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## Did you know...

...that you use Arabic words every day! The rise of the Ottoman Empire and Islam brought new crops and products to European countries and with them, a new vocabulary. Our modern English language reflects this influence. Below is a list of Arabic words with their definitions. Can you guess the English word?

Arabic		Definition	English
امير البحر	amir al-bahar	commander of the sea	_____
صفاة	suffah	a long wide seat with pillows	_____
قند	qandi	flavored syrup hardened into small pieces for eating	_____
الجبر	al-jabar	a type of mathematics that uses letters (equations)	_____
مطرح	matrah	large soft stuffed fabric-covered item used for sleeping	_____
جنّي	jinni	a spirit or demon	_____
جنّي	qutn	a white plant fiber used to make cloth	_____
قهوة	qahwa	a hot brown beverage	_____
الشاه مات	al-shah mat	a term used signaling the end of a chess match: "The <i>Shah</i> (king) is dead."	_____
ليمون	laymun	a sour yellow fruit	_____
سكر	sukkar	a granular substance made from the cane of a plant	_____
تعريفة	tar'ifa	a form of tax on goods	_____
مخازن	makhazn	storehouse, a periodical filled with articles	_____
المناخ	al-manakh	a yearly forecast of weather	_____
جمل	gamal	a large desert animal with a hump	_____
البرقوق	al-burquq	a small peach-like fruit	_____
شكّ	shakah	warm shirt-like outerwear	_____
العود	al-oud	string renaissance instrument	_____
صفر	ziffer	number meaning nothing	_____
سفر	safar	journey	_____

The next time you look up a word in the dictionary, read to discover its root and origin. You may be surprised how far that word has traveled.