

SIMILAR WORDS 1a

{ Nombre: _____ Clase: _____ }

Luckily a lot of Spanish words look similar to English words (even if they're pronounced differently). Sometimes you can guess what the Spanish word means just by looking at it carefully.

A Look at the box below to spot some familiar animals.

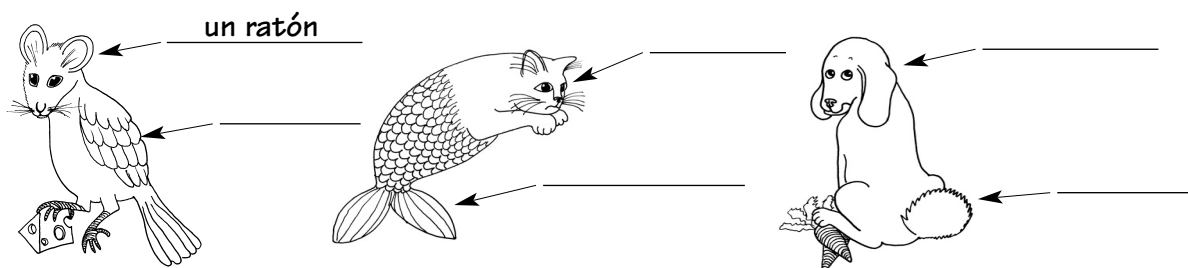
un pájaro un **perro** un ratón un **gato** un camello
un mosquito un **poney** una **rata** un **pez** un conejillo de Indias un **koala**
un conejo

Two of these words are written exactly the same as English words – which ones?

Two words are the same as English words, except for one extra letter – which ones?

One word is the same as an English word, except for two extra letters – which one?

B Each of these strange creatures is a combination of two animals. Can you label each part with a word from the box above? Look up any words you don't know.



C Without looking in the dictionary, can you circle **2 animals**, **1 sport** and **1 food** in the box below?

turista gorila kárate pijama
universidad elefante teléfono millón tomate sandalias noviembre
kilómetro transparente modelo

EXTRA!

Write the English word and circle the differences.

tomate	<u>tomato</u>	teléfono	_____
kilómetro	_____	turista	_____
modelo	_____	universidad	_____



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The rest of the sentence often helps you understand a Spanish word. Sometimes you can guess what the word means without looking it up in the dictionary.

D Guess the answer to the following:

un **artista** is someone who works a) in a studio ☐
b) on a farm ☐

What English word is similar to **artista**? _____

El **restaurante** is somewhere you go to a) watch a play ☐
b) eat a meal ☐

What English word is similar to **restaurante**? _____

el **cacao** is a) something to drink ☐
b) something to eat ☐

What English word is similar to **cacao**? _____

E Try to think of the English word that is similar to these Spanish words and complete the English sentence. You can then check in the dictionary to see if you've got it right.

*Somos cinco personas en mi **familia**.*

There are five people in my _____.

*Busca la palabra en el **diccionario**.*

Look up the word in the _____.

*Mis asignaturas preferidas son la **música** y la **geografía**.*

My favourite subjects are _____ and _____.

You can use the English side of the dictionary to check you've spelled the English words correctly.

F Unfortunately, sometimes Spanish words look very similar to English words but don't mean the same. But don't worry, the rest of the sentence will often give you clues. Try to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

*Comemos **pan** con queso.*

We are eating _____ with cheese.

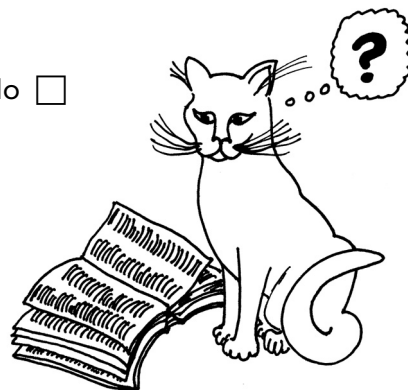
Does the English word **pan** make sense here? Yes ☐ No ☐

*Hay un fuego con **llamas** enormes.*

There's a fire with huge _____.

Does the English word **llamas** make sense here? Yes ☐ No ☐

See if you guessed correctly by looking up your dictionary.





SIMILAR WORDS 1c

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EXTRA!

Because some Spanish words are very like English ones it can be hard to remember which is the English word and which is the Spanish! Put the words in the box into pairs. Look in the dictionary if you're not sure.

~~poney~~

tiger

rat

double

responsable

transport

accidente

gorila

accident

aire

tren

transporte

tomate

train

gorilla

septiembre

responsable

plant

rata

planta

September

tigre

colour

tomato

doble

coulour

air

Spanish	English	Spanish	English
<u>poney</u>	<u>pony</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Which word starts with a capital letter in English, but a small letter in Spanish?

English _____ Spanish _____

