

Languages

This is a list of words from other languages that do not translate to English.

Create a new English word for each one. Then try using it in a sentence!

Hygge

(noun) It is a Danish word that means complete absence of anything annoying, irritating or emotionally overwhelming, and the presence of and pleasure from comforting, gentle and soothing things.

Uitwaaien

(verb) This is a Dutch word that means taking a walk in the country to clear your head. It translates directly to mean: "walk in the wind".

Qualunquismo

(noun) This is an Italian word that refers to someone who isn't interested in politics or issues in society. It came from a political party that discouraged people from trusting the government.

Ilunga

(noun) This is a Bantu word that refers to a person who doesn't mind being treated badly once, will tolerate it if it happens again, but will do something about it if it happens a third time.

Tingo

(verb) This is a word from the Easter Islands that means borrowing things from a friend's house until there is nothing left. It is taking advantage of a friend and never stopping.

Sympathique

(adjective) This is a French word that directly translates to mean "sympathetic". It means much more than sympathetic though. It refers to someone who is gentle, friendly and considerate of others. The Spanish word *sympatico* means the same.

Why do you think certain words develop in languages that can't be easily translated into others?