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## WHEN THE WAVES GROW BIGGER AND BIGGER...

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### LEARNER WORKSHEET 3: FIND OUT ABOUT BORROWINGS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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- 1- The words hurricane, typhoon and tsunami were borrowed to other languages. Can you guess why?
- 2- Those other words from the geographical domain are also loan words. Look for their meaning in a dictionary and try to guess which language they were borrowed from

avalanche : -----

canyon : -----

fjord : -----

geyser : -----

golf : -----

iceberg : -----

jungle : -----

#### Answer sheet:

Avalanche : Switzerland Romansh

Canyon : Spanish

Fjord : Norwegian

Geyser : Icelandic

Golf : Gaelic

Iceberg : Dutch

Jungle : Hindi



CONTENT BASED TEACHING + PLURILINGUAL/CULTURAL AWARENESS CONBAT

MOTION IN THE OCEAN

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**3- Can you think of any other English words that were borrowed to other language?**

Which language were they borrowed to? Make a list with your teacher and try to classify them according to the language they come from or the domain (food; clothes; animals ...) they belong to

**More loan words and their origin:**

<http://www.krysstal.com/borrow.html>

[http://efl.htmlplanet.com/words\\_from\\_otherlingos.htm](http://efl.htmlplanet.com/words_from_otherlingos.htm)

The history of borrowings in the English language

<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~kemmer/Words04/structure/borrowed.html>