



## LESSON 2:

# WORDS BORROWED FROM OTHER LANGUAGES

Remind students that one of the reasons that English is a rich language is because it borrows words from many other languages. We see and use these words everyday. Write the following words on the chalkboard. Call on volunteers to give a definition of the word and guess the word's origin.

Have students work with a partner. Write the following foreign words and their language of origin on the board. Have partners determine the English word that was derived from this word and its English meaning. (**Answers appear in parentheses.**)

- **UGGLIGR** — an Old Norse word meaning fear (Ugly, meaning unattractive)
- **KÖSK** — a Turkish word meaning a small shelter from which goods are sold (Kiosk, meaning a small open booth)
- **DIPLOMA** — an Ancient Greek word meaning a folded paper (usually an official document or passport) (diploma, meaning a certificate of academic achievement and also diplomat, meaning a government official)
- **SOMBRA** — A Spanish word meaning shade (sombrero, meaning a type of hat with a wide brim)
- **FIANCEÉ** — A French word meaning a woman to whom one is engaged (fiancée—the meaning is the same as in French)
- **VETERINARIUS** — a Latin word meaning a beast of burden (veterinarian, meaning an animal doctor)
- **CHOCOLATL** — A Nahautl (Aztec) word meaning a food prepared from roasted and ground cocoa beans (chocolate, the meaning is the same as the Nahautl)
- **BARBACOA** — A Taino (language of the Arawakan people of the Greater Antilles and Bahamas) word meaning a frame for supporting meat over a fire (barbecue meaning to roast or broil over an outdoor fire.)
- **MBANZA** — a Kimbundu (language of the Bantu people of Africa) meaning a stringed instrument (banjo, meaning a musical instrument with four strings that is plucked or strummed) from the Persian pajama (a garment covering the legs)
- **ULPITUM** — a Latin word meaning a stage or platform (pulpit, meaning a platform or reading desk used in conducting a worship service)

**Newspaper Connection:** Have students read articles in the international news section of today's newspaper. Call on them to jot down any foreign words that they find. Have students check the dictionary to find each word's origin and meaning.