

Cognate List

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English Cognate	Spanish Word	English Cognate	Spanish Word
accident	accidente	cabin	cabina (de teléfono, avión, etc.)
accidental	accidental	cable	cable
active	activo (a)	cafeteria	cafetería
activities	actividades	camera	cámara
admire (to)	admirar	camouflage	camuflaje
admit (to)	admitir	canyon	cañón
adult	adulto	captain	capitán (a)
adventure	aventura	capture (to)	captura
adopt (to)	adoptar	catastrophe	catástrofe
adoption	adopción	cause	causa
African	Africano (a)	celebrate (to)	celebrar
agent	agente	cement	cemento
air	aire	center	centro
alarm	alarma	ceramic	cerámica
allergic	alérgico (a)	cereal	cereal
anaconda	anaconda	ceremony	ceremonia
animal	animal	chimney	Chimenea
announce (to)	anunciar	chimpanzee	chimpancé
appear (to)	aparecer	cholera	cólera
appetite	apetito	circle	círculo
area	área	circular	circular
arithmetic	Aritmética (o)	class	clase
artist	artista	coast	costa
association	asociación	colony	colonia
astronomer	Astrónomo (a)	color	color
atmosphere	atmósfera	committee	comité
attention	atención	common	común
August	agosto	complete	completo(a)
autograph	autógrafo	completely	completamente
automobile	automóvil	company	compañía

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B		concert	concierto
banana	banana	confetti	confeti
banjo	banjo	constellation	constelación
bicycle	bicicleta	construction	construcción
biography	biografía	contagious	contagioso(a)
blouse	blusa	continent	continente
brilliant	brillante	continue (to)	continuar
		contract	contrato
		contribution	contribución

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coyote	coyote	especially	especialmente
crocodile	cocodrilo	examine (to)	examinar
curious	curioso(a)	exclaim	exclamar
D		explosion	explosión
December	diciembre	exotic	exótico(a)
		extra	extra
decide (to)	decidir	extraordinary	extraordinario(a)
decoration	decoración, adorno		
delicate	delicado(a)	F	
depend (to)	depender	family	familia
deport (to)	deportar	famous	famoso(a)
describe (to)	describir	fascinate (to)	fascinar
desert	desierto (a)	favorite	favorito(a)
destroy (to)	destruir	ferocious	feroz
detain (to)	detener	finally	finalmente
determine (to)	determinar	firm	firme
dictator	dictador (a)	flexible	flexible
different	diferente	flower	flor
determine (to)	determinar	fortunately	afortunadamente
dinosaur	dinosaurio	fruit	fruta
direction	dirección	funeral	funeral
directions	direcciones	furious	furioso(a)
directly	directamente	G	

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director	director (a)	galaxy	galaxia
disappear (to)	desaparecer	gallon	galón
disaster	desastre	garden	jardín
disgrace	desgracia	gas	gas
discrimination	discriminación	giraffe	jirafa
Debate	discutir	golf	golf
distance	distancia	glorious	glorioso(a)
distribute (to)	distribuir	gorilla	gorila
dollar	dólar	group	grupo
double	doble	guide	guía
dragon	dragón	H	
dynamite	dinamita	helicopter	helicóptero
E		hippopotamus	hipopótamo
electric	eléctrico(a)	history	historia
elephant	elefante	honor	honor
enormous	enorme	hospital	hospital
energy	energía	hotel	hotel
enter (to)	entrar	hour	hora
elephant	elefante	human	humano(a)
escape (to)	escapar	I	
especially	especialmente	idea	idea
examine (to)	examinar	medal	medalla
exclaim	exclamar	memory	memoria
identification	identificación	metal	metal
imagine (to)	imaginar	microscope	microscopio
immediately	inmediatamente	million	millón
immigrants	inmigrantes	miniature	miniatura
importance	importancia	minute	minuto
important	importante	minutes	minutos
impressed	impresionando(a)	moment	momento
impression	impresión	monument	monumento
incredible	increíble	much	mucho (a)
incurable	incurable	music	música
independence	independencia	N	
information	información	natural	natural
insects	insectos	necessity	necesidad

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inseparable	inseparable	nectar	néctar
insist (to)	insistir	nervous	nervioso(a)
inspection	inspección	notice	noticia
intelligence	inteligencia	O	
interesting	interesante	obedience	obediencia
interrupt (to)	interrumpir	object	objeto
introduce (to)	introducir	observatory	observatorio
introduction	introducción	occasion	ocasión
invent (to)	inventar	ocean	océano
investigate (to)	investigar	October	octubre
invitation	invitación	office	oficina
invite (to)	invitar	operation	operación
island	isla	ordinary	ordinario (a)
L			
leader	líder	P	
lemon	limón	palace	palacio
lens	lente	panic	pánico
leopard	leopardo	paper	papel
lesson	lección	park	parque
lessons	lecciones	part	parte
line	línea	patience	paciencia
lion	león	penguin	pingüino (a)
list	lista	perfect	perfecto (a)
locate (to)	localizar	perfume	perfume
M		permanent	permanente
machine	máquina	photo	foto
magic	magia	photograph	fotografía
magician	mago(a)	piano	piano
magnificent	magnífico(a)	pioneer	pionero
map	mapa	pirate	pirata
March	Marzo	planet	planeta
march (to)	marchar, caminar	T	teléfono
marionettes	marionetas, títeres	telephone	telescopio
planetarium	planetario	telescope	televisión
plans	planes	television	terrible

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plants	plantas	terrible	tomate
plates	platos	tomato	totalmente
police	policía	totally	turista
practice	práctica	tourist	tráfico
practice (to)	practicar	traffic	atrapar
prepare (to)	preparar	trap (to)	triple
present (to)	presentar	triple	trompeta
problem	problema	trumpet	tubo
professional	profesional	tube	
R		U	
radio	radio	uniform	uniforme
ranch	rancho	V	
really	realmente	vegetables	vegetales
restaurant	restaurante	version	versión
retire (to)	retirarse	visit (to)	visitar
reunion	reunión	volleyball	vóleibol
rich	rico(a)	vote (to)	votar
rock	roca		
route	ruta		
S			
secret	secreto (a)		
September	Septiembre		
series	serie		
sofa	sofá		
special	especial		
splendid	espléndido(a)		
statistics	estadísticas		
stomach	estómago		
study (to)	estudiar		
surprise	sorpresa		

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