

Romance Language Parallels

The Arabic language has significantly impacted other languages around the world, including Romance languages. The Romance languages are a group of languages derived from Vulgar Latin that include French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, and Catalan.

In the 8th through 13th centuries, trade in the Mediterranean, scientific translations from Arabic to Latin, and the Umayyad and Aghlabid dynasty conquests of the Iberian Peninsula and Sicily increased contact between Arabic and Romance languages. Today, Romance languages can trace hundreds of words and their roots to Arabic!

Sugar

السُّكَّر

sukkar

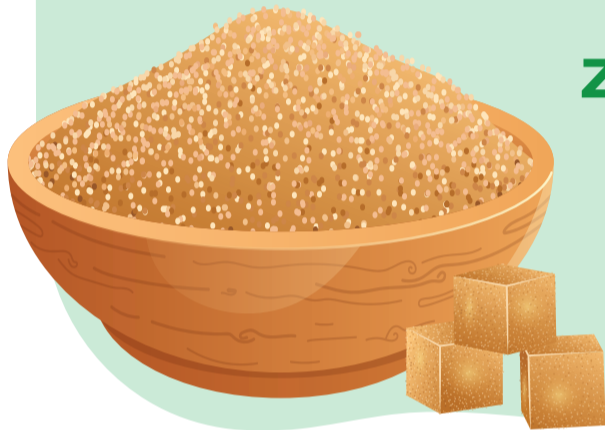
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Sucre

Zuccherò

Açúcar

Sucre



Gazelle

غَزَال

ghazaal

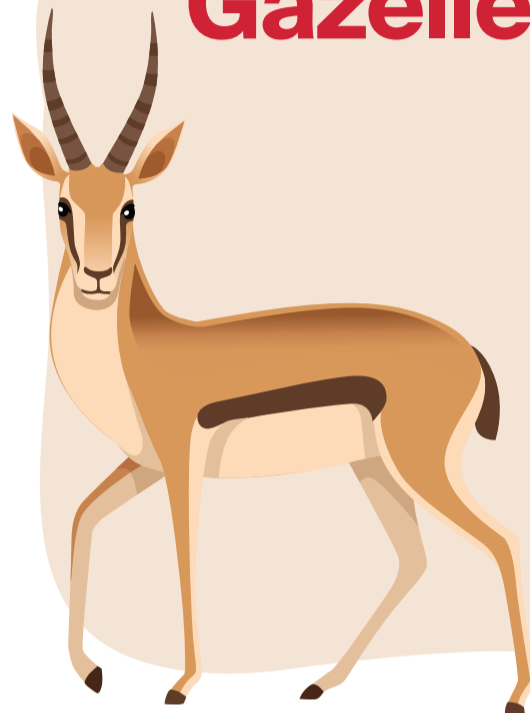
Gacela

Gazelle

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Syrup

شَرَاب

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Xarope

Xarop



Cotton

قطن

quTun

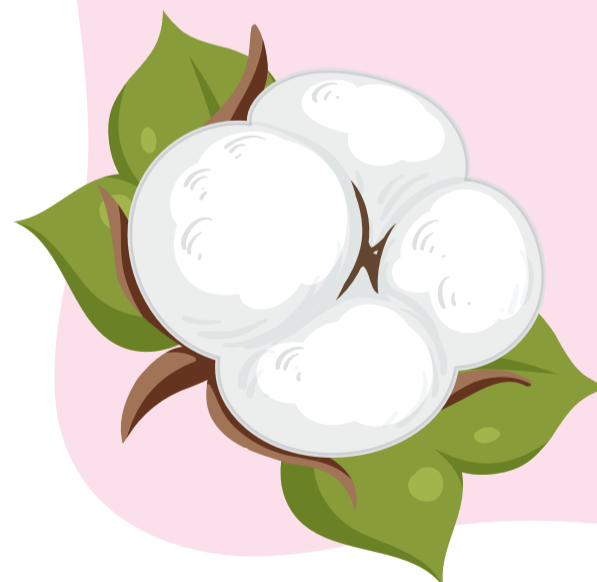
Algodón

Coton

Cotone

Algodão

Cotó



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Interested in exploring more words on your own? Continue your learning journey by researching the words below to see how Arabic may have influenced them in other languages.

Magazine

makhzan

Artichoke

arDīshūkī

Safari

safaari

Alcove

alqubba

مخزن

ارضي شوكي

سفاري

القبة