

21 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

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