

# Etymology quiz

**A.** Match the word on the left to its definition on the right.

**B.** From the list, guess which language the words on the left came from originally, then check with the dictionary.

*Afrikaans, Arabic, Balti, Bantu, Chinese, Croatian, Cuba, Dharuk, French, German, Greek, Greenland Inuit, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Russian, Tagalog, Turkish, Yiddish*

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

Source: *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English*