

PORTUGUESE

14th century

The first loan-words from Portuguese to appear in any number date from the 16th century. An exception is the word *strike*, meaning *bank, bundle*, which derives from the Portuguese word *estriga*, and was used by Chaucer in *The Prologue* to *The Canterbury Tales*,

This Pardoner hadde heer as yelow as wex,
But smooth it heeng as dooth a **strike** of flex.

16th century

<i>Portuguese</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>MnE</i>
albricoque	1551	apricot
bufalo	1588	buffalo
copra	1584	copra
flamengo	1565	flamingo
mandarim	1589	mandarin
melaço	1582	molasses
palanquim	1588	palanquin

One of the earliest written uses of the word *madeira* for the wine named after the island Madeira, is in Shakespeare's *I Henry IV*, i. ii. 128:

A Cup of **Madera**, and a cold Capons legge.

17th century

<i>Portuguese</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>MnE</i>
banana	1697	banana
cobra de capello	1668	cobra
ema	1613	emu
feitiço	1613	fetish
macao	1668	macaw
pagode	1634	pagoda
O Porto	1691	port (wine)
tanque	1616	tank (cistern)
teca	1698	teak
inhame	1657	yam

18th century

<i>Portuguese</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>MnE</i>
commando	1791	commando
palavra	1735	palaver
varanda	1711	verandah

19th & 20th century

There is little evidence of recent borrowings from Portuguese:

<i>Portuguese</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>MnE</i>
piranha	1869	piranha
samba	1885	samba