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#### **SUMMARY**

A variety of studies has demonstrated that bilingual processes form similar cognates different from other words. One finding is that the cognate facilitation effect makes that bilinguals produce and recognize cognates faster than noncognates. This effect is present in processing of either language of a bilingual person, though it is more pronounced in non-dominant language processing. Cognates can be stored similarly in different morphological forms of a word (especially in the case of regular correspondence patterns): they are somewhat different phonologically, and yet are considered the same word. For instance, though pronunciation is slightly different, radio is the same word in both Spanish and English. Some cognate pairs may have the exact same spelling, but different pronunciation (such as radio), others may differ slightly in both spelling and pronunciation (bicicleta/bicycle). In either case, the meaning is the same between two languages. Since so many words in Spanish and English derive from Latin, there are thousands of cognates between Spanish and English. The language cognates are of special interest for understanding the structure of the bilingual lexicon, because there is a possibility that a representation of cognates can be shared between two languages. This research will help students not only to know all about cognates and how important these words are while learning a Second Language, but also how cognates can be used to understand new words in the target language.

#### **Key words**

- 1. Cognates
- 2. Lexical Network
- 3. Learning process
- 4. True cognates
- 5. False cognates

## THE INCIDENCE OF THE USE OF ENGLISH COGNATES AND LEXICAL NETWORK IN THE ENGLISH LEARNING PROCESS

The present research focuses on the importance of the use of English Cognates and Lexical Network in the English Learning Process. Many students have studied English for many years but they have not realized that cognates are included in the process of learning the target language. Therefore, cognates are words which have similar meaning and similar phonological patterns; sometimes orthographical form in two languages. They may have common origin, or be borrowed either from one of the two languages or from the same third language.

These peculiarities of the lexical competence of the English as a foreign language for Spanish students, more specifically; we consider the relevance assumed in the learning process by formal and semantic relations of concrete English substantives with respect to their Spanish equivalents.

This research tries to emphasize that cognates are also considered as an important element to learn a foreign language, at the same time to explain that languages in the world are very associated, they keep almost the same patterns of structure and vocabulary, even though the same words in spite of their own meaning.

Part ONE deals with the research problem from this investigation which is how adult learners use cognates, paying particular attention to the role played by presumed translation equivalents in the first language (1L) and second language (2L) lexical network, can successfully learn English vocabulary items.

Part TWO deals with the theoretical framework which guides the research, determining what things we will measure and what statistical relationships we will look for. Theoretical frameworks are obviously critical in deductive, theory-testing sorts of studies. In those kinds of studies, the theoretical framework must be very specific and well-thought out.

Part THREE is concerned about Methodological design in this research we are going to work with Descriptive and at field research which serves to obtain the information about how the problem is settled; it describes the situation and behavior of the phenomena or facts in the working context, also it applies the techniques such as the survey for collecting information.

Part FOUR deals with statistical results and the data which were analyzed by using descriptive statistics. We had made an analysis and established conclusions in order to know the real situation of the institution therefore we can make the recommendations according each one.

Finally, part FIVE focuses on the proposal; it contains activities which were developed with the students in order to make easier the process of learning.

- ❖ The structure of the lexicon where we specify the general characteristics of the native and foreign lexicon, giving prominence to its semantic structure.
- ❖ The specific form of the lexicon for students of foreign language where we present the main approaches to be found in the literature.
- ❖ The factors that simplify the learning of vocabulary with special attention to the semantic problems proper of kindred languages.

With this Project we can know the following:

- ❖ To compare different types of words (cognates, and new words) and to suggest that their learning order of difficulty follows the one presented inside parenthesis.
- ❖ To show that the difference between the two teaching methods, with or without contrastive focus on the mother tongue, is relevant and that the first methodological option significantly gets better results.

With this Project we want to give a useful and clear guide about how important the cognates are in the learning process of a foreign language.

#### **PART ONE**

## 1. RESEARCH PROBLEM

#### 1.1. Problem Identification

In Ecuador, university students have a wide background of vocabulary knowledge of Basic English words. They have learned those words during their academic preparation mainly in high school, but in spite of their knowledge they often feel uncomfortable when starting taking a more rigorous Proficiency Program at an adult age.

When adults find a difficult word, they usually use translation as a tool to understand it and they spend a lot of time looking up it in a dictionary, but if that word looks similar to a Spanish one, a different process occurs within their brains. For this reason, we want to know how that process helps them acquire new English words.

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE has developed a good Proficiency program for people who can not attend to regular classes. Students have a full-time tutor for clarifying their doubts anytime, but as it is a distance modality, students do not have enough time to attend to classes and there are some failures in students arise which can not be corrected early.

The research problem from this investigation is not only how adult learners use the cognates paying particular attention to the role played by presumed translation equivalents in the first language and second language lexical network, but also how they can successfully learn English vocabulary.

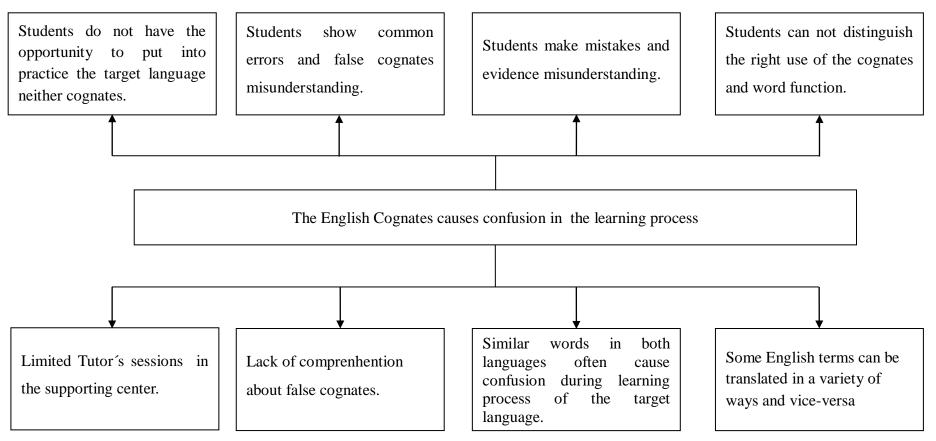


Figure 1. Problems Tree
Source: The Authors

## 1.2. Problem Setting

"The incidence of the use of English Cognates and Lexical Network in the English learning process for English Proficiency students at Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE in the supporting center 45 (Otavalo)", from September 2011 to February 2012.

The question that this research tries to answer is, "What is the incidence of the use of Spanish- English cognates and lexical network in the English vocabulary?"

## 1.2.1. Main problem

❖ How does the use of English-Spanish cognates affect the English vocabulary in the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE?

## 1.2.2. Secondary problems

- ❖ Is there any interference using Spanish cognates in learning English?
- ❖ Can the teacher control the interference created by false cognates?
- Could language issues may contribute to the lack of functional equivalence in both languages?

## 1.3. Variables matrix

Table 1. Variables matrix

VARIABLES	CONCEPTUAL DEFINITION	DIMENSIONS	SUBDIMENTIONS
_		2.Cognates and Lexical Network	
Independent	Cognates in linguistics are words that have a	2.1. Definition	
Variable	common etymological origin. Cognates play a	2.1.1. The Effect Cognate	
	significant role in the organization of lexical		2.1.2. Cross linguistic influence
<b>English Cognates</b>	competence and linguistic performance. Cognates		2.1.3. Transfer
and lexical	are words with similar pronunciations, spellings,		2.1.4. Transfer in reverse
network.	and meanings in two languages.		2.1.5. Positive transfer
			2.1.6. Negative Transfer
			2.1.7. Avoidance
			2.1.8. Cognates within the same language
	Lexical Network asserts that the semantic portion of	2.2. The False Cognates	
	the lexicon is best seen as a network of word	2.2.1. Definition	
	senses, where each sense is connected by links to	2.3. Psychotypology	
	other semantically related senses of the same word,	2.3.1. Definition	
	and, indirectly, to other words in the same semantic		2.3.1.1.Typology distance between two
	field.		languages
			2.3.1.2. Lexical knowledge



			2.3.1.3.Lexical competence
			2.3.1.4. Mental lexicon
			2.3.1.5. Lexeme
			2.3.1.6. Syntax rules
			2.3.1.7. Sound system
			2.3.1.8. Word meaning
		2.3.2. Word Formation	
		2.4. Learning Process	
Dependent Variable		2.4.1. Learning Definition	
		2.4.2. Learning Theory	
<b>English Learning</b>			2.4.2.1. Behaviorism
Process			2.4.2.2. Cognitive Theory
			2.4.2.3.The constructivist
	Learning is a complex process involving multiple	2.4.3. The Constructivism	
	steps which are usefully modeled as a methodology.		2.4.3.1. Constructivist teaching and Learning
	Learning may involve a change in attitude or	2.5. Learning styles	
	behavior.	2.5.1. Definition	
		2.5.2. Learning is a result of	
		experience	
		2.5.3. Learning is multifaceted	
		2.5.4. Learning is an active	
		process	



	2.5.5. Learning is Purposeful	
	2.6. Domains of Learning	
		2.6.1. Readiness
		2.6.2. Exercise
		2.6.3. Effect
		2.6.4. Intensity
		2.6.5. Perceptions
Learning occurs as learners are actively involved in	2.7. Psychology of learning	
a process of meaning and knowledge construction		2.7.1 Motivation
rather than passively receiving information.		2.7.2. Cognitive Domain
Learners are the makers of meaning and		2.7.3. Affective Domain
knowledge.		2.7.4. Psychomotor Domain
	2.8. Learning techniques	
		2.8.1. Memorizing
		2.8.2. Showing you know
		2.8.3. Reviewing and reflecting on the process
	2.9. Classroom strategies	
	for teaching cognates	2.9.1. Read aloud
		2.9.2. Student reading
		2.9.3. Word Sort

**Source: The Authors** 

## 1.4. Objectives

## 1.4.1. General Objective

❖ To analyze the incidence of the use of English Cognates and Lexical Network in the English learning process for English Proficiency students at Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE in the supporting center 45 Otavalo", from September 2011 to February 2012.

## 1.4.2. Specific Objectives

- ❖ To know the cognates effect in the students.
- ❖ To recognize the typological cognates between English and Spanish.
- ❖ To understand how important cognates are in the learning process.

#### 1.5. Justification

To acquire a new vocabulary item in a native or non-native language, learners must establish an entry for it in lexical memory and link it to a representation of its meaning. For infants, the process is automatic and largely unconscious, whereas for adults, initial noticing of the form and awareness of the problem of form meaning mapping may regularly occur, especially in the learning of non-native languages at the beginner level.

However, even in the adult scenario, the cognitive micro events involved in word learning are unavailable to introspection and are not subject to conscious control. This is perhaps especially in the earliest phase of the process in which preliminary connections are established between the new form of the memory trace and already existing representations in lexical and conceptual networks. These early tentative connections normally made subconsciously, often lead to non-native like assumptions about the word's meaning and grammatical properties and are either revised on the basis of further experience or become fossilized.

Thus, it is valuable to address the problem of how adult learners using cognates, paying particular attention to the role played by presumed translation equivalents in the first language and second language lexical network, can successfully learn English vocabulary items.

