

# Vocabulary Builder



All of these words are in our language and used but are obviously *borrowed* from other countries such as France, Italy and Greece.

Look at the word and choose the meaning you feel is correct. Once completed check your answers with a dictionary.

1. Ad hoc

- a) For a particular purpose
- b) Very occasionally
- c) A last minute event

2. Akimbo

- a) Sitting with crossed legs
- b) Standing on your hands with feet in the air
- c) Standing with hands on hips and elbows out

3. Alfresco

- a) A famous New York salad
- b) A refreshing wine-based drink
- c) In the open air

4. Bijou

- a) A small elegant object
- b) A two piece swimsuit
- c) A piece of jewellery

5. Blasé

- a) A glaze on porcelain
- b) Indifferent or bored
- c) A large bonfire

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## 6. Bona fide

- a) Real or genuine
- b) A process in the courts
- c) A dog treat

## 7. Bric-a-brac

- a) Discarded bricks
- b) A half finished brick wall
- c) Small collectable objects

## 8. Brusque

- a) A ballet movement
- b) A blunt manner or way
- c) To brush against

## 9. Déjà vu

- a) Old fashioned
- b) A person who does witchcraft
- c) An illusion of having previously experienced a present event

## 10. Fait accompli

- a) A clueless event
- b) A willing accomplice
- c) Something already achieved and more

## 11. Hoi polloi

- a) The ordinary people
- b) The toffs and aristocrats
- c) Arrogant public officials

## 12. Nuance

- a) A subtle difference
- b) A light breeze
- c) A lullaby

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## Answers:

1c

2c

3c

4a

5b

6a

7c

8b

9c

10c

11a

12a