

10 COMMONLY USED ENGLISH WORDS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN

1. Banana – a kind of fruit
2. Chimpanzee – a great ape with large ears, mainly black and native to the forest of west and central Africa
3. Cola – brown, fizzy drink
4. Dengue – a debilitating viral disease of the tropics, transmitted by mosquitoes and causing sudden fever and acute pains in the joints
5. Jamboree – a large, extravagant party
6. Jumbo – something that is very large
7. Mumbo Jumbo – language or ritual causing or intended to cause confusion or bewilderment
8. Voodoo – a form of religion involving magic which is practised by some people in the Caribbean
9. Zebra – an animal with black and white stripes
10. Zombie – a corpse said to be revived by witchcraft especially in certain African and Caribbean cultures