For this reason, this work is focused on the knowing of vocabulary of students and how it improves their knowledge of a Second Language. Finally this research also looks for helping teachers because the cognates can be used as a system to improve in their teaching methods of words of a Second Language.

#### **PART TWO**

#### THEORICAL FRAMEWORK

#### **CHAPTER ONE**

## 2. Cognates and lexical framework

#### 2.1. Definition

Cognates are words in two languages that share a similar meaning, spelling, and pronunciation, cognates as we can understand are words in two languages that share similar language features with spelling, and pronunciation.

Cognates are similar in two different languages but the pronunciation is different. Networks are a natural representation for many linguistic structures and almost all levels of language have been examined using graph-based methods. Network representations have been used for tasks such as document summarization, word sense disambiguation, and information retrieval. Using graph-based methods, we look at latent semantic structure in lexical networks.

A Lexical network is part of the language which works with cognates, like it is stated in the following website: (Erichsen, 2005)

"In a technical sense, two words that have a common origin are cognates. Most often, cognates are words in two languages that have a common etymology and thus are similar or identical. For example, the English "kiosk" and the Spanish *quiosco* are cognates because they both come from the Turkish *kosk*. Cognates often have a similar meaning, but in some cases the meaning has changed over the centuries in one language or another..."

## **2.1.1.** The Cognate Effect

The cognates can be divided into direct and indirect into two different languages. They function like a connection during the second language acquisition. As is stated in line page: (Project, 2006)

"The literature on cognates, within both the SLA and bilingual lexicon research traditions, reveals a broad consensus that words that share an orthographic and/or phonological form across languages have different effects on learning, representation, and processing than pairs of words that do not share such properties.... At the lexical level may thus be understood as the establishment of interlingual connections of this type during acquisition and use of a second or subsequent language."

## 2.1.2. Cross linguistic influence

Cross linguistic influence is a generic term for different ways in which different language systems interact and affect someone's mind either on his linguistic performance, or on his linguistic development. This typically is based on two different languages; it is important to know that this cross linguistic influence among different dialects or varieties of one language into the monolingual speaker's mind.

#### 2.1.3. Transfer

Subcategories of cross linguistic influence include language transfer, for a better comprehension it is important to know that: transfer is a term originally borrowed into second language as acquisition study from the behaviorist psychology and it was first used to describe the positive and negative effects of old language habits affecting new ones. In the same way, the similarities between languages facilitate learning. Eventually transfer lost is in association with behaviorism and it was adopted as a common term in relevant of any theoretical allegiance.

#### 2.1.4. Transfer in reverse

Although transfer is regularly associated with second language acquisition, another type of cross linguistic influence might be called transfer in the reverse direction; that is, to say the influence of a new language on a previously established one. Typically this phenomenon is associated with language attrition when speakers of one language lose regular contact with speakers of their own language and use a second language instead; in other words, the language of speech community in which they now live. This kind of cross linguistic influence can also be referred to the situation where a later learned language, say a third language, influence the use of an earlier learned no native second language.

#### 2.1.5. Positive transfer

Linguistic interference can result in correct language production called "correct" meaning in line with most native speakers' notion of acceptability. The results of the positive transfer go largely unnoticed, and thus are less often discussed. Nonetheless, such results can have a large effect. Generally speaking, the more similar the two languages are, the more the learner is aware of the relation between them, the more positive transfer will occur. Positive transfer for us is a result in correct performance; it refers to the characteristics to the structures in languages. According to (Heidy Dulay, Marina Burt and Stephen Krashen, 1982)

"Positive transfer refers to the automatic use of the  $L_1$ structure in  $L_2$ performance when the structure in both languages are the same, resulting in correct utterance, for example the use of the Spanish plural makers –s and as on English nouns should yield a correct English plural noun (e.g. niña-s and mujer-es in Spanish; girl-s and dress-esin English), if positive transfer were operating in  $L_2$ production...Positive transfer resulting in correct performance due to the similarity between the new behavior and the old."

## 2.1.6. Negative Transfer

Negative transfer describes a pattern of error in learning and behavior, within the framework of behavioral psychology. It occurs when a learned and previously adaptive response to one stimulus interferes with the acquisition of an adaptive response to a novel stimulus that is similar to the first. Negative transfer is most likely to occur when there are common features between the original and current stimuli, and the prior adaptive response is mistakenly called upon. Negative transfer should be distinguished from proactive interference, which concerns itself with a negative effect of prior interference on the recall of a second task.

Negative transfer is related with a structure of language where it would be produced in errors.

As it is stated in to (Heidy Dulay, Marina Burt and Stephen Krashen, 1982)

"Negative transfer refers to instances of transfer which results are in error because old habitual behavior is different from the new behavior that is being learned. For example, if one has regularly driven a car where the gear shift is on the floor, one will in variable reach for the floor when first attempting to drive a new car whose gear shift is on the steering column"

#### 2.1.7. Avoidance

Cross linguistic influence may also manifest itself in avoidance behavior where, for instance, a second language is perceived by the learner to be distant from the native language so that possible correspondences between the two systems envisaged by the language learner are simply not trusted.

## 2.1.8. Cognates within the same language

Cognate doublets can exist within the same language, often with slightly different meanings. In etymology, two or more words in the same language are called **doublets** or **etymological twins** (or possibly **triplets**, etc.) when they have different

phonological forms but the same etymological root. Often, but not always, the variants have entered the language through different routes, because the relationship between words that have the same root and another meaning. This term is mostly used to characterize pairs of words that have diverged in meaning.

## For example:

Table 2. English words

Price (precio)	Prize (premio)		
Aperture	Overture (obertura)		
(aperture)			
carton (envase)	cartoon (dibujo )		

Source: The Authors

Sometimes both cognates come from other languages, often the same one, but at different times.

## For example:

- **chief** (meaning the leader of any group) and comes from the Middle French.
- **chef** (head), the leader of the cooks.

#### **CHAPTER TWO**

## 2.2. The false cognates

#### 2.2.1. Definition

False cognates are words that are commonly thought to be related (have a common origin) whereas linguistic examination reveals they are unrelated. The similarity of words between languages is not enough to demonstrate that the words are related to each other, in much the same way that facial resemblance does not imply a close genetic relationship between people. The similarity of words between languages is not enough to demonstrate that the words are related to each other, in much the same way that facial resemblance does not imply a close genetic relationship between people. Over the course of hundreds and thousands of years, words may change their sound completely.

A common example of false cognates is the following:

Table 3. False cognates 1

English	Spanish	
Pie (food)	Pie (body part)	
Exit (go out)	Exit (éxito)	
Embarrassed(fell	Embarazada	
shine)	(expecting a baby)	

**Source: The Authors** 

Embarrassed in English means to feel ashamed about something.

Embarazada in Spanish means pregnant.

## **Examples of false cognates in English and Spanish:**

Table 4. False cognates 2

English	Meaning	Spanish	meaning
Rope	Cable	ropa	clothes
Soap	To shower	sopa	food
Large	Big	largo	long

Source: The Authors

## 2.3. Psychotypology

#### 2.3.1. Definition

Psychological typologies are classifications used by psychologists to describe the distinctions between people. Linguistic typology is a subfield of linguistics that studies and classifies languages according to their structural features. Its aim is to describe and explain the common properties and the structural diversity of the world's languages. It includes three sub disciplines: qualitative typology, which deals with the issue of comparing languages and within-language variance; quantitative typology, which deals with the distribution of structural patterns in the world's languages; and theoretical typology, which explains these distributions.

On the other hand, morphological typology is a way of classifying the languages of the world that organizes languages according to their common morphological structures. Two primary categories exist to distinguish all languages: analytic languages and synthetic languages, where each term refers to the opposite end of a continuous scale including all the world's languages.

#### 2.3.1.1. Typology distance between two languages

For us, the typology distance between two languages here the cognates play an important prediction for the learning language, the typology is recommended in analyzing the cognates. According to line page (Rasanth)

"The recent availability of typological databases such as World Atlas of Language Structures (WALS) has spurred investigations regarding their utility for language classification, the stability of typological features in genetic linguistics and typological universals across the language families of the world. Existing work on building NLP resources such as parallel corpora, tree banks for underresourced languages has a lot to gain by taking into consideration insights about inter-language relationships. Since Yarowsky et al. (2001), there have been a number of attempts to create resources for resource-poor languages by projecting information from resource-rich languages using comparable corpora."

## 2.3.1.2. Lexical knowledge

For us, the lexical knowledge in some cases is difficult to know where the behavior ends and where it begins. In the combined Construction Grammar this is not a vital concern, since lexical entries are just special cases of constructions; there is no hard distinction. According to this link: (SELD, 2007)

"As with phonetic and phonological knowledge, most aspects of morphological knowledge turn out to be tacit knowledge. That is, we should expect the rules and principals involved in lexical representations to seem just as surprising as those involved in phonetic and phonological analyses (for example, the Maximal Onset Principle or the Aspiration Rule)....The first attempt to find the explanation was made by Richards (1976), whose article is a very important contribution to learner-cent red techniques concerning vocabulary acquisition (Suberviola and Méndez, 2002). According to Richard's "Vocabulary Knowledge Framework", knowing a word means knowing about the word's: frequency and collocability; register; position; form; associations; meaning-concept (knowledge about the semantic value of the word); and meaning-associations".

## 2.3.1.3. Lexical competence

Lexical competence is farther than the ability to identify a given number of words. The process by which learners acquire a great deal of information about a word takes place gradually over a long period of time. For us, the lexical competence is based on the vocabulary with different abilities of vocabulary context where can influence in lexical meaning. According to this web page: (International, 1998)

"Lexical competence is the ability to recognize and use words in a language in the way that speakers of the language use them. Lexical competence includes understanding the different relationships among families of words and the common collocations of words."

#### 2.3.1.4. Mental lexicon

- ❖ The mental lexicon refers to the way words are settled down in to the mind. Taking into account the huge number of words, an organizational structure of the mental lexicon must be extremely sophisticated; knowing these patterns in which words are arranged can be of great help in the field of vocabulary teaching and learning. The main links that relate words in the mind are:
- co-ordination
- collocation
- super ordination
- **synonymy**

These models can be classified into two types: **serial** (autonomous, indirect) and **parallel** (interactive, direct) models; the former supposes a flow of information through the system in one direction, with lexical access unaffected by syntactic or semantic analyses, while the latter assumes the ability of an instant access and information exchange between any two of the processing levels.

## 2.3.1.5. Lexeme: phonological and orthographic properties of the word

The lemma lexeme distinction plays a prominent role in the theory of speaking. In the model of lexical access, a lemma links up a word's meaning and syntactic properties, whereas a lexeme consists of a word's morphological and phonological properties. Importantly, lemmas are not phonologically specified, and lexemes are not syntactically or semantically specified. As is stated in this page (Ardi Roelofs, Antje S. Meyer, Willem J.M. Levelt, 1998)

"The relation between syntactic and phonological knowledge in lexical access: evidence from the 'tip-of-the-tongue' phenomenon. A widely accepted view holds that speech planning proceeds through conceptualization and formulation, followed by articulation.....In their theory, a lexical entry's lemma specifies its semantic syntactic properties and the lexeme specific its morphological properties."

