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COGNATES / COGNADOS

- Words that are related: they look/sound alike and have similar meanings in English and Spanish

Exact Cognates:

Some cognates in Spanish are SPELLED EXACTLY the way they are in English.

Circle the words that are **IDENTICAL** to the English word.

Animal	Modesto	Individual	Social	Inferior
Comercial	Notable	Elemento	Terrible	Moderno
Correcto	Possible	Excelente	Visible	Normal
Cruel	Real	Favorito	Idea	Plan
Drama	Talento	Honor	Diferencia	Problema
Especial	Valor	Liberal	Director	Superior
Favor	Hotel	Natural	Doctor	Universal
General	Importancia	Personal	Error	Exterior
Interior	Impossible	Probable	Flexible	

Direct Cognates:

Many other cognates are easily understood and recognized if we keep in mind certain pronunciation and spelling changes between the two languages.

A. Many words that end in ***-ción*** have an English cognate ending in ***-tion***.

Ex: pronunciación= pronunciation combinación= combination

Actividad A:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. Admiración _____
2. Aviación _____
3. Celebración _____
4. Civilización _____
5. Dirección _____
6. Invitación _____
7. Nación _____
8. Producción _____
9. Repetición _____
10. Sección _____

B. Many words that end in **-dad** have an English cognate ending in **-ty**.

Ex: Sociedad= society

Electricidad= electricity

Actividad B:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. autoridad_____
2. capacidad_____
3. curiosidad_____
4. eternidad_____
5. generosidad_____

6. necesidad_____
7. posibilidad_____
8. realidad_____
9. universidad_____
10. variedad_____

C. Many words that end in **-ia, ía, or io** have an English cognate ending in **-y**.

Ex: familia= family

Vocabulario= vocabulary

Actividad C:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. Antonio_____
2. democracia_____
3. dormitorio_____
4. farmacia_____
5. geografía_____

6. historia_____
7. María_____
8. memoria_____
9. necesario_____
10. Remedio_____

D. Many words that end in **-oso** have an English cognate ending in **-ous**.

Ex: Misterioso= mysterious

Rigoroso= rigorous

Actividad D:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. curioso_____
2. famoso_____
3. generoso_____
4. glorioso_____
5. furioso_____

6. montañoso_____
7. nervioso_____
8. numeroso_____
9. precioso_____
10. religioso_____

E. Many words that end in **-mente** have an English cognate ending in **-ly**.

Ex: finalmente= finally

Actividad E:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. correctamente _____
2. diligentemente _____
3. exactamente _____
4. frecuentemente _____
5. inmediatamente _____

6. naturalmente _____
7. perfectamente _____
8. rápidamente _____
9. recientemente _____
10. Sinceramente _____

F. In Spanish, words almost never start with “s” + a consonant. Many English words that start with “s” + a consonant have a Spanish cognate beginning with “**es-**.”

Ex: espacio= space

Escuela= school

Actividad F:

Write the English word that corresponds to the following Spanish Words:

1. escena _____
2. escriba _____
3. España _____
4. especial _____
5. espectáculo _____

6. espíritu _____
7. esplendido _____
8. estudiante _____
9. estación _____
10. estúpido _____

Indirect Cognates:

Many Spanish words are indirectly related in form and meaning to English words. There is an easily-recognized similarity between the two words, and an in-direct connection in meaning.

Ex: “libro”= book -> library= place where books are kept

Spanish word	English meaning	English cognate
Agua	Water	Aquarium, aquamarine
Alto	Tall/high	altitude
Amor	Love	Amorous
Aprender	To learn	Apprentice
Árbol	Tree	Arbor, arboretum
Ascensor	Elevator	To ascend (rise), ascent

Spanish Word	English Meaning	English cognate
Azul	Blue	azure
Bailar, el baile	To dance, the dance	Ballet, ballerina
Beber	To drink	beverage
Biblioteca	Library	Bibliography (list of books)
Brazo	Arm	Bracelet, embrace
Calor	Heat	Calorie (the measure of heat in science)
Cantar	To sing	chant
Carne	Meat	Carnivore, carnivorous
Cien, ciento	100	century
Cine	Movie theater	cinema
Comprender	To understand	comprehend
Contra	Against/opposing	contrary
Correr	To run	Current, courier (messenger)
Creer	To believe	Credible, creed (belief)
¿Cuánto?	How much?	quantity
Deber	to owe/ to be obligated to...	Debt, debtor
Décimo	Tenth	decimal
Día	Day	diary
Diente	Tooth	Dentist, dental
Dormir, dormitorio	To sleep, bedroom	Dormant, dormitory
Duro	Hard	Endure, durable
Enfermera	Nurse	Infirmary

For each of the following words, write the related Spanish word and what it means in English:

English word	Related Spanish word	Meaning of Spanish word
1. ballet		
2. dental		
3. beverage		
4. century		
5. debt		
6. apprentice		
7. durable		