Dictionary of Word Origins

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Have you had a glass of punch recently? Have you ever wondered why it's called punch? It actually comes from a Hindi word meaning five,
The origins and etymology are veiled in mystery: cha is Chinese for "tea," but debates rage over those first two syllables. Is Celebrity Favorite Kombucha Really a Health and Anti-Aging Cure? Anneli Rufus February 28, 2012 DAILY BE Dictionary of Word Origins is one of my sources. The parts I generally took notes from were either about the drugs themselves or the prohibition of drugs. You’ll find the information garnered from these books throughout the Prohibition Politics section of this site. It will also have informed some of my own postings stored in the older Prohibition Politics archive. John Ayto’s "History of More Than 8,000 English-Language Words" is a fascinating read, including a bit of history within the etymologies. Alcohol [16] Originally, alcohol was a powder, not a liquid. The word comes from Arabic al-kuhul, literally "the kohl" that is, powdered antimony used as a cosmetic for darkening the eyelids.