## **2.3.1.6.** Syntax Rules

Syntax rules refer to the developed in reaction to the basic principles of transformational grammar regarding grammatical structure, specifically the use of transformations to ensure that the same functional relations apply at "deep structure" for sentences that are paraphrases at surface structure, (example, and active vs. passive).

The main features of Lexical Functional Grammar is the following: there is no one to one correspondence between surface structure and predicate argument structure; functional primitives are incorporated rather than reducing grammatical function to phrase structure; and, only lexical rules can affect function argument correspondences, not syntactic rules. Lexical Functional Grammar has two levels of syntactic description: a constituent structure; which is the same as a conventional phrase structure tree, and a functional structure, in which grammatical functions are explicitly encoded. The latter is the input to the semantic component and consists of attribute value pairs, possibly nested.

An important aspect of Lexical Functional Grammar is that transformations are

in effect compiled into the lexicon. It illustrates that grammatical coverage is not

sacrificed during the shift in emphasis from syntactic transformations to lexical

specifications of predicate argument structure. However, the theory is still heavily

syntax-oriented: since the predicate argument structures are only at the level of sub-

categorizations. Therefore, Lexical Functional Grammar does not directly concern

issues regarding finer sense distinctions, outside of predicate sub-categorizations. For

instance, little has been said regarding adjuncts, which are (verbal) complements not

strictly subcategorized.

**2.3.1.7. Sound System** 

Phonology is known as a sub discipline of linguistic which is concerned with the

sound of language. In other words, phonology is concerned with the function, of

behavior and organization of sounds as linguistic items.

Just as a language has syntax and vocabulary, it also has phonology in the sense

of a sound system. When talking about the formal area of study, typically it

describes linguistic analysis either beneath the word or to units at all levels of

language that are thought to structure sound for conveying linguistic meaning.

In other words, we can say that the sound system is the reception and

transmission of sounds, where the skill is the speaking and the ability is to

communicate informally on everyday subjects with sufficient easiness and fluency.

The sound system of any language can be studied from two points of view:

❖ How individual sounds in the language are made (phonetics)

❖ The relationship between sounds and meaning (phonology)

How do we make speech sounds?

We use air from our lungs as well as the organs of speech.

Example: lips, tongue, teeth, vocal cords to create different sounds.

- ❖ By manipulating the sounds in different ways we make different sounds:
  - Phonemes are different sounds that indicate a different meaning.

Example: pill/bill, till/dill, mill/nil

 Allophones are variations in pronunciation of individual sounds that do not signal difference in meaning.

Example: the difference in the way the /l/ is pronounced according to the sounds that surround it, as in the words: plane and pail.

❖ Which sounds can be put together into a given language is rule-governed.

Example: certain sounds can go together while others can not. In English the /ng/ sound can appear at the end of a string of sounds as in the words: 'sing', `song`, `thing`, but not at the beginning.

## **Processes of speech production**

- Initiation
  - Process of expelling air from the lungs
  - Phonation
  - Process of opening or narrowing of the vocal chords as the air stream goes through, producing either voiced sounds (e.g. /b/, /d/) or voiceless sounds (e.g. /p/, /t/)

#### **❖** Articulation

- The way in which the tongue and lips impede and manipulate the flow of air.
- Place of articulation (where in the mouth the air is stopped or obstructed)

Bilabial2 lips

Labiodentals teeth and lips

Interdental tongue between the teeth

Alveolar tongue touching the alveolar ridge
 Palatal tongue raised towards the hard palate

Velar back of the tongue raised at the velum

- Glottal air is stopped at the glottis

- Types of sounds
- Vowels
  - Air stream is never blocked when producing vowels
  - Vowels are classified according to:

Tongue height (high, mid, low)

The part of the tongue being raised (front, middle, back)

Shape of the lips (spread, neutral, round)

- ❖ Vowel length (short, long)
- Diphthongs
  - Combination of two sounds (vowel + glide)

Table 5. Sounds combination

Example: Fly	
Play	
May	
Day	
Tov	

**Source: The Authors** 

- Vowel Chart
- ❖ The study of sounds and the relationship between sound and meaning is called phonology.
- Two branches of phonology
  - Segmental: involving individual sounds
  - Suprasegmental: stress, rhythm and intonation
- Stress is an emphasis placed on a syllable

This 'place is 'VERY 'noisy THIS 'place is 'very 'noisy

\* Rhythm is the tone of the language, pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.

- ❖ English is a stress timed language; therefore, the pattern is irregular.
- ❖ Intonation is raising and lowering of voice pitch to convey aspects of meaning not different meaning as in tonal languages.
  - This is the car. (falling tone)
  - This is the car? (rising tone)
  - Communicative functions of intonation
  - Emotional
  - To express boredom, excitement, surprise etc.
  - Grammatical
  - Information structure
  - To mark new or important information, to give prominence to the part of the utterance the speaker wants the listener to take note of what was said.

#### **Textual**

To give larger stretches of discourse a melodic shape: this allows us to discern the type of discourse; like in news, report, comment.

# Psychological

To make language easier to understand or to be accessible; it is like when we learn and remember in chunks rather than individual words.

# Written and spoken forms:

In written form, a difference is often noted by punctuation, whereas when spoken it is the stress pattern which indicates meaning:

# Compare:

My sister, who lives in Argelia, is coming to Ecuador next week My sister who lives in Argelia is coming to Ecuador next week.

# As we can find in the web page:

(Claire A. Forel and Genoveva Puskas, 2005)

"Phonetics is concerned with how sounds are produced, transmitted and perceived (we will only look at the production of sounds). Phonology is concerned with how sounds function in relation to each other in a language...Phonetics and phonology are worth studying for several reasons. One is that as all study of language, the study of phonology gives us insight into how the human mind works. Two more reasons are that the study of the phonetics of a foreign language gives us a much better ability both to hear and to correct mistakes that we make, and also to teach pronunciation of the foreign language (in this case English) to others."

# 2.3.1.8. Word Meaning

We can say that the words have a natural process, in order to get meaning. According to this web site: (Evans, 2008)

"Word meaning relates to the semantic value that is conventionally associated with individual lexical items, which is to say WORDS. For instance, the English lexical form cat, which may have the PHONETIC realization, is conventionally associated with a particular idea, namely an animate feline entity which has four legs, a tail, whiskers, and sounds miaow....This corresponds, more or less, to the traditional distinction between semantics and pragmatics".

# 2.3.2. Word formation

It is only the connection of letters with a form to express something, usually according to the languages the meaning can change. As it is published in the web site: (Megginson, 2014)

"The basic part of any word is the root; to it, you can add a prefix at the beginning and a suffix at the end to change the meaning. For example, in the word "unflattering," the root is simply "flatter," while the prefix "un-" makes the word negative, and the suffix "-ing"

changes it from a verb into an adjective. English itself does not use prefixes as heavily as it once did, but many English words come from Latin, which uses prefixes and suffixes quite extensively. For example, the words "prefix," "suffix," and "affix" themselves are all formed from "fix" by the use of prefixes:..."

#### **CHAPTER THREE**

# 2.4. English Learning Process

# 2.4.1. Learning Definition

The ability to learn is one of the most outstanding human characteristics. Learning occurs continuously throughout a person's lifetime. Learning can be defined as a change in behavior such as a result of experience. This can be physical, or it may involve complex intellectual or attitudinal changes which affect behavior in more subtle ways. There are many different learning types and approaches to learning. To learn effectively it is important to tailor your study habits to your own needs and approach, this often means, choosing techniques that work for you and evaluating them from time to time to determine if you need to try something new. To learn is to acquire knowledge or skill. Learning also may involve a change in attitude or behavior.

# 2.4.2. Learning Theory

A Learning theory may be described as a body of principles advocated by psychologists and educators to explain how people acquire skills, knowledge, and attitudes. Various branches of learning theory are used in formal training programs to improve and accelerate the learning process. Over the years, many theories have attempted to explain how people learn. Even though psychologists and educators are not in complete agreement, most do agree that learning may be explained by a combination of two basic approaches: behaviorism and the cognitive theories.

#### 2.4.2.1. Behaviorism

Behaviorism stresses the importance of having a particular form of behavior reinforced by someone, other than the student, to shape or control what is learned. Frequent, positive fortification and rewards accelerate learning. This theory provides the instructor with ways to manipulate students with stimuli, induce the desired behavior or response, and reinforce the behavior with appropriate rewards. In general, the behaviorist theory emphasizes positive reinforcement rather than no

reinforcement or punishment. Other features of behaviorism are considerably more complex than this simple explanation. Instructors who need more details should refer to psychology texts for a better understanding of behaviorism.

As an instructor, it is important to keep in mind that behaviorism is still widely used today, because controlling learning experiences helps direct students toward specific learning outcomes.

We can say that the Behaviorism is an approach to psychology that has its roots within positivism and which has had a profound influence on language teaching. Dulay, stated that: the behaviorist is defined as a "transfer", technically, used it to refer to a process described as the automatic, uncontrolled, and subconscious use of past learned behaviors in the attempt to produce new responses. (Heidy Dulay, Marina Burt and Stephen Krashen, 1982)

# 2.4.2.2. Cognitive Theory

Unlike behaviorism, the cognitive theory focuses on what is going on inside the student's mind. Learning is not just a change in behavior; it is a change in the way a student thinks, understands, or feels. There are several branches of cognitive theory. Two of the major theories may broadly be classified as: information processing model and social interaction model. Information processing model says that the student's brain has internal structures which select and process incoming material, store and retrieve it, use it to produce behavior, and receive and process advice on the results. This involves a number of cognitive processes, including executive functions of recognizing expectancies, planning and monitoring performance, encoding and chunking information, and producing internal and external responses. On the other hand, the social interaction model gained importance in the 1980s by stressing that learning and subsequent changes in behavior take place as a result of interaction between the student and the environment. Behavior is modeled either by people or symbolically. The cognitive processes include attention, retention, motor responses, and motivation. Techniques for learning include direct modeling and verbal

instruction. Behavior, personal factors, and environmental events all work together to produce learning.

Both models of the cognitive theory have common principles. For example, they both acknowledge the importance of reinforcing behavior and measuring changes. Positive reinforcement is important, particularly with cognitive concepts such as knowledge and understanding. The need to evaluate and measure behavior remains because it is the only way to get a sign about what the student understands.

We can say, about the cognitive theory that is concerned with the way in which the human mind thinks and learns, it is interested in the mental process that are involved in learning. Dulay said that: This approach is based on the presupposition that competence must precede performance. (The cognitive code use of these terms does not correspond to Chomsky's original use of them). (Heidy Dulay, Marina Burt and Stephen Krashen, 1982)

# 2.4.3. The Constructivism

In constructivism, Jean Piaget is the dominant figure in the term which is a nature of the learning process, the main underlying assumptions of constructivism is that individuals are actively involved right from birth in constructing their own personal meaning and personal understanding. Constructivism is a view of learning based on the belief that knowledge is not a thing that can be simply given by the teacher at the front of the room to students in their desks. Constructivism draws on the developmental work of Piaget and Kelly. (Williams, 2004).

