

# Re: what is etymology? (linguistics and biology)

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DIR SIR, RID RIS, IRD IRS, DRI SRI, RDI RSI,  
IDR ISR --- how to cope with adversities and  
calamities

DIR --- to look out for signs of adversities and  
calamities, to face them directly when they occur,  
which may go along with fear, also to speak about  
them; Latin dirus for announcing calamities,  
horrible, dirae for signs that announce harm and  
calamity, directus for direct, perhaps English fear,  
French dire (pronounced dir) for to speak, talk

comparative form SIR --- to warn of adversities  
and calamities, sometimes in vain, as some  
people seem to be attracted by danger and risk,  
while others don't care; Cassandra warned the  
Trojans in vain, the sirens, ancient Greek seiraen  
Latin Siren, lured many a sailor into doom, while  
our sirens warn of an imminent danger

inverse RID --- to laugh, to laugh a danger away,  
or to encourage each other laughing; Latin ridere  
for to laugh

comparative form RIS --- to mock and deride;  
Latin risus for laughter and laughing stock

IRD --- to be angry; Latin iratus for I am angry

comparative form IRS --- to be very angry; Latin  
irasco for I am angry

inverse DRI --- being helpless in the case of  
calamities and adversities, getting hard, harsh,  
bitter, sad; ancient Greek drimys for cutting,  
sharp, stringing, astringent, harsh, bitter (...),  
Latin tristis for sad, afflicted, hurting, harsh,

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unfriendly, gloomy, angry, horrible, dangerous,  
earnest, cold, hard

comparative form SRI --- wishing to get rid of  
adversities and calamities, to eradicate