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11	hamburger	German	Germany
12	spaghetti	Italian	Italy
13	khaki	Urdu	Persia (Iran)
14	karate	Japanese	Japan
15	bungalow	Hindi	India, Bangladesh
16	ketchup	Chinese	China
17	yogurt	Turkish	Turkey
18	teepee	Siouan	North America
19	restaurant	French	France
20	algebra	Arabic	Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, etc

This exercise encourages your child to look at English words that originate from other languages. Some dictionaries may disagree with these answers – explain that it can be difficult to determine a word’s exact origin, but that this makes the “detective work” fun.