Piaget asserts that learning occurs by an active construction of meaning, rather than by passive percipience. (Williams, 2004)He explains that when we, as learners, encounter an experience or a situation that conflicts with our current way of thinking, a state of disequilibrium or imbalance is created. According to Williams and Burden. Erans von Glaserfeld is a father of constructivism and argues that education is essentially a "political" enterprise with two main purposes to empower learners to think for themselves, and to perpetuate in the next generation ways of acting and

thinking that are judged the best by the present generation. In von Glasersfeld's view, a constructivist approach to education is best put into practice by presenting issues, concepts and tasks in the form of problems to be explored in dialogue rather than as information to be ingested and reproduced. This is the best performed by what he terms the teacher's orienting functions. (Marion Williams and Robert L. Burden, 1997)

# 2.4.3.1. Constructivist Teaching and Learning

Constructivist teaching is based on the belief that learning occurs as learners are actively involved in a process of meaning and knowledge construction rather than passively receiving information.

Constructivist teaching is based on the idea that learning occurs as learners are actively involved in a process of meaning and knowledge construction as opposed to passively receiving information. Learners are the makers of meaning and knowledge. Constructivist teaching fosters critical thinking, and creates motivated and independent learners.

Constructivist teaching and learning by looking at the distinctive features of a constructivist program, the qualities of a constructivist teacher, and the organization of a constructivist classroom. A constructivist teacher and a constructivist classroom are distinguished from a traditional teacher and classroom by a number of identifiable qualities; the learners are actively involved, the environment is democratic, the activities are interactive, and the teacher facilitates a process of learning in which students are encouraged to be responsible and autonomous.

# 2.5. Learning styles

#### 2.5.1. Definition

Learning style is a concept that can play an important role in improving instruction and student success. It is concerned with student preferences and orientation at several levels.

The key point is that all students are different, and training programs should be sensitive to the differences. Some students are fast learners and others have difficulties; and, as already mentioned, motivation, experience, and previous training affect learning style.

Some common examples include:

- Right/left brain
- Holistic/serialism
- Dependent/independent
- \* Reflective/impulsive

Theories abound concerning right or left brain dominance. In general, they are characterized as being spatially oriented, creative, intuitive, and emotional. Those with left-brain dominance are more verbal, analytical, and objective.

Learning style differences certainly depend on how students process information. Some rely heavily on visual references while others depend more on auditory presentations. For example, visual students learn readily through reading and graphic displays, and auditory students have more success if they hear the subject matter described. Another difference is that some learn more easily when an idea is presented in a mathematical equation, while others may prefer a verbal explanation of the same idea. In addition, where hands on activities are involved, students also learn by feel. This is sometimes called kin esthetic learning.

#### 2.5.2. Learning is a Result of Experience

Since learning is an individual process, the instructor can not do it for the student. The students can learn only from personal experiences; therefore, learning and knowledge can not exist apart from a person. A person's knowledge is a result of experience, and no two people have had identical experiences. Even when observing the same event, two people react differently; they learn different things from it, according to the manner in which the situation affects their individual needs.

All learning is done by experience, but learning takes place in different forms and in varying degrees of richness and depth. For instance, some experiences involve the whole person while others may be based only on hearing and memory. It seems clear enough that the learning of a physical skill requires actual experience in performing that skill. Mental habits are also learned through practice. If students are to use sound judgment and develop decision making skills, they need learning experiences that involve knowledge of general principles and require the use of judgment in salving realistic problems.

# 2.5.3. Learning is Multifaceted

Students may learn much more than expected if they fully exercise their minds and feelings. Psychologists sometimes classify learning by types, such as verbal, conceptual, perceptual, motor, problem solving, and emotional. Other classifications refer to intellectual skills, cognitive strategies, and attitudinal changes, along with descriptive terms like surface or deep learning. Each student approaches the task with preconceived ideas and feelings, and for many students, these ideas change as a result of experience. Therefore, the learning process may include verbal elements, conceptual elements, perceptual elements, emotional elements, and problem solving elements all taking place at once.

# 2.5.4. Learning is an Active Process

The active process is when the teacher or instructor reinforces the prior class and presents the material. The instructor can not assume that the students can apply what they know because they can quote the correct answer verbatim. For students to learn, they need to react and respond, perhaps outwardly, perhaps only inwardly, emotionally, or intellectually. But if learning is a process of changing behavior, clearly that process must be an active one.

# 2.5.5. Learning is Purposeful

Each student sees a learning situation from a different view point and is a unique individual whose past experiences affect readiness to learn and understanding of the requirements involved.

#### 2.6. Domains of Learning

In domains of learning we can find the following strategies:

#### 2.6.1. Readiness

Getting students ready to learn is usually the instructor's responsibility. If students have a strong purpose, a clear objective, and a definite reason for learning something, they make more progress than if they lack motivation. Readiness implies a degree of single-mindedness and eagerness.

To this domain of learning it states of preparedness of persons, systems, or organizations to meet a situation and carry out a planned sequence of actions. Readiness is based on thoroughness of the planning, adequacy and training of the personnel, and supply and reserve of support services or systems.

#### 2.6.2. Exercise

It is the basis of drill and practice. The human memory is fallible. Students do not learn to weld during one shop period or to perform crosswise landings during one instructional flight. They learn by applying what they have been told and shown. Every time practice occurs, learning continues. The instructor must provide opportunities for students to practice and, at the same time; make sure that this process is directed toward a goal.

#### 2.6.3. Effect

This principle is based on the emotional reaction of the student. It states that learning is strengthened when accompanied by a pleasant or satisfying feeling, and that learning is weakened when associated with an unpleasant feeling. Experiences that produce feelings of defeat, frustration, anger, confusion, or futility are unpleasant for the student.

Usually it is better to tell students that a problem or maneuver, although difficult, is within their capability to understand or perform. Whatever the learning situation, it

should contain elements that affect the students positively and give them a feeling of satisfaction.

# 2.6.4. Intensity

The principle of intensity implies that a student will learn more from the real thing than from a substitute. In contrast to flight instruction and shop instruction, the classroom imposes limitations on the amount of realism that can be brought into teaching.

# 2.6.5. Perceptions

The meanings which are derived from perceptions are influenced not only by the individual's experience, but also by many other factors. Knowledge of the factors which affect the perceptual process is very important to the aviation instructor because perceptions are the basis of all learning.

# 2.7. Psychology of Learning

#### 2.7.1. Motivation

About motivation we can say that it is more helpfully used to refer of prolonged goal oriented to behavior which individuals actively choose to engage in. Motivation may be negative or positive, tangible or intangible, subtle and difficult to identify, or it may be obvious.

The negative motivation may engender fear, and be perceived by the student as a threat. While this may be useful in certain situations, characteristically it is not as effective in promoting efficient learning as positive motivation.

Positive motivation is provided by the promise or achievement of rewards. It is which can be used to advantage by the instructor includes the desire for personal gain, the desire for personal comfort or security, the desire for group approval, and the achievement of a favorable self-image. The desire for personal gain, either the acquisition of possessions or status, is a basic motivational factor for all human

activities. For motivation to be effective, students must believe that their efforts will be suitably rewarded. These rewards must be constantly apparent to the student during instruction, whether they are to be financial, self-esteem, or public recognition. The attractive features of the activity to be learned also can be a strong motivational factor. Students are anxious to learn skills which may be used to their advantage. If they understand that each task will be useful in preparing for future activities, they will be more willing to pursue it.

Positive motivation is essential to true learning. Negative motivation in the form of reproofs or threats should be avoided with all but the most overconfident and impulsive students. Slumps in learning are often due to declining motivation. Motivation does not remain at a uniformly high level. It may be affected by outside influences, such as physical or mental disturbances or inadequate instruction. The instructor should strive to maintain motivation at the highest possible level. Williams and Burden suggested that the concept of motivation has passed through a number of different interpretations as theories of psychology have changed, and the term has come to be used in different ways by people. It is sometimes used as a blanket term to signify that someone has a general deposition to learn, such as when we say "he is motivated or she has a lot of motivation". Thus any discussion of motivation is inevitably complicated. Because the multifaceted nature of the concept of motivation we shall being by identifying what we consider to be certain key questions. (Marion Williams and Robert L. Burden, 1997)

#### 2.7.2. Cognitive Domain

The cognitive domain is one of the best known educational domains. It contains additional levels of knowledge and understanding and is commonly referred of educational objectives.

The highest educational objective level in this domain may also be illustrated by learning to correctly evaluate a flight maneuver, repair an airplane engine, or review a training syllabus for depth and completeness of training. About the cognitive

domain we can say that it is concerned with the way in which the human mind thinks and learns, it is a mental process which involves learning.

#### 2.7.3. Affective domain

The affective domain may be the least understood, and in many ways, the most important of the learning domains. Since the affective domain is concerned with a student's attitudes, personal beliefs, and values, measuring educational objectives in this domain is not easy. According to the web site: (College, 14)

"As science faculty, we naturally emphasize the cognitive domain in our teaching. After all, students think and learn with their brains (we hope!). Yet the affective domain can significantly enhance, inhibit or even prevent student learning. The affective domain includes factors such as student motivation, attitudes, perceptions and values. Teachers can increase their effectiveness by considering the affective domain in planning courses, delivering lectures and activities, and assessing student learning".

#### 2.7.4. Psychomotor Domain

It focuses on performing sequences of motor activities to a specified level of accuracy, smoothness, rapidity, or force. The psychomotor domain is best assessed in a face to face situation. There are several sciences or some techniques with the psychomotor domain or physical skills which have been important in learning

# 2.8. Learning Techniques

# 2.8.1. Memorizing

This is a great process, this is a deliberate mental process undertaken in order to store in memory for later recall items such as experiences, names, appointments, addresses, telephone numbers, lists, stories, poems, songs or other visual, auditory, or tactical information. Memorization may also refer to the process of storing particular data into the memory of a device.

Another useful way to improve memorization is to use chunking, a method in which a person categorizes the information they are trying to memorize into groups. For example, a person wishing to memorize a long sequence of numbers can break the sequence up into chunks of three, allowing them to remember more of the numbers. Similarly, this is how we often memorize telephone numbers, by breaking them up into the three sections: an area code, followed by a three-digit number and then a four-digit number. If a list of words is to be memorized, using chunking, the words could be broken up into groups based on their starting letter or based on their category.

Hear you can find some tips to help you memorize:

- Decide to remember.
- ❖ Take regular breaks.
- \* Review notes regularly: after an hour, after a day, after a week, after a month and after six months.
- ❖ Generate visual images that involve moving, interaction, and color.
- ❖ Use the same background music to review as when you learned, and perhaps associate particular music with particular topics.
- ❖ Look briefly at a mind map, then put it away and try to recreate it. Repeat until you can reproduce it perfectly.
- ❖ Use flash cards with the key content on them.

#### 2.8.2. Showing you know

Demonstrating to yourself that you really do understand and remember can increase your confidence that your learning is really working. Teaching someone else, or writing or practice assignments and tests, can be useful here. We can say in the learning process is important know more with own bases.

