



Transcripción

20 Spanish False Friends Nivel A2

In Spanish there are many words which look the same as English words, or look very similar, such as ZEBRA, EXCURSION, TERRACE or FESTIVAL (**cebra, excursión, terraza, festival**). However, some very similar-looking words have very different meanings. We call them false friends, **falsos amigos**.

- ADVERTISEMENT looks like **advertencia**, which helps us to avoid danger. But here we have **un anuncio**. (advertencia, anuncio)
- ANCIENT looks like **anciano**, which is a person. But in Spanish an object or a place is **antiguo**. (anciano, antiguo)
- ARENA looks like **arena**, which is on the beach. But here you have **un pabellón deportivo**. (arena, pabellón deportivo)
- ARM looks like **arma**. Arms can kill a person, but here you have **un brazo**. (arma, brazo)
- AVOCADO looks like **abogado**, which is a lawyer who defends people. But here you have **un aguacate**. (abogado, aguacate)
- BILLION, this word looks like **billón** but in Spanish means twelve zeros. And this is **mil millones**, with nine zeros. (billón, mil millones)
- CARPET this word looks like **carpeta**, where you keep your papers. But this is **una alfombra**, which is on the floor. (carpeta, alfombra)
- CHAMPION looks like **champiñón**, something very nice to eat. But it's a champion who wins a competition, **el campeón**. (champiñón, campeón)
- COLLAR, this looks the same as **collar**, which is a necklace that many women wear on the neck. But this is the collar on a shirt, **una camisa**. (collar, cuello)
- COLLEGE, this word looks like **colegio**, where students study until they're eleven years old. After that they go to **el instituto** and then, study at **la Universidad**. (colegio, instituto, universidad)



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- CONSTIPATED, this looks like **constipado**, a condition of the nose, congestion. But a person who is constipated can't use the bathroom. (constipado, estreñido)
- DESSERT, this word looks like desert, **desierto**, a very dry place where it rains very little. But this is **un postre**, which you have after your main meal. (desierto, postre)
- EXIT, this word looks like **éxito**, which is something that ends well, a success. But here, you have **la salida**. (éxito, salida)
- HORN looks like **horno**, an oven which is in the kitchen and which is used for cooking. But animals have horns, **cuernos**. (horno, cuerno)
- INTRODUCE looks like **introducir**, for example to put coins into a machine but this is **presentar**, to present one person to another. (introducir, presentar)
- LIBRARY, this word looks like **librería**, a bookshop, a place that sells books. However, this is a library, **una biblioteca**, where there are lots of books. We don't buy them, though: we borrow them and they lend them to us. (librería, biblioteca)
- SALAD, this word looks like **salado**, too salty. Food with too much salt is **salada**, too salty. But here we have a salad, **una ensalada**. (salado, ensalada)
- TABLE, this word looks like **tabla**, but here you have **una tabla de surf** and here **una tabla de cocina**, and here you have **una mesa**, a table. (table, mesa)
- TARGET, this word looks like **tarjeta**, a card. But here you have a target, an objective. (tarjeta, objetivo)
- VASE, this word looks like **vaso**, a glass which is for drinking from. But here you have a decorative vase, which we normally put flowers in. (vaso, jarrón)