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Let's face it – English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

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I saw a great quote about English in a book by Diane Duane: "English doesn't so much borrow words and idioms from other languages, as it chases them down dark alleys, clubs them into insensibility, and goes through their pockets."

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