

# Loan & foreign words



Like in every language, there are lots of loan and foreign words in the English language. There are two main types:

First, words which are used without being translated.

*From the French*

déjà vu      faux pas      chic      bon appétit

*From the German*

Wunderkind      Schadenfreude      Zeitgeist      Kindergarten

Second, there are words which have been changed when they were brought into English.

baggage (French, from baggage)      button (French, from bouton)  
sugar (Arabian, from sukkar)      umbrella (Italian, from ombrello)

→ **Do you know where these words come from?**

dessert / saloon / villa / orange / Blitz / alcohol / coffee / giraffe / bacon /  
bureau / lemon / Achtung / garage / piano / Rucksack / sauce / Poltergeist /  
ambulance / card / apricot / traffic

→ **Write down the words above! SOLUTION**

## French

dessert  
garage  
sauce  
ambulance  
bacon  
bureau  
card (from carte)

## Italian

saloon (from salone)  
villa  
coffee (from caffè)  
piano  
giraffe (from giraffe)

## German

Blitz  
Achtung  
Poltergeist  
Rucksack

## Arabian

alcohol  
apricot (from al-birquq)  
lemon (from laymûn)  
orange  
traffic (tafriq)