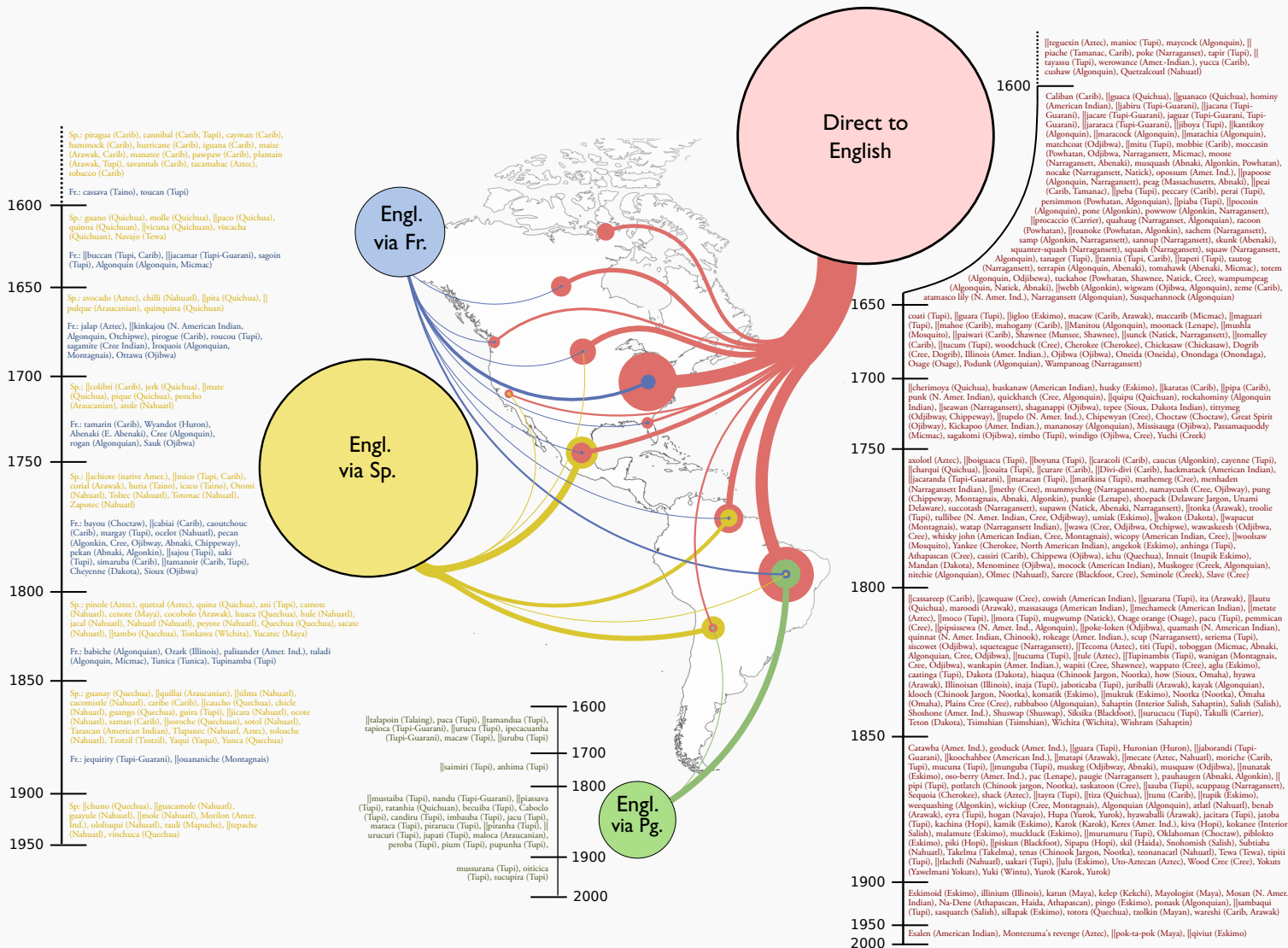


Pathway into English for 489 Indigenous American Words

According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, 2nd Ed. (1989)



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