Words from all over the world

English is a dynamic and global language. Words are added to it from languages around the world such as Arabic, e.g. coffee, lemon, syrup, or Japanese, e.g. karaoke, manga and sushi.

GETTING STARTED

Cut out the following words and, using your dictionary, match them up with their language of origin.

MOVING ON

What are the origins of the following words?

1. bikini ___________________ 5. kayak ___________________
2. bungalow ___________________ 6. trek ___________________
3. tomato ___________________ 7. sabre ___________________
4. kamikaze ___________________

How many did you get right?

5 = NOVICE 10 = EXPERT 15 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford School Dictionary and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities