

# Cognates: The Tricky Trucos

English and Spanish are very closely related. If you are aware of the similarities and how they work, and then use them, you will become conversational very quickly in Spanish. The following are only a few of the similarities between English and Spanish. Make sure you pronounce the words correctly in Spanish.

## Verbs

English	Spanish
<b>1. End with -ate</b> communicate, investigate, manipulate, interrogate, separate, create, elevate, appreciate, complicate, associate, educate, incinerate, exaggerate, elaborate, rotate, accommodate, conjugate, etc.	<b>1. End with -ar</b> (regular -ar verbs) comunicar, investigar, manipular, interrogar, separar, crear, elevar, apreciar, complicar, asociar, educar, incinerar, exagerar, elaborar, rotar, acomodar, conjugar, etc.
<b>2. End with -tract</b> attract, contract, extract, distract, retract, etc.	<b>2. End with -traer</b> (conjugated like <i>traer</i> ) atraer, contraer, extraer, distraer, retraer, etc.
<b>3. End with -pose</b> compose, expose, impose, suppose, oppose, transpose, juxtapose, etc.	<b>3. End with -poner</b> (conjugated like <i>poner</i> ) componer, exponer, imponer, suponer, oponer, transponer, yuxtaponer etc.
<b>4. End with -tain</b> contain, maintain, obtain, retain, sustain, entertain, abstain, etc.	<b>4. End with -tener</b> (conjugated like <i>tener</i> ) contener, mantener, obtener, retener, sostener, entretener, abstener, etc.
<b>5. End with -fy</b> magnify, testify, simplify, identify, intensify, purify, crucify, petrify, pacify, modify, mortify, glorify, mystify, notify, etc.	<b>5. End with -ficar</b> (regular -ar verbs) magnificar, testificar, simplificar, identificar, intensificar, purificar, crucificar, petrificar, pacificar, modificar, mortificar, glorificar, mistificar, notificar, etc.

## Nouns

<b>1. End with -ty</b> elasticity, community, deity, integrity, simplicity, reality, possibility, curiosity, liberty, personality, responsibility, identity, felicity, cruelty, intensity, creativity, etc.	<b>1. End with -dad</b> elasticidad, comunidad, deidad, integridad, simplicidad, realidad, posibilidad, curiosidad, libertad, personalidad, responsabilidad, identidad, felicidad, crueldad, intensidad, creatividad, etc.
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**2. End with -tion / -sion**

tradition, situation, destruction,  
position, instruction, distraction,  
mission, conversion, possession,  
confusion, infusion, decision, etc.

**3. End with -ence**

patience, diligence, influence,  
intelligence, sentence (prison),  
reference, preference, difference, etc.

**4. End with -ist**

dentist, artist, communist, racist,  
specialist, terrorist, realist, list,  
pianist, fatalist, optimist, pessimist,  
etc.

**5. End with -ism**

Mormonism, Catholicism, racism,  
cynicism, individualism, cubism, etc.

**Adjectives**

**1. End with -able / -ible**

teachable, unstoppable, legible,  
understandable, horrible, possible,  
terrible, incredible, etc.

**1. End with -al**

mortal, moral, baptismal, abysmal  
global, fundamental, rational, radical  
local, international, monumental,  
phenomenal, federal, fatal, criminal,,  
emotional, instrumental, intentional,  
final, dental, etc.

**Adverbs**

**1. End with -ly**

happily, slowly, lovingly, carefully,  
quietly, powerfully, etc.

**2. End with -ción / sión**

tradición, situación, destrucción,  
posición, instrucción, distracción,  
misión, conversión, posesión,  
confusión, infusión, decisión, etc.

**3. End with -encia**

paciencia, diligencia, influencia,  
inteligencia, sentencia (prisión),  
referencia, preferencia, diferencia, etc.

**4. End with -ista**

dentista, artista, comunista, racista,  
especialista, terrorista, realista, lista,  
pianista, fatalista, optimista,  
pesimista, etc.

**5. End with -ismo**

mormonismo, catolicismo, racismo,  
cinicismo, individualismo, cubismo, etc.

**1. -able (-ar verbs) / -ible (-er/-ir verbs)**

enseñable, imparable, legible,  
entendible, horrible, posible,  
terrible, increíble, etc.

**2. End with -al**

mortal, moral, bautismal, abismal,  
global, fundamental, racional, radical,  
local, internacional, monumental,  
fenomenal, federal, fatal, criminal,  
emocional, instrumental, intencional,  
final, dental, etc.

**1. -mente (added to feminine adjective)**

felizmente, lentamente, amorosamente,  
cuidadosamente, calladamente,  
poderosamente, etc.