# 2.8.3. Reviewing and reflecting on the process

After every learning session, review the process you followed. What worked, what did not what you would do differently next time?. Do the same thing at the end

of each week, after each assignment, and after each tests. Make notes of what you have learned about learning, and use them to improve your next learning session.

# 2.9. Classroom strategies for teaching cognates

#### 2.9.1. Read aloud

When you read aloud to your students, ask the Spanish speakers to raise their hand when they think they hear a cognate. Stop reading and discuss that cognate. Point out the subtle differences you hear between the Spanish and English words.

# 2.9.2. Student reading

As English Language Learning read their texts, ask them to find three or four cognates and write them on sticky pads. Collect those notes and put them on a cognates laminated chart. Before the class ends, read or have students read them to the class. Discuss spellings or sounds that are the same and different between the cognates.

#### 2.9.3 Word Sort

Pair students and give each pair a set of cognate cards: one card has the English cognate and the other has the Spanish cognate.

For example:

Table 6. Word sort

English word	Spanish word
Center	Centro
Family	Familia
Responsible	Responsable
Simulation	Simulación
Situation	Situación
Taxi	Taxi

**Source: The Authors** 

# 2.9.2.1. Hypothesis Formulation

We have established the following hypothesis for this research:

# 2.9.2.1.1. Working Hypothesis

The use of the English Cognates and lexical network will improve the English learning process for English Proficiency students at Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE (Distance Mode) in the supporting center 45 (Otavalo)", from September 2011 to February 2012.

# 2.9.2.1.2. Null Hypothesis

The use of the English Cognates and lexical network will not improve the English learning process for English Proficiency students at Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE on (Distance Program) at the supporting center 45 (Otavalo)", from September 2011 to February 2012.

#### **PART THREE**

# 3. Methodological Design

# 3.1. Research type and Design

This research is Descriptive and at field, because it serves to obtain the information about how the problem is settled, it describes the situation and behavior of the phenomena or facts in the working context and, it applies the techniques such as the survey for collecting information.

The study is, quantitative and transversal, because we use an instrument like a questionnaire to calculate and prove the required data.

#### 3.2. Methods of research

The type of research is descriptive, it is used to analyze the information about the cognates in the English learning process. This type of research also includes many particular methodologies and procedures, such as survey which is analyzed with a quantitative method we had used graphics to see the information with percentages. The results show that the working hypothesis is accepted.

# 3.3. Population and sample

Due to the number of the population, the research was done with the whole population, that is to say, with 20 students from Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE (Distance Mode), in the support center 45 "Otavalo".

#### 3.4. Instruments for data collection

The instrument used in this research, was the survey based on a questionnaire with ten questions and each one of them contain three options. It is in annex section.

# 3.5. Data processing and analysis

The processing and analysis of the data we choose to work with X2, to calculate if the hypothesis is accepted or rejected.

To process oral analyze data process was the questionnaire, it is necessary to review the research objectives, which helps people organize the information in a correct way.

Data was organized into tables to facilitate the organization and the tabulation of the information.

#### **PART FOUR**

# 4. TESTING THE HYPOTHESIS

#### 4.1. Statistical Results

Data were analyzed by means of descriptive statistics. A measurement of central tendency and dispersion has been used to see the results. Moreover, we had used the graphics to see the information and percentages easily and clearly.

Then, we had made an analysis and established conclusions in order to know the real situation of the institution therefore we can make the recommendations according each one of them.

# 4.2. Graphical exposition of results

As we mentioned before we applied some instruments in order to obtain information from different points of view and to get real data. The results will be detailed as it follows.

# 4.3. Analysis and interpretation of results of students' survey

Question N°. 1. Do you understand what a cognate is?

Table 7. Understand cognate meaning?

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	4	20%
SOMETIMES	12	60%
NEVER	4	20%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

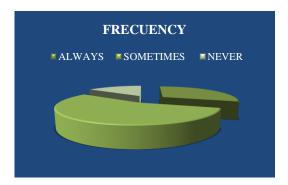


Figure 2. Understand cognate meaning?

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** The 60% of students sometimes understand cognates, 20% of students always know about cognates and the last 20% never seen cognates. It means that, the majority of students have not have idea of cognates in the teaching and learning process.

Question No. 2. Can you identify an English Cognate in a sentence?

Table 8. Identify cognates in sentences.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	4	20%
SOMETIMES	12	60%
NEVER	4	20%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

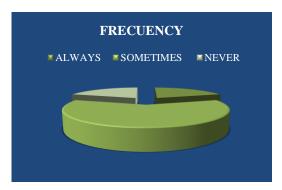


Figure 3. Identify cognates in sentences.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** As it is observed the 60% sometimes identifies a cognate, the 20% does not, while the other 20% said always identifies a cognate in a sentence. It means the majority of students can identify cognates in sentences.

**Question N°. 3.** Do cognates help students learn similar English and Spanish words?

Table 9. Cognates help learn similar English and Spanish words.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	3	15%
SOMETIMES	15	75%
NEVER	2	10%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

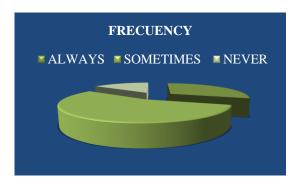


Figure 4. Cognates help learn similar English and Spanish words.

**Source: The Authors** 

Analysis and Interpretation: The results of this question show that the 75% of students sometimes help learn similar English and Spanish words, the 15% always help, and the last 10% never helps. That is to say, for the majority of students a cognate helps them to learn similar English and Spanish words in the teaching and learning process.

**Question N°. 4.** Do you think that cognates help students learn a new language quickly?

Table 10. Cognates can help people learn vocabulary.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	3	15%
SOMETIMES	15	75%
NEVER	2	10%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

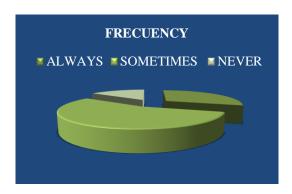


Figure 5. Cognates can help people learn vocabulary.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** The higher percentage 75% of students said sometimes cognates help learn a new language quickly; on the other hand, the 15% of the students said always, and the rest, 10% of students said never. It shows that, for the mayor number of student's cognates help them to learn a new language quickly.

**Question N°. 5.** Do the cognates help students remember English words or phrases efficiently?

Table 11. Cognates help students improve their vocabulary.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	7	35%
SOMETIMES	11	55%
NEVER	2	15%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

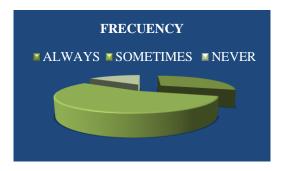


Figure 6. Cognates help students improve their vocabulary.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** The 55% of the students said that sometimes cognates help them to remember English words or phrases efficiently, the 35% think that always and the last 10% said never helps. This means, that cognates help the majority of students help remember efficiently English words or phrases.

Question N°. 6. Do you use cognates as a guide to elaborate any text?

Table 12. Use cognates to elaborate text

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	6	30%
SOMETIMES	11	55%
NEVER	3	15%
TOTAL	20	100%

Source: The Authors

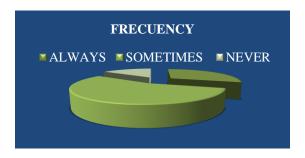


Figure 7. Use cognates to elaborate text

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** In this question the 55% of students said sometimes use cognates as a guide to elaborate any text, the 30% said always, and the 15% never. It means; the majority of students use cognates as a guide to elaborate any text.

**Question N°. 7.** When you have difficult to remember a word in English or Spanish, do you associate it with a cognate?

Table 13. Cognates help students to remember words.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	5	25%
SOMETIMES	11	55%
NEVER	4	20%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

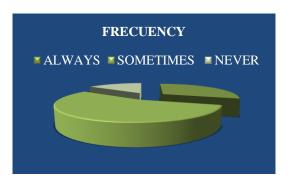


Figure 8. Cognates help students to remember words.

**Source: The Authors** 

Analysis and Interpretation: The result is the following: 55% of students said that sometimes is difficult to remember a word in English or Spanish associate it with a cognate, the other 25% said always, and the last 20% said never. That is to say, the majority of students do not have any problem to associate English and Spanish words.

**Question Nº. 8.** Do you associate English cognate with a Spanish word?

Table 14. Students assimilate English and Spanish words.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	4	20%
SOMETIMES	10	50%
NEVER	6	30%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

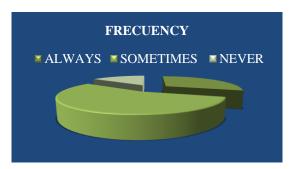


Figure 9. Students assimilate English and Spanish words.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** The results of this question show that the 50% of students sometimes associate English cognate with a Spanish word, the 20% said that do it always and 30% of students said never do it. It shows that for the majority of students it is easy to associate English cognate with Spanish word.

Question N°. 9. Do you think that cognates strengthen the learning process?

Table 15. Cognates strengthen Learning process.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	4	20%
SOMETIMES	14	70%
NEVER	2	10%
TOTAL	20	100%

Source: The Authors

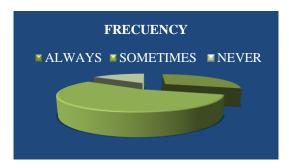


Figure 10. Cognates strengthen Learning process.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** The 70% thinks that cognates sometimes strengthen the learning process; on the other hand, 20% thinks always, and the last 10% thinks never. This means, the majority of students think that cognates strengthen the learning process.

**Question N°. 10.** Does your professor plan the learning activities by using cognates?

Table 16. Lesson plan using learning activities by cognates.

OPTIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
ALWAYS	5	25%
SOMETIMES	14	70%
NEVER	1	5%
TOTAL	20	100%

**Source: The Authors** 

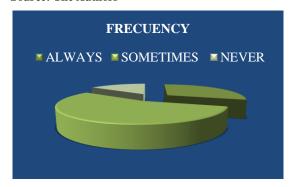


Figure 11. Lesson plan using learning activities by cognates.

**Source: The Authors** 

**Analysis and Interpretation:** In the last question, 70% of students think that sometimes their professor plans the learning activities based on using cognates; 25% said always and the last 5% of students said never. In short, for the majority of students professor plan learning activities are using cognates.

# 4.4. Summary of the students' survey results

# **Questionnaire for students**

The following charts are representing the result of the whole questions of the questionnaire for students.

