# 1 Etymology quiz







**A** Match the word on the left to its definition on the right, using the *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* or the CD-ROM to help you.

WORD			DEFINITION	ORIGIN
1	anorak	a)	a way of hiding something, especially soldiers and military equipment using paint, leaves etc to make it look like things around it	
2	assassin	b)	a pen with a small ball on the end that puts ink onto paper	
3	biro	c)	a curved stick that flies in a circle and comes back to you when you throw it	
4	broccoli	d)	a soldier who is specially trained to make quick attacks into enemy areas	
5	boomerang	e)	a tidal wave	
6	boondocks	f)	a game played between two teams of players who ride on horses and hit a small ball with long-handled wooden hammers	
7	camouflage	g)	a short coat with a hood that keeps out the wind and rain	
8	commando	h)	smoked beef that contains a lot of spices	
9	cravat	i)	the system of communication that you use to have a conversation with someone in another place	
10	daiquiri	j)	someone who murders an important person	
11	jazz	k)	a tube that allows someone who is swimming to breathe air under water	
12	juggernaut	I)	a small building in the street where newspapers, sweets etc are sold	
13	kiosk	m)	a small animal that looks like a rat	
14	kowtow	n)	a green vegetable that has short branch-like stems	
15	lemming	0)	a very large vehicle that carries goods over long distances	
16	pastrami	p)	a place that is a long way away from the nearest town	
17	polo	q)	to be too eager to obey or be polite to someone in authority	
18	pavlova	r)	a sweet alcoholic drink made with rum and fruit juice	
19	snorkel	s)	a wide piece of loosely folded material that men wear around their necks	
20	telephone	t)	a light cake made of meringue, cream and fruit	
21	tsunami	u)	a type of music that has a strong beat and parts for performers to play alone	





**B** From this list, guess which language or country the words above came from originally, then check with the Word Origins in the CD-ROM.

Afrikaans Greenland Inuit

Arabic Hindi

Balti Hungarian

Bantu Italian

Chinese Japanese
Croatian Norwegian
Cuba Russian

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Dharuk Tagalog
French Turkish
German Yiddish

Greek

## 1 Teacher's notes



### **Word Origins**

**Level:** Advanced **Timing:** 30 minutes

**Aim:** To develop students' understanding of the international origins of many English words.

To give students practice in using the Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English on CD-ROM.

#### **Procedure:**



A Students can find the meanings of the words by looking them up in their

dictionary or on the CD-ROM. Have them type the words into the type-in box that is directly underneath the row of buttons, then press OK.

B After a student has looked up a word on the CD-ROM, he or she can see the Word Origin information for that word. Click on the Word Origin

information for that word. Click on the Word Origin button underneath the bar that shows the word.

The Word Origin will open in a new, small window on top of the dictionary. The Word Origin shows what century the word started being used in English, the language it came from, and the original meaning.

#### answers:

1 g Greenland Inuit 17 f Balti

2 j Arabic 18 t Russian

3 b Hungarian 19 k German

4 n Italian 20 i Greek

5 c Dharuk 21 e Japanese

**6 p** Tagalog

7 a French

**8 d** Afrikaans

**9 s** Croatian

10 r Cuban

**11 u** Bantu

**12 o** Hindi

**13 I** Turkish

14 q Chinese

**15 m** Norwegian

**16 h** Yiddish



