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English words borrowed from the Americas.

Today, we will tell you about words English has taken from languages of the Americas. The Americas include North America, South America and the Caribbean.

When Europeans arrived in the land now known as North America. Millions of indigenous people were already living there. Indigenous Americans are often called native Americans and sometimes American Indians

Archaeologists say that indigenous people had inhabited north America for some 30,000 years before European settlers arrived

Eventually the settlers would forcibly remove many of them from their land.

Others died of European diseases Native Americans lost nearly all of this land during the American conquest

Today they make up less than two percent of the US population and yet English has kept a large number of indigenous words

Including the names of places, animals, plants and foods Most of the words that English has borrowed come from the Algonquin group of languages

The word Algonquin also refers to the group of tribes that speak those languages.