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# **IMPORTANT FOREIGN WORDS**

**PART  
#3**

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# Ad absurdum

**Origin:** Latin

**Meaning:** To the point of absurdity

**Usage:** He kept repeating his argument *ad absurdum*.

**Similar words:** *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseam*



Source: thedailystar.net

# Aficionado

**Origin:**  
Spanish

**Meaning:**

An ardent follower of knowledgeable person about some activity like sports.

**Usage:**

I am surprised at what a football *aficionado* he has become.



Source: Google Images



# A Priori

**Origin:**

Latin

**Meaning:**

Based on theory rather than observation.

**Usage:**

The terrible condition of their house suggests a priori that they are having financial difficulties.

**Similar word:** A Posteriori

# Au courant

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
Up-to-date or well informed.

**Usage:**  
His shoes, hair, clothes—every detail of his dress, in fact—was utterly au courant.



Source: Issuu

# Beau geste

**Origin:** French

**Meaning:**  
A fine or noble gesture

**Usage:**  
She helped me when no one was there for me, I am indebted with her *beau geste*.

**Similar word:** Beau Monde



# Bon mot

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
A witty remark or comment

**Usage:**  
Kriti didn't laugh at her husband's bon mot as she knew all of his clever jokes.

**Similar word:** Bon Vivant



Source: Wikipedia

# Carpe diem

**Origin:**  
Latin

**Meaning:**  
Seize the day or make the most of the present time.

**Usage:**  
His attitude towards his life is Carpe diem.



Source: Fandom.com





# Cause célèbre

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
A controversial issue that attracts a great deal of public attention.

**Usage:**  
The Harshad Mehta scam became an international cause célèbre during the 90s.



# Coup de grâce

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
A final blow or shot which kills a wounded person or animal.

**Usage:**  
After an already extremely successful day, the *coup de grâce* came when she won best all-around athlete.



Source: Wikipedia

# Dolce vita

**Origin:**  
Italian

**Meaning:**  
A life of pleasure and luxury.

**Usage:**  
My vacation this year is going to be two uninterrupted weeks of *dolce vita*.



Source: planetpolaris.com

# Entre nous

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
Private or between ourselves.

**Usage:**  
Please keep this story *entre nous* or I will be in trouble.



Source: Wikimedia Commons



# Feinschmecker

**Origin:**  
German

**Meaning:**  
Gourmet or a person who enjoys & knows a lot about good food and wines.

**Usage:**  
I don't think she will like the McDonald's burger, she's much too much of a *Feinschmecker*.



Source: Business Standard



# Ipsa facto

**Origin:**

Latin

**Meaning:**

By the fact itself.

**Usage:**

The enemy of one's enemy may be *ipsa facto* a friend.



# Mot juste

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
The exact appropriate word.

**Usage:**  
'Dog!' screamed the three-year old, immensely proud of his *mot juste*.

# Nom de guerre

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
Pseudonym or a name that someone uses instead of their real name.

**Usage:**  
In 17th century a *nom de guerre* was mandatory for every soldier.

**Similar words:** nom plume



Source: IndiaMart



# Persona non grata

**Origin:**  
Latin

**Meaning:**  
Unacceptable or unwelcome person.

**Usage:**  
The senator was considered a *persona non grata* because he refused to support the majority opinion.



Source: The Week



# Savoir-faire

**Origin:**  
French

**Meaning:**  
The ability to act or speak appropriately  
in social situations.

**Usage:**  
She presided over the gathering with impressive savoir-  
faire.



Source: emmys.com

# Weltschmerz

**Origin:**  
German

**Meaning:**  
A feeling of melancholy &  
world-weariness.

**Usage:**  
His poetry expressed a certain *weltschmerz*.



Source: Wikipedia



## **Assignments:**

**Tell me the meaning & Origin of the words:**

- In situ
- non plus ultra
- sans souci
- terra incognita



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