

Los cognados - Beginner 2

“Falsos Amigos” - What are False Cognates?

Often called "falsos amigos", these are words in English and Spanish languages that look or sound very similar but have completely different meanings. Unlike many words like hotel or actor which mean the same, "False Friends" can be tricky and lead to confusing mistakes. Learning them helps you sound more like a native speaker!

Part 1: The Comparison Challenge

Fill in the missing pieces of the puzzle using your "False Friends" cheat sheet.

Spanish Word	What it DOES NOT mean	The REAL English Meaning
1. Éxito	Exit	_____
2. Carpeta	_____	Folder
3. Asistir	Assist	_____
4. Actual	Actual	_____
5. Fábrica	_____	Factory

Part 2: Multiple Choice Detective

Choose the correct English translation for the bolded Spanish word.

1. **La situación actual es difícil.**

- a) The actual situation
- b) The current situation

2. **Ella está embarazada.**

- a) She is embarrassed



- b) She is pregnant

3. **Necesito una carpeta para mis papeles.**

- a) I need a carpet
- b) I need a folder

4. **Él es muy sensible.**

- a) He is sensible (reasonable)
- b) He is sensitive (emotional)

Part 3: Translation Fix-it

The following sentences were translated incorrectly by a computer. **Rewrite** the underlined word to make the sentence correct.

1. I want to **assist** to the concert tonight. → Correct word: _____
2. The floor is covered in a red **fabric**. → Correct word: _____
3. I hope the party is a big **exit!** → Correct word: _____
4. I don't **record** his name. → Correct word: _____

Part 4: Write two sentences in Spanish using the words below.

1. **Realizar:**

2. **Éxito:**

Answer Key

- **Part 1:** 1. Success, 2. Carpet, 3. To attend, 4. Current, 5. Fabric.
- **Part 2:** 1. b, 2. b, 3. b, 4. b.
- **Part 3:** 1. Attend, 2. Carpet (Alfombra), 3. Success, 4. Remember.

