

# SOMETHING BORROWED

## *English words with foreign origins*

Speaking of different languages, did you know that many words in the English Language were borrowed from other languages? Below are 15 everyday words with foreign origins, try to guess what they are!

1. This word comes from the Greek word 'an numos'. An numos is defined as something or someone without a name, similar to the English meaning which defines the word as someone who does not reveal their identity.

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2. Pronounced and defined in the exact same manner in English as it is in the origin language Hindi, the word refers to stolen goods/property.

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3. This word is derived from the Sanskrit language, in which the definition goes beyond that of a teacher or an expert of subject. Rather, it describes an individual with influential leadership, exceptional knowledge and deep, thought provoking intelligence. The term is commonly used to describe a teacher or a learned individual in the English language (as well as in many regional Indian languages).

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4. This word describes an activity where you observe animals in their natural habitat. The word originates from the Arabic language and, since it was borrowed by the English language, has been used widely across the globe.

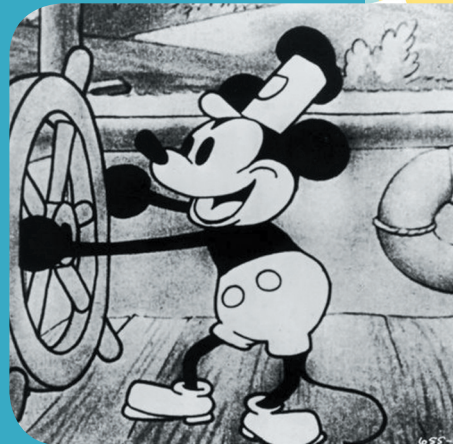
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5. The technical definition of this Spanish word is 'a cylinder of dried and fermented tobacco rolled in tobacco leaves for the purpose of smoking'. Quite a hefty definition for something so small!

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6. Be it the old classics by Walt Disney on screen or the daily strips in the newspaper, everybody loves these! Described as a sketch or drawing showing the subjects in a humorous manner, this word originates from the Italian term 'carton' which initially referred to as a drawing on hard paper and was transformed into comical representation in 1843.

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7. Defined as a passionate desire to travel or, quite literally, wander away, this German term was borrowed by the English language in 1902.

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8. A Japanese form of entertainment that took over the Western world 20-30 years ago, This word was borrowed by the English language and has continued to become an international phenomenon for entertainment. The Japanese term stands for 'an empty orchestra' and is the act of amateur singing with recorded music, commonly performed in clubs or bars.

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9. The English language borrowed this word from the Dutch term 'Koekie', defined as similar to cake. It describes a rolled, sliced, and baked sweet dough.

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10. Derived from Late Latin to Greek initially, this word refers to the mother city of a colony. The English derivation of the word describes the term as a big city of high importance.

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11. The Arabic word from which this word originates is called 'Laimun', defined simply as a yellow citrus fruit. The term became a part of the English language family post 1400 and was also influenced by another Middle Eastern language, Persian.

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12. Known as a representation of oneself in the virtual world, this Sanskrit word gained a whole new level of popularity after James' Cameron's 2009 science fiction film by the same name.

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13. Originating from its Chinese equal 'Ke-stiap', the word referred to as a concoction of pickled fish and spices in 1692. Fast forward 100 years in the Western world, tomatoes were added to the sauce to create this very famous condiment.

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