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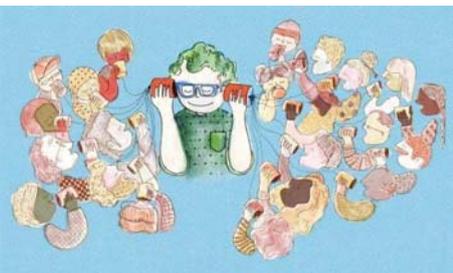
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Lent and Borrowed *By Jeanne Mider, English Teacher (Philippines)*

“An article on how different loan words interconnects our lives more than just a mere language”



IMAGINE. You are in the middle of a jam-packed place surrounded by people from diverse backgrounds and countries. As you try to make your way out of the crowd, you can hear various languages. Some of which you may or may not understand. Then all of a sudden, everyone spoke the same language. What language could it be?



Some of you might have thought of English first, as English has been generally known as the universal language of the world. Almost all countries around the globe sees English like a basic human need in order to survive. At some point, it became a standard measurement of academic intelligence to prove whether an individual is smart enough or not.

However, English wouldn't be complete without the presence of other languages and vice versa, and these borrowed terms are called “loan words”. Based from an article I read from the internet by Ryan Sitzman, there are a lot of common English words from other languages and he featured 45 of them. For example, words such as

“ballet, café, entrepreneur, croissant, rendezvous, and lingerie” came from French origin. “Waltz, “Kindergarten”, “Fest” originated from Germany. “Tofu” and “Typhoon*” are from Chinese. Words like “Guerilla”, “Macho” and “Plaza” are from Spain and there's a lot more to mention. The loan words list just goes on and it's not only limited in the English language.

I have asked random people if they know where do these common words come from, and most of them responded that they don't know or never even bothered to think about it. But to my surprise, they got more interested as our conversation goes on. We were amazed to find out that some words used in our respective languages were also borrowed from other languages. As we exchange these fascinating ideas, we get the chance to widen our point of view and defy cultural linguistic boundaries, as we are able to naturally express ourselves by sharing our knowledge about these loan words.

Indeed, there are words we couldn't fully express or exactly translate in our own language. That's the reason why loan words are always at your service! You may or may not know but knowing the origin of these words actually expands our vocabulary and keeps us in sync with the world.



NOW, I want to challenge you to do a sort of research about the origin of some words used in your native language. This might be a way for you to deepen your understanding about cultural and global perspectives or it might even spark an interest within you to delve deeper and appreciate not just your own language, but also the language of the world. What matters the most is not how much words were lent or borrowed, rather, how much these various beautiful languages interconnect us as one.

* For those interested, 'typhoon' also looks to have Greek, Portuguese, and even Arabic roots. Check it out for yourself!

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