

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 1

Words that end in **-ous** change to **-oso**

Spanish words that end in -oso tend to be adjectives. In English we can often change a noun into its corresponding adjective by adding -ous e.g advantage/advantageous, harmony/harmonious, space/spacious. You can often also do this in Spanish with -oso e.g peligro (danger)/peligroso (dangerous), lujo (luxury)/lujoso (luxurious).

Examples

English	Spanish
Curious	Curioso
Delicious	Delicioso
Glorious	Glorioso
Mysterious	Misterioso
Numerous	Numeroso
Precious	Precioso
Religious	Religioso
Tedious	Tedioso

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 2

Words that end in **-al** are *usually* the same in English

Examples

English	Spanish
Hospital	Hospital
Medical	Medical
Animal	Animal
Casual	Casual



Digital	Digital
Final	Final
Ideal	Ideal
Tropical	Tropical

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 3

Words that end in -ct change to -cto

Examples

English	Spanish
Act	Acto
Exact	Exacto
Correct	Correcto
Insect	Insecto
Dialect	Dialecto
Perfect	Perfecto
Product	Producto
Conflict	Conflicto

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 4

Words that end in -ance change to -ancia

Examples

English	Spanish
Ambulance	Ambulancia



France	Francia
Distance	Distancia
Substance	Substancia
Tolerance	Tolerancia
Elegance	Elegancia
Importance	Importancia
Abundance	Abundancia

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 5

Words that end in **-ic** change to **-ico**

These words are usually adjectives and have the stress (and therefore an accent) on the last syllable before the **-ico**

Examples

English	Spanish
Alcoholic	Alcohó ico
Basic	Bás ico
Fantastic	Fantást ico
Generic	Gené rico
Medic	Méd ico
Organic	Orgán ico
Panic	Pán ico
Romantic	Románt ico



English - Spanish Cognate Rule 6

Words that end in **-ar** are *usually* the same in English

Examples

English	Spanish
Familiar	Familiar
Lunar	Lunar
Muscular	Muscular
Regular	Regular
Solar	Solar
Vulgar	Vulgar
Similar	Similar
Popular	Popular

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 7

Words that end in **-ary** change to **-ario**

Examples

English	Spanish
Canary	Canario
Diary	Diario
Glossary	Glossario
Estuary	Estuario
Primary	Primario
Salary	Salario
Vocabulary	Vocabulario



Temporary

Temporario

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 8

Words that end in **-ant** change to **-ante**

Examples

English	Spanish
Abundant	Abundante
Distant	Distante
Elegant	Elegante
Important	Importante
Mutant	Mutante
Vacant	Vacante
Tolerant	Tolerante
Instant	Instante

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 9

Words that end in **-ble** are *usually* the same in English

Examples

English	Spanish
Audible	Audible
Cable	Cable
Terrible	Terrible
Destructible	Destructible



Horrible	Horrible
Flexible	Flexible
Impossible	Imposible
Visible	Visible

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 10

Words that end in -ence change to -encia

Examples

English	Spanish
Coincidence	Coincidencia
Competence	Competencia
Difference	Diferencia
Excellence	Excelencia
Frequency	Frecuencia
Intelligence	Inteligencia
Presence	Presencia
Violence	Violencia

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 11

Words that end in -id change to -ido

Note: many words following this rule have an accent on the first vowel.

Examples

English	Spanish
Acid	Ácido



Fluid	Fluido
Rapid	Rápido
Solid	Sólido
Valid	Válido
Stupid	Estúpido
Liquid	Líquido
Vivid	Vívido

English - Spanish Cognate Rule 12

Words that end in –ment change to –mento

Examples

English	Spanish
Argument	Argumento
Cement	Cemento
Department	Departamento
Document	Documento
Element	Elemento
Ligament	Ligamento
Moment	Momento
Pigment	Pigmento