Table 17. Survey summary

Question	Options					
number	Always	Sometimes	Never	Total		
1	4	12	4	20		
2	4	12	4	20		
3	3	15	2	20		
4	3	15	2	20		
5	7	11	2	20		
6	6	11	3	20		
7	5	11	4	20		
8	4	10	6	20		
9	4	14	2	20		
10	5	14	1	20		
Σ	45	125	30			
%	4.5 = 22.5%	12.5 = 62.5%	3 = 15%			

**Source: The Authors** 

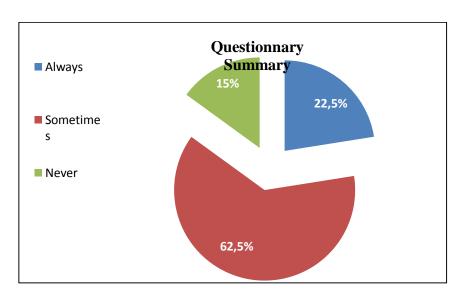


Figure 12. Questionnaire Summary

**Source: The Authors** 

# 4.5. Statistic analysis

# **Hypothesis Testing**

**H**<sub>1</sub>: Improve the English learning Process.

**H<sub>0</sub>:** Will not improve the English Learning process.

Degrees of freedom

fd=N-2

fd = 30 - 2 = 28

Level of confidence: 95

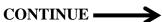
Significance level: 0.05

Critical value: 16.928taked of distribution table. (See in the annex section)

Calculate table of accepted value

Table 18. Calculate table

O	E	O - E	$(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{E})^2$	$(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{E})^2 / \mathbf{E}$
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
12	6,7	5,3	28,09	4,19
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
12	6,7	5,3	28,09	4,19
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
3	6,7	-3,7	13,69	2,04
3	6,7	-3,7	13,69	2,04
15	6,7	8,3	68,89	10,28
2	6,7	-4,7	22,09	3,30
15	6,7	8,3	68,89	10,28
2	6,7	-4,7	22,09	3,30
7	6,7	0,3	0,09	0,01
11	6,7	4,3	18,49	2,76
2	6,7	-4,7	22,09	3,30
6	6,7	-0,7	0,49	0,07
11	6,7	4,3	18,49	2,76
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3	6,7	-3,7	13,69	2,04
5	6,7	-1,7	2,89	0,43
11	6,7	4,3	18,49	2,76
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
10	6,7	3,3	10,89	1,63
6	6,7	-0,7	0,49	0,07
4	6,7	-2,7	7,29	1,09
14	6,7	7,3	53,29	7,95
2	6,7	-4,7	22,09	3,30
5	6,7	-1,7	2,89	0,43
14	6,7	7,3	53,29	7,95
1	6,7	-5,7	32,49	4,85
200			Σ	87,57

**Source: The Authors** 

Critical Value = 16.928

 $X^2 = 87.57$ 



Critical value: 16.928 Accepted value: 87.57

Figure 13.Distribution graphic

**Source: The Authors** 

# 4.6. Conclusions and Recommendations

# **Conclusions**

❖ Once chi square was calculated, it is clear to see that the null hypothesis is rejected because the calculated chi square value is higher 87.57 than the

critical value, 16,928; therefore, the working hypothesis is accepted and the null is rejected.

- While students learn a second language, it is important that they know about cognates because they can use it to remember vocabulary and reinforce their knowledge.
- ❖ It is evident that students are missing to deep their learning of Language Learning Two, by knowing their advantages and disadvantages, students can have opportunities that offers them a better way to learn by using cognates.
- Cognates can help students learn quickly new words in a second language; teaching by means of cognates can use as a strategy to improve the learning process.

#### Recommendations

- ❖ Teachers should work interactively English and Spanish vocabulary by using cognates in this way students can remember words from different languages and equal meaning.
- ❖ It is recommended that cognates can be used as tool of English learning because they are a good support words to remember vocabulary easily.
- ❖ It is necessary to implement a new technique where the students do not use a translator in similar words in both English and Spanish, so that they can assimilate them and have an idea of their meaning.
- Students have to know about cognates and non-cognates for being successful in their learning with important information about the false English-Spanish cognates.

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#### **PART FIVE**

#### 5. PROPOSAL

# 5.1. How to use the English cognates in the learning process

The proposal of this project can be applied to the ESPE institution and in other institutions that teach English and it can be a helpful guide for people to be able to remember easily the foreign vocabulary, to assimilating the English words to Spanish words. With this proposal, we want to give some information about of cognates in the learning a second language. The guide can be used as an example, which can be considered as a base in order to elaborate another one that focus on students.

The proposal will also make that the teachers can take some references that can help students have full understanding about cognates and to know that it is important to remember vocabulary in the learning a second language.

# 5.2. OBJECTIVES

# 5.2.1. General Objective

❖ To use cognates as a type of strategy for learning of a new language.

# **5.2.2.** Specific Objectives

- To motivate students to know the cognate effect on their own language learning.
- To use word-lists made of different kinds of cognates in order to learn new Language entries.
- ❖ To develop a good vocabulary strategy through the use of cognates and to identify the false ones.

#### 5.3. JUSTIFICATION

When learning a second language, students can find Second Language words which look like very similar to another one of their native language, in this case,

Spanish. Those words have equal or same meaning are called cognates, but if those words differ in meaning, they are known as false friends or false cognates. This means that many words will share the same frame, and it will not always be apparent that the selection in natural production of a given frame for a new Second Language form is influenced by a particular word from the first Language or Second Language.

#### 5.4. FEASIBILITY

This proposal is feasible to be applied by teachers as a teaching strategy when they are teaching a Second Language. Because cognates are important in English learning for a better comprehension and assimilation of words, teachers will see the result in their teaching process.

#### **5.5. IMPACT**

This proposal will have a great impact in the English learning process in students of Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE in the supporting center 45 Otavalo; because it will help students remember better vocabulary. Also, teachers will improve their teaching strategies and they will motivate students to teach new words.

#### **5.6. DEVELOPMENT**

#### 5.6.1. Cognates

Cognates are words that are similar in English and another language, in this case, the Spanish one. The cognates are known as the words that have a similar spelling, pronunciation, and meaning across languages. The ability to use cognates is a particularly powerful strategy for helping Spanish speakers learn the English language by accessing information in text in order to have English fluency.

#### **5.6.2.** False Cognates

There are literally thousands of words that are the same or similar in appearance in the English and the Spanish languages, and have the same meaning in both languages. However, many instances where appearances are deceiving and words that look alike are quite different in meaning, they can be called as "false cognates". Here we can find a list of some words:

**Table 19. False Cognates** 

English word	Meaning	Spanish confuse word	English translation
Avocado	Aguacate	Abogado	Lawyer
Exit	Salida	Exito	Success
Firm	Empresa	Firma	Signature
Large	Grande	Largo	Long
Lecture	Conferencia	Lectura	Reading
Signature	Firma	Subject	asignatura
Umpire	Arbitro	Empire	Imperio
Arm	Brazo	Arma	Gun
Carpet	Alfombra	Carpeta	Folder
Dinner	Cena	dinero	Money
Cartoon	Dibujos	Cartón	Cardboard
Salad	Ensalada	Salado	Salty
Date	Fecha	Dato	Data
Ballon	Globo	Balón	Ball

**Source: The Authors** 

#### 5.6.3. TEACHING THE COGNATES STRATEGY

The following guidelines can be used to teach the cognates strategy:

- ❖ Select a text and identify a small set of cognates. If necessary, have a bilingual colleague help students compile a list of these words. If students have too many words, select those that are most related to the main ideas in the text.
- ❖ Before reading, introduce cognates to students. Explain that cognates are words that have a similar spelling, pronunciation, and meaning in two or more languages. Tell students that recognizing cognates can help them understand English words.

- Practice identifying cognates in any texts that you have selected.
- ❖ Once students are familiar with the cognates strategy, address false cognate word that sound and look the same, but do not share a similar meaning; for example in Spanish *carpet* means *folder*, not *carpet*; *once* means *eleven*, not *one time*. Invite English language learners to create sentences in both languages in which each of these false cognates are used in context.

### **5.6.3.1.** Teaching nouns:

❖ English and Spanish nouns ending in 'or' are very often identical.

Table 20. Nouns

ENGLISH	SPANISH
actor	Actor
color	Color
doctor	Doctor

**Source: The Authors** 

❖ English and Spanish nouns ending in "al" are very common identical.

Table 21. Ending "al" words

g	
ENGLISH	SPANISH
animal	animal
general	general
hospital	hospital

Source: The Authors

English nouns ending with "its" can be converted into Spanish nouns by changing to "ista".

Table 22. Ending "ist" words

ENGLISH	SPANISH
artist	artista
egoist	egoista
list	lista

❖ Changing "ism" in English by "ismo" in Spanish.

Table 20. Changing "ism" by "ismo"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
idealism	idealismo
despotism	despotismo
mechanism	mecanismo
mechanism	mecanismo

**Source: The Authors** 

❖ Changing "nce" in English by "ncia" in Spanish.

Table 21. Changing "nce" by "ncia"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
abundance	abundancia
arrogance	arrogancia
experience	experiencia

Source: The Authors

❖ Changing "ty" in English by "dad"in Spanish.

Table 22. Changing "ty" by "dad"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
activity	actividad
curiosity	curiosidad
electricity	electricidad

❖ Changing "tion" in English by "ción" in Spanish.

Table 23. Changing "tion" by "ciòn"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
association	asociación
combination	combinación
instruction	instrucción

Source: The Authors

❖ Changing "y" in English by "ía', 'ia', or '-i" in Spanish.

Table 24. Changing "y" by "ia, ia, i"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
agency	Agencia
battery	Batería
testimony	testimonio
dictionary	diccionario

**Source: The Authors** 

## 5.6.3.2. Teaching Adjectives:

It can be converted into Spanish simply by changing the word ending. Here are some useful rules.

❖ Changing "ive" in English by "ivo" in Spanish.

Table 25. Changing "ive" by "ivo"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
active	Active
decisive	Decisive
festive	Festive
effective	Efectivo
indicative	Inductivo

### ❖ Words with termination "al"

Table 26. Termination "al"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
brutal	Brutal
local	Local
criminal	Criminal
natural	Natural

**Source: The Authors** 

❖ Changing "ous" in English by "oso" in Spanish.

Table 27. Changing "ous" by "oso"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ambitious	ambicioso
gracious	Gracioso
generous	generoso

**Source: The Authors** 

❖ Words changing "ic" in English by "ico" in Spanish.

