

East Asian Loan Words

For hundreds of years there have been cultural and economic contacts between East Asia and the West.

Through these contacts, a number of words of Chinese and Japanese origin have entered the English language. Can you identify and locate some of these words? ("J" signifies words of Japanese origin and "C" signifies words that have origins in the Mandarin, Cantonese, or Amoy dialects of the Chinese language.)

Down

2. military ruler of Japan until 1868 (J)
4. deep fried batter-dipped seafood and vegetables (J)
5. bean curd (J)
8. the art of tending miniature trees (J)
9. "empty orchestra" (J)
12. a type of mattress (J)
13. a medicinal plant (C-Mandarin)
14. a traditional robe-like garment (J)
15. a stealthy warrior and assassin (J)
16. a warrior in pre-industrial Japan (J)
17. a tropical violent storm (C)
19. Japanese animation (J)
20. a branch of Buddhism (J)

Across

1. vinegared rice combined with other ingredients (J)
3. tomato sauce (C-Amoy)
6. a strategic board game (J)
7. a form of wrestling (J)
9. a martial art (C-Cantonese)
10. a martial art (J)
11. comic books (J)
16. "teacher", "master", or "doctor" (J)
18. "great prince" -- later applied to business leaders (J)
21. artistic paper folding (J)
22. a tree with fan-shaped leaves (J)
23. a type of noodle (J)
24. native religion of Japan (J)

Answer Key

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