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WORKSHEET 1: SIX SURPRISING WORD ORIGINS

Directions: In the sentence below, underline the six words or phrases that have been added to the English language in unusual ways.

Would you like to have a soufflé or a Belgian waffle at a smorgasbord with the CEO of the Hilton Hotel while bees buzz around the beautiful skylight?

1. HINT: loanwords (from French *souffler* "to puff up")
_____ and _____ (from Swedish, "bread table")
2. HINT: toponym-named after place of origin _____
3. HINT: initialism-first letters of words _____
4. HINT: eponym-named after the founder or originator

5. HINT: onomatopoeia-words that imitate sounds _____
6. HINT: compounding-a word that is made up of two or more words
while retaining their meanings. _____

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WORKSHEET 2: LOANWORDS

Loanwords: Like *smorgasbord*, the following words have been borrowed or derived from other languages.

Directions: Write a clear sentence for each underlined loan word. Add details that show you understand the meaning of the word.

Read these examples for opera and origami. What makes the clear sentence the better one? (more detail, explanation)

Opera (Italian, *sung drama*)

Unclear: I went to an opera.

Clear: *The Adventures of Pinocchio* is an opera that is based on a story for children.

Origami (Japanese, *art of paper folding*)

Unclear: I know how to do origami.

Clear: I folded an origami swan in my creative arts class.

- bazaar (Persian *bāzār*, market)
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- moccasin (Native American Algonquin language- *makasin*, shoe)
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- molasses (Latin word *mel*, honey)
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- pickle (Dutch, c. 1500 (*pekel*, pickle or brine))
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- futon (Japanese word for *bedclothes, bedding*)
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- taekwondo (Korean for *kick fist art (martial arts)*)
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- khaki (Hindi word meaning *dusty*)

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WORKSHEET 3: TOPONYMS

Toponyms: Words are that are named from their places of origin.

Directions: Read this page. Then, use the information to answer the questions that follow.

Did You Know...?

- Lyme disease was named after an outbreak of cases in the town of Lyme, Connecticut.
- Chihuahuas are tiny dogs named after the state of Chihuahua in Mexico.
- Marathon, the name of the 26.2 mile race, comes from the legend of a Greek runner who ran from the city of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Greeks had defeated the Persians
- Rottweilers are large dogs named for the town of Rottweil in Germany, where they were used to herd livestock and pull carts.
- The first limousines, built in 1902, got their name from the French region Limousin.
- Coach comes from the Hungarian village Kocs (pronounced coach) near the king's castle where people made carriages with a better wheelbrace for a smoother ride.
- Magnet is from the Greek city Magnesia, where a sixth-century BC philosopher discovered the ore's ability to attract iron.

- Skin, leg, sky come from the Vikings in Scandinavia!

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the word that best completes each sentence. Be sure to check your spelling with the list!

1. A place in Hungary that made carriages was _____.
2. This tiny dog found in Mexico is a _____.
3. A 2.6-mile race started in the city of _____.
4. A car with black cloth on the back was called a _____.
5. The word sky originated in _____.
6. The dog breed that originated in Rottweil, Germany is _____.
7. Lyme disease is named after the city of Lyme, in the state of _____ after a number of outbreaks there.
8. Magnesia, Greece gives us the word _____, an object that is commonly used today.

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WORKSHEET 4: FOOD TOPONYMS LIST

- Cheddar cheese- town of Cheddar in southwest England
- Dijon mustard- Dijon, France
- Swedish meatballs-Sweden
- Waldorf salad-town of Waldorf, Germany
- Buffalo wings-Buffalo, New York
- Yukon Gold potatoes- Canada
- Philly cheesesteak-Philadelphia
- Manhattan clam chowder-New York
- Key lime pie-Florida Keys
- Texas toast-Texas
- Nova Scotia salmon-Canada
- Greek yogurt-Greece
- Boston cream pie-Boston, Massachusetts
- Parmesan cheese-city of Parma, Italy
- Bialy-bread roll from Bialystok, Poland
- Chicken Kiev-from city in Russia
- Bombay duck-India
- Scallion and shallot-city of Ashkelon, Israel
- Tangerine-Tangier, Morocco
- Chantilly cake-after the village and castle, Chantilly, France
- Brussels sprouts-town near Brussels, Belgium
- Cantaloupe-city of Cantalupo, Italy
- Quiche lorraine (named after the Lorraine region of France)
- Madagascar vanilla-Madagascar, Africa
- Vidalia onions-town near Vidalia, Georgia
- Black forest cake-area in southwest Germany
- Irish stew-Ireland

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WORKSHEET 5: ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS and MENU TEMPLATE

Directions: Use the Food Toponyms list and Menu Template to create a menu. Follow the steps below:

- Give your restaurant a name.
- Write your name and the date.
- Create a menu using only foods from the Food Toponyms list.
- Write the place of origin next to the food's name.
- Include at least 4 choices in each section.
- You may add 4 of your own choices for the Beverages section.
- Decorate your menu with a colorful border and illustrations.

MENU FOR _____ *Restaurant*

By _____ date _____



Appetizers 

Entrees (main course) 



Sides



Desserts



Beverage (your own)



Extras
