

SPANISH TO ENGLISH COGNATES

Cognates are words that have similar pronunciations and spellings in both languages, and frequently have the same meaning. There are thousands of cognates shared by Spanish and English. Many of these are words with Latin or Greek origins and words that have prefixes and suffixes derived from these ancient languages. Here are examples of fourteen different categories or groups of cognates that have an English equivalent with only a few spelling changes. The Spanish examples are given so that investigators can infer the rule or rules that govern the spelling changes to convert the Spanish form to English. Be aware of internal spelling changes required because of English spelling patterns and generalizations such as double consonants.

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| Group 1 Atlántico democrático patriótico romántico sarcástico | Group 2 cliente equivalente indiferente patente suficiente | Group 3 atención circulación edición indicación proposición | Group 4 artista florista moralista pianista turista |
| Group 5 argumento monumento sacramento suplemento testamento | Group 6 abundante constante elegante importante significante | Group 7 clásico cómico histérico metódico técnico | Group 8 ambicioso famoso gracioso laborioso religioso |
| Group 9 aniversario disciplinario itinerario literario salario | Group 10 comunidad necesidad prosperidad publicidad universidad | Group 11 diagrama idioma problema programa sistema | Group 12 aristocracia democracia eficacia farmacia urgencia |
| Group 13 abundancia conciencia distancia obediencia permanencia | Group 14 admirable animal central director noble | | |