Words from Europe

Many English words are borrowed from other European languages. ‘Rucksack’ is from a German word meaning ‘back sack’. ‘Broccoli’ originates from an Italian word meaning ‘cabbage heads’.

**Getting Started**

Fill in the flags with the correct word taken from below.

- yacht
- kindergarten
- limerick
- piano
- patio
- marmalade
- cosmonaut
- tungsten
- loch

1. A Swedish word for a grey metal
2. A Russian word for an astronaut
3. A Dutch word for a sailing boat
4. A lake in Scotland
5. A Portuguese word originally meaning quince
6. A type of poem named after an Irish town
7. A Spanish word meaning courtyard
8. An Italian word meaning a large musical instrument with a keyboard
9. A German word meaning school or class for young children

How many did you get right?

2 = Novice 5 = Expert 8 = Maestro

You can use your Oxford English Dictionary for Schools and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.