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El español y el inglés

Words That Are Similar in Spanish and English; How to Say "The" in Spanish

You'll have a lot of fun learning the Spanish language, and it will probably be easier than you think. Do you know why? Well, there are lots of words that are the same in Spanish and English. They may be pronounced differently, but they are spelled the same way and have exactly the same meaning. Also, there are many Spanish words that have a slightly different spelling (often just one letter) but can be recognized instantly by anyone who speaks English.

Let's look at some of them and pronounce them the Spanish way. Your teacher will show you how.

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Words that are exactly the same in English and Spanish. Repeat them aloud after your teacher.



adorable	el actor	la banana
artificial	el animal	la base
criminal	el cereal	la plaza
cruel	el color	la radio
horrible	el chocolate	
natural	el doctor	
popular	el hotel	
probable	el mosquito	
sociable	el motor	
terrible	el piano	
tropical		



el jardín



la lámpara



la flor



el agua

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Of course, there are many Spanish words that are quite different from the English words that have the same meaning. These words you must memorize. You will probably be able to learn many of them easily by connecting them with some related English word. For example: **libro** (book) is related to *library*—a place where there are many books; **pollo** (chicken) is related to *poultry*; **médico** (doctor) is related to *medical*; **enfermera** (nurse) is related to *infirm* (sick).

Here are some more words to add to your Spanish vocabulary.



el libro



la pluma



el estéreo



el árbol



la leche



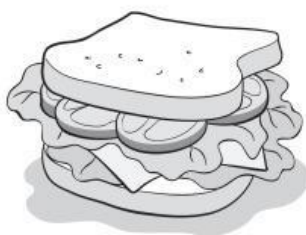
la escuela



1. El hotel es grande.



2. El actor es romántico.



3. El sándwich es delicioso.



4. El avión es rápido.



5. El muchacho es sociable.



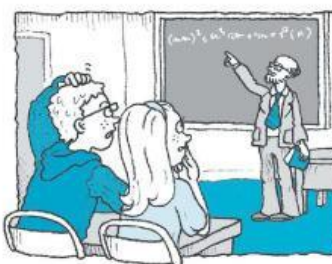
6. El menú es excelente.



7. El médico es norteamericano.



8. La actriz es popular.



9. La lección es difícil.



10. El perro es inteligente.

You probably noticed that there is a word that appeared in all the sentences. This word is **es**, which means *is*.

¡Fantástico! Here are ten more:



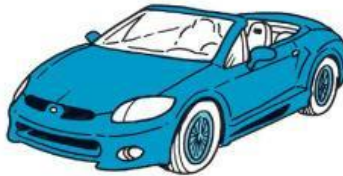
1. El presidente es famoso.



2. El artista es magnífico.



3. El accidente es terrible.



4. El auto es moderno.



5. El teléfono es necesario.



6. El libro es interesante.



7. El cereal es natural.



8. El amigo es sincero.



9. El programa es tonto.



10. La flor es artificial.

Actividad A

Complete each statement with the word that describes the illustration.

el estéreo
la bicicleta
el televisor

la computadora
la guitarra
la foto

la lámpara
el teléfono
el diccionario



1. La _____ es importante.



2. El _____ es necesario.



3. El _____ es moderno.



4. La _____ es grande.



5. La _____ es eléctrica.



6. El _____ es magnífico.



7. La _____ es adorable.



8. El _____ es excelente.



9. La _____ es atractiva.