

Influence of Native American Words on the English Language

One of the fascinating aspects of the English language is its ability to acquire words from other languages. While most of us are aware of the contributions to our vocabulary made by Greek, Latin, and European tongues there are many English words that have been borrowed from Native American Languages as well. In celebration of Native American Heritage Month and in light of our Word of the Day program, for the remainder of November, we will identify an English word whose origins stem from Native American languages following our Word of the Day.

Monday, 11-13: Caucus- A closed meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party.

Tuesday, 11-14: Podunk- A small, unimportant, and isolated town.

Wednesday, 11-15: Hurricane

Thursday, 11-16: Barbecue

Friday, 11-17: Buccaneer

Monday, 11-20: Mahogany- Type of wood.

Tuesday, 11-21: Pecan

Monday, 11-27: Cannibal

Tuesday, 11-28: Hammock

Wednesday, 11-29: Canoe and Kayak

Thursday, 11-30: Shack