

Many words in English have nearly identical Spanish cognates (almost identical words). Only the pronunciation is different and, at most, a very little spelling change.

antena

área

auto

cañón

chocolate

conclusión

cónsul

familiar

gala

gas

hotel

idea

melón

millón

plaza

radio

regular

religión

similar

teléfono

There are many Spanish cognates that end in -ción. The equivalent English word ends in -tion. Note that all of these words have the stress on the final syllable. Also, all of these words are feminine in gender. **Translate the Spanish word into English by changing the -cion into -tion like in the example.**

acción	action	degeneración	
administración		descripción	
admiración		eliminación	
animación		experimentación	
aplicación		información	
asociación		investigación	
atención		organización	
celebración		representación	
combinación		transformación	
concentración		transportación	
contaminación		vegetación	
creación		vocación	

Words that end in -dad are quite common in Spanish. They usually correspond to an English word that ends in -ty. All of these words are feminine in gender.

autoridad	Authority
ciudad	
comunidad	
dificultad	
enfermedad	
formalidad	
necesidad	
prosperidad	
publicidad	
universidad	
velocidad	

English words that end in -ic usually have a Spanish cognate that simply add an -o.

Atlántico	Atlantic
automático	
democrático	
didáctico	
escolástico	
fantástico	
gimnástico	
lingüístico	
optimístico	
pesimístico	
romántico	
sarcástico	

English words than end in –ent often have a cognate in Spanish that ends in –ente. These are usually adjectives but sometimes also nouns.

agente	Agent
cliente	
diferente	
equivalente	
indiferente	
patente	
potente	
suficiente	

Spanish words that end in –mente are usually the equivalent of –ly words in English – and usually adverbs.

correctamente	Correctly
especialmente	
exactamente	
finalmente	
generalmente	
moralmente	
naturalmente	
obviamente	
rapidamente	

Words that end on –al in both English and Spanish often mean the same.

animal	
personal	
capital	
central	
comercial	
especial	
general	
hospital	
total	
local	
ocasional	
oficial	
original	

Words than end in –ence or –ance often have a Spanish cognate ending in –encia or -ancia

aus encia	aus ence
conciencia	
diferencia	
dist ancia	dist ance
experiencia	
importancia	
instancia	
obediencia	
permanencia	
tolerancia	