Branches of Indo-European

Countries where Indo-European is a primary de facto national or official language.

Countries where Indo-European is a secondary official language.

Countries where Indo-European is officially recognized.

Proto-Indo-European

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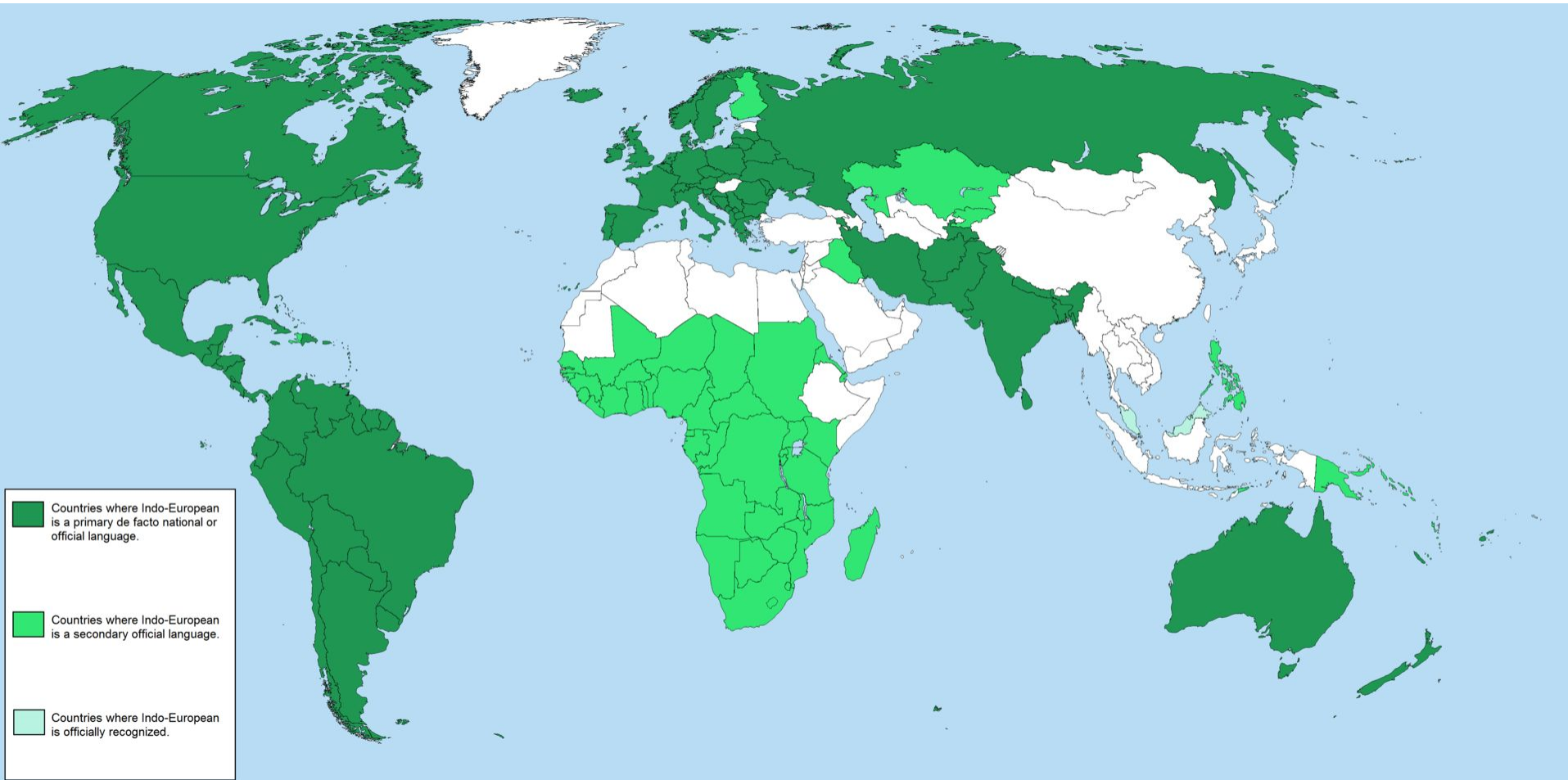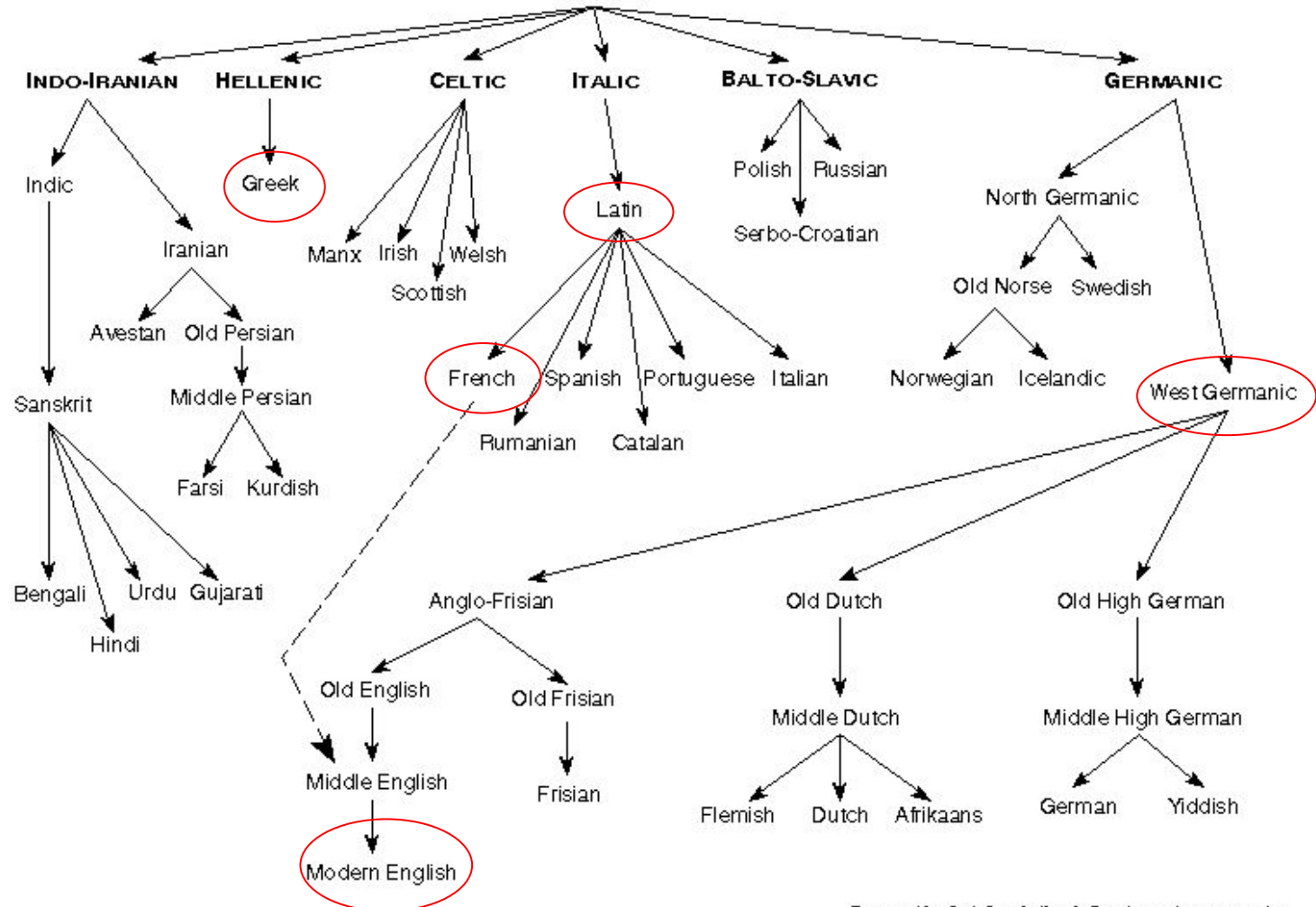
Words for Mother

- English: Mother
- German: Mutter
- Spanish: Madre
- Swedish: Moder
- Ancient Greek: Μήτηρ (Mētēr)
- Latin: Mater
- Farsi: مادر (Mâdar)
- Sanskrit: मातृ (Mātár)

Assimilation and Vowel Grades

Assimilation

- Consonants in a consonant cluster become **similar** in order to make pronunciation easier.
    - "Assimilation" = "ad" (towards) + SIMUL- (similar)
    - "Adsimulation" assimilates to assimilation
    - "In" (not) + POSS- (to be able) = "impossible"

Vowel Grades

- From Indo-European
- S**i**ng, s**a**ng, s**u**ng
- Explains multiple bases from each root
  - BALL-, BOL-, -BLE, "to throw," "to put"
  - STOL-, STAL-, -STLE, "to send," "to contract"
- Can be **zero grade**
  - Contractions (could not → couldn't)
  - Roots from *ballein* (to throw)
    - **ball**istic
    - em**ble**m (zero grade)