Table 28. Changing "ic" by "ico"

ENGLISH	SPANISH
magnetic	magnetico
automatic	automático
fantastic	fantástico

**Source: The Authors** 

### ❖ Words with termination "ble"

Table 29. Termination "ble"

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
admirable	admirable	
favorable	favorable	
notable	Notable	

## ❖ Changing "nt" by "nte"

Table 30. "nt" by "nte"

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
convenient	conveniente	
ignorant	ignorante	
important	Importante	

**Source: The Authors** 

## Changing "id" by "ido"

Table 31. "id" by "ido"

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
candid	Cantidad	
stupid	Estúpido	
Solid	Sólido	

**Source: The Authors** 

# ❖ Changing "ile" by "il"

Table 32. "ile" by "il"

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
agile	Ágil	
automobile	Automóvil	
juvenile	Juvenile	

**Source: The Authors** 

# Changing "ary" by "ario"

Table 33. "ary" by "ario"

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
arbitrary	Arbitrario	
imaginary	imaginario	
ordinary	ordinario	

#### **5.6.3.3.** Teaching Verbs:

English VERBS can be converted into Spanish, usually by changing the ending of the English verb and adding the Spanish verb suffices 'ar', 'er' or 'ir'. Almost every English verb ending in 'ate' can be converted into a Spanish infinitive by replacing the final 'ate' with 'ar'; for example:

Table 34. Verbs "ate" ending

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
accelerate	acelerar	
accentuate	acentuar	
aggregate	agregar	
associate	asociar	
participate 	participar	
terminate	terminar	

**Source: The Authors** 

Many English verbs ending in **VOWEL** + **CONSONANT** + **T** can be converted into SPANISH VERBS by adding 'ar' or 'ir' to the end of the English verb, for example:

Table 35. Verbs "t" ending

<b>ENGLISH</b>	SPANISH	
insult	insultar	
comport	comportar	
insert	insertar	
support	soportar	
export	exportar	
convert	convertir	

**Source: The Authors** 

Many English infinitive verbs ending VOWEL + CONSONANT + E can be converted into SPANISH INFINITIVE VERBS by **dropping the final E** and adding 'ar', for example:

Table 36. Verbs "e" ending

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
abuse	abusar	
accuse	acusa	

Almost every English infinitive verb ending with '**ify**' can be converted into a SPANISH VERB by replacing the final 'ify' with '**ificar**', like in the next words:

Table 37. Changing "ify" by "ificar"

<b>ENGLISH</b>	SPANISH	
unify	Unificar	
simplify	Simplificar	
solidify	Solidificar	
gratify	Verificar	
verify		

Source: The Authors

### **5.6.3.4.** Teaching Adverbs:

In English, "ly" combines with many adjectives to form adverbs but in Spanish, "mente" combines with (feminine) adjectives to form Spanish adverbs, for example:

Table 38. Changing adjectives by Spanish adverbs

ENGLISH	SPANISH	
absolutely	absolutamente	
normally	normalmente	
naturally	naturalmente	
finally	finalmente	
difficultly	difícilmente	

#### 5.7. PROPOSAL'S DEMONSTRATION

**Text** 

#### **Dreams**



His actual name was Pedro Aguilar, but everyone knew him as Pete. He had come to the states from Mexico when he was just 5 years old. He barely remembered life in Mexico, but knew there was always a chance he could get sent back. He and his family lived in fear that they would return to a life of destitution in Juarez city, where life was dangerous. His family lived their lives felling anxious in that in any moment they could get deported.

Now after 13 years in Minnesota, Peter was filling out his application for college, but he was aggravated and dismayed because despite his good grades, he probably couldn't attend the 4 years college, he wanted to since he couldn't afford it.

However, Pete recently heard from one of his other Hispanic friends that his dream of attending a university could come to fruition. The Obama administration had finally passed the Dream Act. Now, Pete had met with a lawyer who has helping him begin the paperwork to participate. He hoped he could complete everything in an expedient manner so he could go to university in the fall. He was happy to hear his lawyer exclaim that it was plausible and he could begin his schooling because he had been sensible during high school and gotten good grades and stayed out trouble.

After months of waiting and inconvenient meetings after work, Pete found out had been accepted as a participant of the Dream Act. He yelled out in jubilation when he found out. His friends actually came over to see what was wrong. He was happy to tell them that he finally had not been ignored and that the government was actually doing something to help immigrants like him. He was so excited to depart for the University of Minnesota in September. Most people would never understand the gratification he would feel of getting the education that he never thought he could

achieve. Now he would not have to pretend anymore. He was on the road to becoming a citizen.

The steps detailed bellow, describe a typical class using cognates for developing English proficiency in ESPE students. Cognates allow students to use Spanish a resource to learn English.

#### **INFORMATIVE DATA:**

**Topic:** Dreams **Teachers:** Natalia Montalvo

Level: Pre-Intermediate José Cacuango

#### WARM-UP (introduce reading)

- 1. Pre-reading activity: Brainstorm about dreams
- 2. Students read a text that contains several cognates and false cognates.(See the text at the annex section)
- 3. Students list the words they underline and complete the following grid:

Table 39. Cognates list

WORD	I know the word, and I can use it in a sentence	meaning, but I do	I do not know the meaning and I do not know how to use it.
Actual		X	
Family	X		
etc			

Source: The Authors

4. The teacher and students discuss about the meaning of those words.

#### **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **Direct teaching**

The teacher asks students to compare the underlined words with Spanish similar words: family = familia, actual = actual. The teacher explains that words that can be

interchangeable in Spanish and in English are called cognates and words that have the same structure but different meaning in both languages are called false cognates.

#### **Guided Practice:**

Students discuss about the possible cognates and false cognates in the reading. The teacher supervises student's work helping them to categorize the words in a chart:

Table 40. Work table

ENGLISH WORD	SPANISH WORD	TRUE OR FALSE			
ENGLISH WORD	SPANISH WORD	COGNATE			
Exit	Salida	False			
Family	Familia	True			
etc					

**Source: The Authors** 

### **Independent Task**

- ❖ The teacher asks to the students more English cognates names and write in the board.
- **Students write one English sentence and one in Spanish with each cognate.**

#### **Assessment and Follow-up**

- The teacher does a list of true cognates and the students in their notebooks write the cognate and paste a picture about it.
- ❖ For the next class students will bring more false cognates examples.

### 5.8. Teaching vocabulary

Cognates are words in two languages that share a similar meaning, spelling, and pronunciation. English have a related word in Spanish. For Spanish-speaking cognates are an obvious bridge to the English language learning.

For teaching true cognates of a second language we can use flash cards with pictures to better understanding; teachers can work with the following examples:

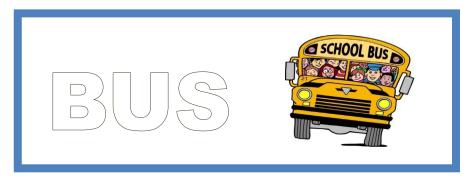


Figure 14.Cognate flash card 1



Figure 15.Cognate flash card 2

**Source: The Authors** 



Figure 16.Cognate flash card 3



Figure 17.Cognate flash card 4

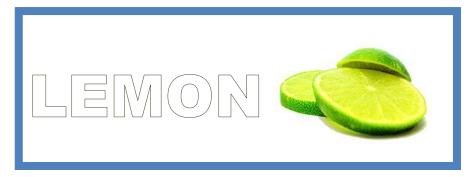


Figure 18.Cognate flash card 5

**Source: The Authors** 



Figure 19.Cognate flash card 6 Source: The Authors



Figure 20.Cognate flash card 7

**Source: The Authors** 

The visuals cards can help the teachers in cognate's class. A picture of a student raising his or her hand can help your class remember that meaning, with clip art and magazine cut outs will be just as helpful as drawings. Students can also create these pictures. Assign one word to each student and then ask the students to present their illustrations to the class, like the following:

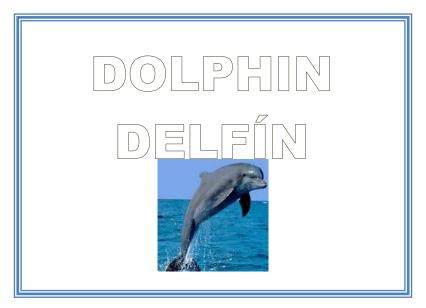


Figure 21. Cognate flash card 8

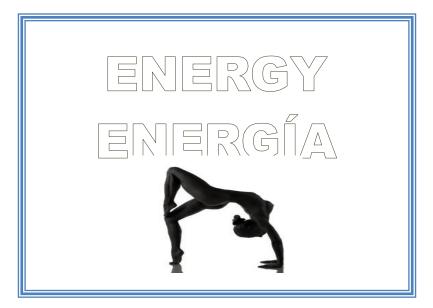


Figure 22. Cognate flash card 9

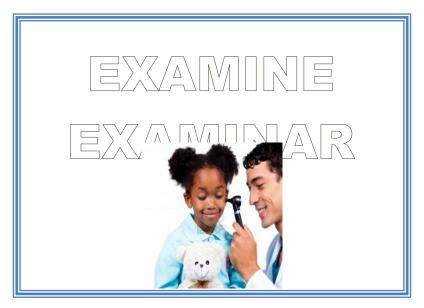


Figure 23. Cognate flash card 10



Figure 24. Cognate flash card 11

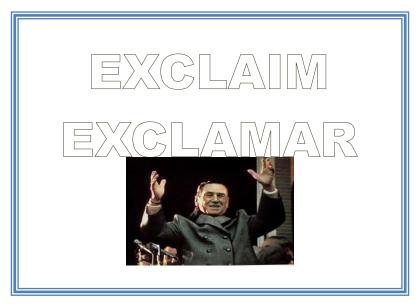


Figure Cognate flash card 12

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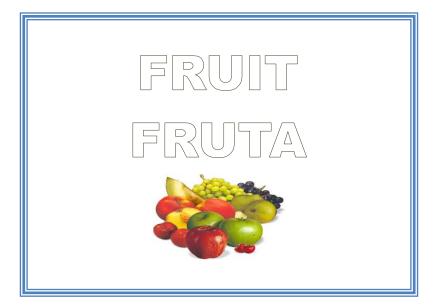


Figure Cognate flash card 13



Figure Cognate flash card 14

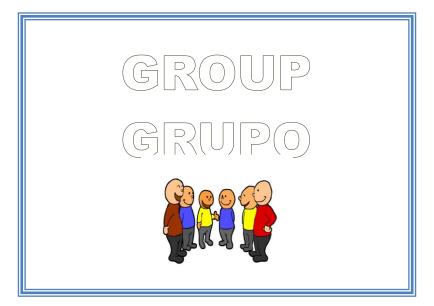


Figure Cognate flash card 15

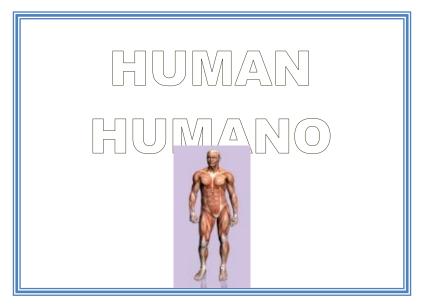


Figure Cognate flash card 16 Source: The Authors



Figure 25. Cognate flash card 17

**Source: The Authors** 

False cognates are pairs of words in the same or different languages that are similar in form and meaning but have different roots. To identify a false cognates is necessary to know the meaning.

To identify a false cognate easily, the teachers can use some flash cards with the words and graphics, for example:



Figure 26. False cognate flash card 1



Figure 27. False cognate flash card 2

## **5.8.1.** Cognates exercises

Now, here we can find some class exercises for students:

## Identify and write in the line the Cognate word in each sentence:

1.	The <b>doctor</b> told me that she is fine.
2.	This is an important hospital
3.	The Imperial Hotel is good.
4.	The travel was perfect.
5.	Music is the best invention of the world.
6.	Jupiter is the biggest planet of the Universe.
7.	My friend is very popular in the school.
8.	Miss Universe is so beautiful.
9.	I do not like this restaurant.
10.	Ecuador is a great Nation.

