

So You Want To Learn Ancient Greek Or Latin?

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γλυκύς (glükŷs, "sweet")

And that's where we get *glucose* from in English.

From Etymology Online: name of a group of sugars (in commercial use, "sugar-syrup from starch"), 1840, from French glucose (1838), said to have been coined by French professor Eugène Melchior Péligot (1811-1890) from Greek gleukos "must, sweet wine," related to glykys "sweet" (see gluco-). It first was obtained from grape sugar. Related: Glucosic.