enlarge, enrich," from PIE root **aug-* (1) "to increase" (source also of Sanskrit *ojas-* "strength;" Lithuanian *augu* "to grow," *aukstas* "high, of superior rank;" Greek *auxo* "increase," *auxein* "to increase;" Gothic *aukan* "to grow, increase;" Old English *eacien* "to increase"). Related: **Augmented**; *augmenting*. As a noun from early 15c.

Modern-day definition



inauguration: noun

1. an act or ceremony of [inaugurating](#).



inaugurating: verb (used with object), **inaugurated**, **inaugurating**.

1. to make a formal beginning of; initiate; commence; begin:
The end of World War II inaugurated the era of nuclear power.
2. to **induct into office** with formal ceremonies; **install**.
3. to introduce into public use by some formal ceremony:
Airmail service between Washington, D.C., and New York City was inaugurated in 1918.

Linking the denotation to
modern-day definition:

*We are installing a new
president today with good
hopes for the future.*

Modern-day definition:

What it is:

augur: noun

- 1.) one of a group of ancient Roman officials charged with observing and interpreting omens for guidance in public affairs.
2. soothsayer; prophet.



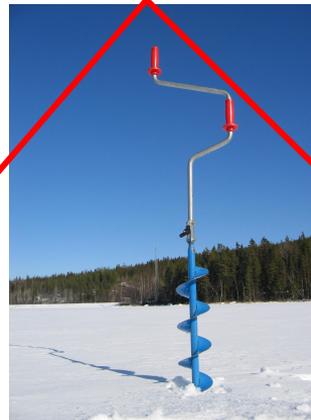
Verb:

*Based on the team's winning streak, he **augurs** winning the title.*

What it is **NOT**:

auger : noun

1. *Carpentry.*
 - a. a bit, as for a brace.
 - b. a boring tool, similar to but larger than a gimlet, consisting of a bit rotated by a transverse handle.



Modern-day definition

augment: **verb** (used **with** object)

1. **to make larger**; enlarge in size, number, strength, or extent; increase:
His salary is augmented by a small inheritance.

verb (used without object)

5. **to become larger.**

Word sums: <inauguration>

inauguration → in + augur + ate/ + ion

inaugurations → in + augur + ate/ + ion + s

inaugurate → in + augur + ate

inaugurated → in + augur + ate/ + ed

inaugurates → in + augur + ate + s

inaugural → in + augur + al

inaugurating → in + augur + ate/ + ing

augur + s → augurs “The dark, cloudy sky *augurs* bad weather”

augur + ed → augured “The boys wished they had *augured* a better winning streak.”

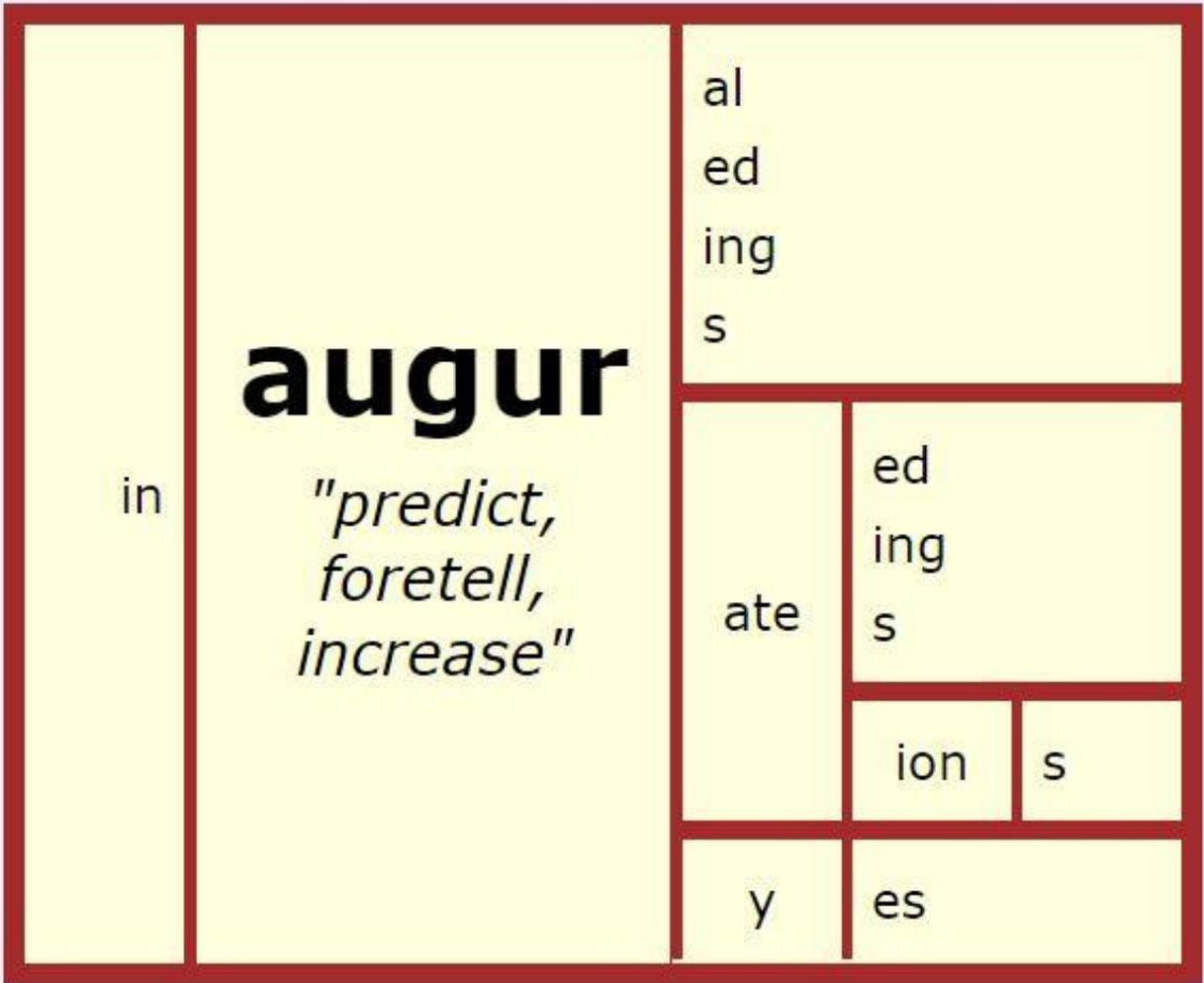
<augur>
denotation
“predict, foretell, seer”

Possibly related to:

<au> ~ Latin *avis* “bird,”

<gur> ~ *garrere* “to talk.”

Interpreted as watching birds behavior, talking about it in the form of making predictions for increased crops based on the observed behavior



augment → aug + ment

augments → aug + ment + s

augmented → aug + ment + ed

augmenting → aug + ment + ing

augmentation → aug + ment + ate/ + ion

augmentor → aug + ment + or (*either suffix is acceptable -er/-or*)

augmenter → aug + ment + er

August → aug + ust



<aug>
denotation
“increase”

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*"increase,
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The purpose of this slide show was to *augment* your knowledge of this historic day by enlightening your understanding of the structure of English base words.

Learning about their etymologies (histories) and linking the base word to other words, *augments* the depth of imagery of these other words.

If you want to *augment* your understanding of how 'August' got its name and is linked to the bound base <aug>, go to [Etymonline](#) and check out what Doug Harper has discovered!

Thanks for taking this learning journey with us!

All bold print **maroon** words are HOT LINKS