

# Vocabulary Strategy

## WORDS FROM FRENCH

Many English words derive from French. Knowing the French origins of a word can help you understand its English meaning.

**A. Directions:** Based on the context clues in each sentence, decide which word from the chart would best complete the sentence.

Word from French	Original Meaning
critique	critical, judgment
encore	again
genre	kind
repartee	quick response or retort
souvenirs	memories

1. Their back-and-forth \_\_\_\_\_ amused us with its wit.
2. The audience cried, “ \_\_\_\_\_!” in hopes of hearing more music.
3. I usually do not like that particular \_\_\_\_\_ of literature.
4. It’s nice to reminisce by looking through a collection of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Did you read the \_\_\_\_\_ of Walter’s new play?

**B. Directions:** The following words are all French in origin. Use each word in a sentence that shows its meaning in English.

6. **brunette** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. **finale** \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. **rouge** \_\_\_\_\_  
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