

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	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	l) 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	o) 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	

Source: *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English*