

Borrowed words

Although most words borrowed into English have come from Norse, Latin and French, many words in Present-Day English come from outside Western Europe. Some words, such as **harem** (from Arabic), **steppe** (from Russian), **taboo** (from Tongan), and **chocolate** (from Aztec-Nahuatl), are found in European languages other than English, but others have only come into English, as a result of the growth of the British Empire. The following words, for instance, all come from various languages found in the Indian subcontinent: **bungalow** (from Hindi), **gymkhana** (a blend of 'gym' as in 'gymnasium' and Hindi **gendkhana**), **jungle** (from Hindi), **loot** (from Hindi), **mulligatawny** (from Tamil), **pyjama** (from Hindustani), **thug** (from Hindi).