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ra·gout  (ră-g)

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n.

1. A well-seasoned meat or fish stew, usually with vegetables.
2. A mixture of diverse elements.

[French *ragoût*, from *ragoûter*, to revive the taste, from Old French *ragouster* : *re-*, *re-* + *a-*, to (from Latin *ad-*; see [AD-](#)) + *gost*, taste (from Latin *gustus*; see **geus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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