

Arabic Words and Terms That Have Entered The English Language¹ (Loosely grouped according to subject)

Science (excluding Astronomy)

alcohol
alkali
alembic
chemistry
elixir
gum arabic

algebra
average
arabic numbers
algorithm
root
zero

Music

lute
guitar
tambourine

Food, Spices, Plants and Animals

camphor
coffee
lemon
orange
syrup
lilac
al badhinjan ("the eggplant") →
French "aubergine" → English
"aubergine"
sumac
jasmine
saffron
ginger
rice
artichoke
sherbet
julep
candy
albatross

Fabrics

damask
muslin
cotton
satin

Star Names

Alchiba (α *Corvi*)
Hamal (α *Arietis*)
Thuban (α *Draconis*)
Aldebaran (α *Tauri*)
Murzim (β *Canis Majoris*)
Algol (β *Persei*)
Rastaban (β *Draconis*)
Al Rakis (μ *Draconis*)
Sad al Melik (α *Aquarii*)
Zuben Elgenubi (α *Librae*)
Zuben Eschamali (β *Librae*)

almanac
nadir
zenith

Miscellaneous

admiral
arsenal
barri "of open country" →
Spanish "barrio" → English
"barrio"
ream (of paper)
sofa
cupola
alcove

¹List compiled from Frederick B. Artz, *The Mind of the Middle Ages: A.D. 200-1500*, 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Phoenix Books, 1980), 178; William T. Olcott, *Field Book of the Skies*, 4th ed. revised by R. Newton Mayall and Margaret W. Mayall (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1954), 418-435; Miriam-Webster's "Word for the Wise" of 19th December 1996 at <http://www.m-w.com/textonly/wftw/121996.htm>.