

Loan Words To English, Pt. 2

Japanese uses many loan words (*gairaigo* or *wasei-igo*) from English and other languages. But so does English—do you know the meaning of these 10 words and their origin?

1. prima donna ____
2. doppelgänger ____
3. kitschy ____
4. entrepreneur ____
5. en route ____
6. aficionado ____
7. hurricane ____
8. monsoon ____
9. graffiti ____
10. pagoda ____

- A. on the way to somewhere
- B. paintings or drawings in public places, usually on walls
- C. someone who looks like someone else, but is not family
- D. a tall religious building in Asia with many levels and curved roofs
- E. someone who demands special treatment/is difficult to make happy
- F. someone who starts their own company
- G. like a typhoon, but in the Atlantic Ocean
- H. art or design that is so ugly it's funny/cool
- I. someone who is very interested and enthusiastic about a subject
- J. the season of heavy rain during the summer in many Asian countries

Origin (there are two words from each):



Italian



German



French



Spanish



Portuguese

Answer Key:

1. E
2. C
3. H
4. F
5. A
6. I
7. G
8. J
9. B
10. D

Italian: 1, 9

German: 2, 3

French: 4, 5

Spanish: 6, 7

Portuguese: 8, 10