

# Read Words in Context



## Vocabulary Words

avocado	kebab
banana	macaroni
bologna	pasta
coffee	pickle
cole slaw	spaghetti
curry	strudel
frankfurter	tofu
hamburger	

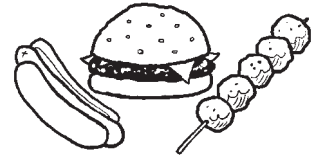
## Word Learning Tip!

Some words in our language look or sound different because they were first used in another language or country. We “borrowed” these words and use them in the English language. Knowing a word’s history can help you understand its meaning. The words in this lesson all name foods that came from other countries and languages.

## Vocabulary Building Strategy

**Use Word History** The words in this lesson name foods that come from Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese, and even the ancient Aztec Indians’ language. Picture each food in your mind. Think about where it came from and link the picture and place with the name of the food. This can help you understand the word’s meaning.

## A World of Food Treats



Which do you like better—a **frankfurter** or a **hamburger**? You may think these are all-American meats. But they are not. Frankfurters and hamburgers came from Germany. Frankfurters are named after the city of Frankfurt, Germany. Hamburgers come from the German city of Hamburg. Do you eat **bologna** sandwiches? This meat product comes from Italy. It was named after the Italian city of Bologna.

Another favorite American food is **spaghetti**. It also comes from Italy. It is a form of **pasta**, a food made from flour and water. Pasta comes in many shapes and sizes. **Macaroni** is pasta cut into small, fat tubes.

From the late 1500s on, European explorers sailed to lands that were new to them. They brought back from Africa the yellow fruit that hangs from trees and kept its African name—**banana**. They brought **curry** from India and kept its Indian name. This spice mixture was used to make meat and vegetable dishes. **Coffee**, a hot or cold strong-tasting drink, and **kebabs**, meat or vegetables cooked on a stick, came from Turkey. Spanish explorers returned from Mexico with **avocados**, a green fruit that we eat very much like a vegetable. **Tofu**—a soft food made from soybeans—is from China and Japan. We kept its name, although we changed its spelling and pronunciation a bit.

Some foods came to the United States with early settlers who used the words from their native lands. The Dutch put vegetables in vinegar or salt and water so they would not spoil. A cucumber that has been preserved in vinegar or salt is called a **pickle** after the Dutch word *pekel*. **Cole slaw** is a salad of shredded cabbage and mayonnaise. It comes from the Dutch word *koolsla*. **Strudel** is a German word that names a tasty German pastry with a fruit or cheese filling. The original German word meant “whirlpool.” When you taste strudel, do you feel a whirlpool of tasty delights on your tongue?