# Identify the correct cognate in each sentence, then write in the line.

1.	I was only living with my parents(eventually/temporarily)
2.	The governments have (inverted/invested) a lot of money in the new scheme.
3.	Do not (invert/invest) this package.
4.	The Doctor wearing navy blue socks with sandals is a bit of a (stereotype/topic) in Spain.
5.	He never stops moving some part of his body. He finds it(interesting/boring).
6.	We didn't enjoy the wedding (absolutely/at all).
7.	English is very (important/interesting) for my job.
8.	All my friends love go out by a (transportation/car) and drive in the city.
9.	My working day is from 8 am to 5 pm, but it only take me 20 minutes to get to the (office/house)

## Find cognates words and write in the lines:

1.	The Red Crosses are (controlling/monitoring) the
	situation in the north very closely.
2.	The rebels are (controlling/monitoring) the entire north of the country.
3.	( <b>Eventually</b> /Temporarily), we decided to go on holiday rather than buy a home cinema kit.
4.	I need (vacations/constipation). I am not feel so good.
5.	My friend bought a new(computer/carpet).
6.	Now is raining and I need a(tax/taxi).
7.	My boss is looking for a new(secretary/lawyer)
8.	My sister is going to travel to the capital by a(bus/ship)
9.	In the circus the most beautiful animal was a(monkey/lion)
10	This book (contains/helps) good reflexions

# Identify the true cognate in each sentence and then write it in the line.

1.	The	(signature/ <b>subject</b> ) I hate most is math.
2.	Germania is a very	(kind / <b>sympathetic</b> ) person.
3.	Keep	( <b>removing</b> /stirring) the soup the whole time?
4.	Criss bought many birthday's party.	(balloons/balls) to decorate the
5.	Sometimes I	(record/ <b>remember</b> ) my childhood.
6.	I need new	(rope/ <b>clothes</b> ) to the party.
7.	My teacher wishes me _	(exit/ <b>success</b> ) in the lesson.
8.	Laura is going to buy a	(soap/soup) for take a shower.
9.	I love the	_(salad/salty) food.
10.	Solange and her husband	d want to travel by (bark/ship).

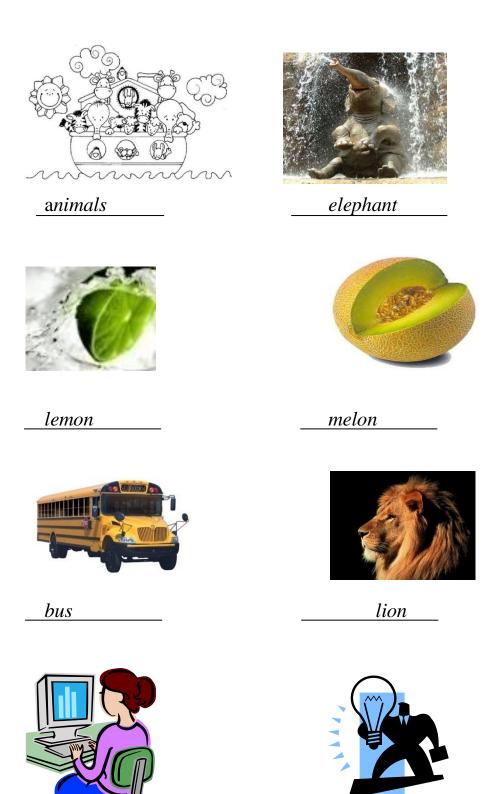
Look up in your dictionary the meaning of the following words. False cognates meaning.

exit	
figures	
actually	
success	
apply	
attend	
realize	
economical	
succeed	
invest	

## Think and write T (true) F (false) for them:

Carpet	F
Exit	<u>F</u>
Pan	<u> </u>
Metal	T
Floor	F
Bus	T
Car	T
Dinner	F
Zealous	F
Elephant	T
Champion	T
Honesty	T
Body	F
Energy	T
Describe	T
Doctor	T
Dragon	T
Plural	T
Sane	F

# Write the name of cognate according to the graphic.



secretary

idea

# **5.9. Planning Workshop**

## 5.9.1. Didactic Unit Plan

# UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS - ESPE – APPLIED LINGUISTIC IN ENGLISH PROGRAM DIDACTIC UNIT PLAN

Teacher: Natalia Montalvo / José Cacuango			Courses:	1°. "A", 1° "B"	<b>Time:</b> 8 hours	Time: 8 hours		
Unit title: Cognates Integrative Cu		rriculum Axis: To Learning Axis: To know cognates		tes   Transversal A	xis: To improve the			
	know the impor		rtance of cognates	words.		vocabulary wit	h cognates.	
	in the English le		earning					
UNIT OBJEC	TIVE:	To know how c	ognates help to impi	rove vocab	ulary in English leari	ning.		
CONTENT	CONTENT RESOURCES		ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES		EVALUATION	ASSESMENTINDICATORS	
	<ul> <li>Computer</li> </ul>		To watch different flash cards			Objective test	Interpretate the	
Cognates	ates		in English and Spanish and				different meanings	
	Paper		compare the differences.		Kolb cycle		about cognates.	
	*	Pencil						
	*	Flash cards						
How to	ow to		Practical demonstrat	tion of				
recognize	recognize  easily a  Flash cards  Internet		cognate words.		Kolb cycle	Students have to	Students know about	
easily a						be able to	the advantages that	

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cognate word?				recognize in any	cognates offer.
		To know how cognates can		text the cognates.	
		help to improve vocabulary in			
		English learning process.			Students express their
What	❖ Paper			Write according	own criteria about of
important are	❖ Pencil		Kolb cycle	the graphics the	meaning cognates.
in the	<ul><li>Flash cards</li></ul>	To show some flash cars with		correct cognate.	
learning?		cognates meaning and			
		students classify them in true			Students identify
	<ul><li>Flash cards</li></ul>	or false.		Write some of	easily the true and
Identify the			Kolb cycle	false cognates.	false cognates.
true and false		Students demonstrate their			
cognates		ability to do support material.			
					Students do learning
	<b>.</b> C.1				material with cognates
Create flash	<ul><li>Colors carton</li><li>Markers</li></ul>		Group work	Exposition of the	words.
cards with	<ul><li>Markers</li><li>Magazines</li></ul>			students with the	

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cognates	*	Pictures	Students compare w	ords in		material that they	
words	*	Internet	another language.			made.	
	*	Computer					
							Students determine
							words that it has the
							same meaning.
	*	Chart with					
Cognates are		cognates list				Students identify	
words with					Oral approach	cognate words.	
similar							
spelling and							
meaning							
Remarks:	Remarks:						
				Revised By:			
Teacher			Academic Director				

Teacher: Natalia Montalvo/ José Cacuango			COURS	SE: 1°. A	DATE	E: 13/11/2012	TIME	: 2 Hours
OBJECTIVE: To identify true and false cognates								
SPECIFIC CONTENT METHODOLOGY		STRATE	CGIES		RESOURCES		ASSESMENT INDICATORS	
Text with true and false cognates.  Reading a text and identify cognates.  Classification in a chart with true and false cognates.  Kolb cycle with more easily the increase their vocabulary. APPLICATION: In a cognates.  REMARKS:		tes in a chart, with  e knowledge of cogna  bulary of students  age learning.  N: Students remem  leaning of words	the ates and aber and	<ul><li>Text</li><li>Board</li><li>Pencil</li><li>Notebook</li></ul>		Students work in their notebooks with a teacher's cognates list.  Students can identify in any text true and false cognates words.		
REMARKS:								
TEACHER:						REVISE Academic I		

Teacher: Natalia Montalvo/ José Cacuango COUR			SE: 1°. A	DATE: 13	3/11/2012	TIME	: 2 Hours
OBJECTIVE: To kno	ow about English cognate	s in the English learning pro	ocess.				
SPECIFIC CONTENT METHODOLOGY		STRATE	GIES	F	RESOURCE	S	ASSESMENT INDICATORS
Cognates definition  How to recognize easily a cognate word?  What important are in the learning?	Kolb cycle	EXPERIENCE: Students learn more easily a vocabulary and they can recognize an English Spanish cognate with easily and they can remember the meaning of each word.  REFLEXION: Having the knowledge of cognates which improve the vocabulary of students and increase their foreign language learning.  CONCEPTUALIZATION: Students remember with more easily the meaning of words and increase their vocabulary.  APPLICATION: Practical demonstration and the students participate.		of shorts short sh	<ul> <li>Computer</li> <li>Internet</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Pencil</li> <li>Flash cards</li> </ul>		Students express their own criteria about meaning of cognates and the importance that they have. Moreover they will be able to the advantages that cognates offer.
REMARKS:							
			REVISI Academic		r		

Teacher: José Cacuango COURSE: 1º		. B DATE: 14/11/2012		TIME: 2 Hours				
OBJECTIVE: To recognize the two types of cognates.								
SPECIFIC CONTENT	METHODOLOGY	STRATEGIES		RESOURCES	ASSESMENT INDICATORS			
Identify the true cognates and false cognates	Oral Approach Group work	EXPERIENCE: Students learning what cognates a cognates.  REFLEXION: Having meaning of false cognates a CONCEPTUALIZATION recognize false cognates.  APPLICATION: Realize students need recognize false.	the knowledge of the and cognates.  N: Ability to e a test where the	<ul> <li>Computer</li> <li>Board</li> <li>Markers</li> <li>Papers</li> <li>Posters</li> </ul>	Students identify easily the true cognates and false cognates, they can improve their vocabulary with cognates and it can be apply in any text.			
REMARKS:								
TEACHER:			REVISED BY  Academic Director					

Teacher: Natalia Montalvo COURSE:  OBJECTIVE: To elaborate learning materi				TIME: 2 Hours	
OBJECTIVE: To ela  SPECIFIC CONTENT	METHODOLOGY	STRATEGIES  EXPERIENCE: Students have the ability to elaborat flash cards as learning material to improve their vocabulary REFLEXION: They are practice with vocabulary		ASSESMENT INDICATORS  Students demonstrate their ability	
Create flash cards with cognates words	Group work	grammar writing and reading comprehension, and the students improve their vocabulary.  CONCEPTUALIZATION: Getting familiar with new cognates words.  APPLICATION: Exposition of some students with flast cards and show what easy is improving their vocabulary.	<ul><li>Magazines</li><li>Pictures</li><li>Internet</li></ul>	to do learning material and a methodology of learning words, with cognates help.	
REMARKS:	TEACHER:		REVISED BY Academic Direct		

# **ANNEX**

**ANNEX I** 

## **Distribution table**

ν	0,005	0,01	0,025	0,05	0,95	0,975	0,99	0,995
1	0,00003935	0,000157	0,000982	0,00393	3,841	5,024	6,635	7,879
2	0,010	0,020	0,051	0,103	5,991	7,378	9,210	10,597
3	0,072	0,115	0,216	0,352	7,815	9,348	11,345	12,838
4	0,207	0,297	0,484	0,711	9,488	11,143	13,277	14,860
5	0,412	0,554	0,831	1,145	11,070	12,832	15,086	16,750
6	0,676	0,872	1,237	1,635	12,592	14,449	16,812	18,548
7	0,989	1,239	1,690	2,167	14,067	16,013	18,475	20,278
8	1,344	1,647	2,180	2,733	15,507	17,535	20,090	21,955
9	1,735	2,088	2,700	3,325	16,919	19,023	21,666	23,589
10	2,156	2,558	3,247	3,940	18,307	20,483	23,209	25,188
11	2,603	3,053	3,816	4,575	19,675	21,920	24,725	26,757
12	3,074	3,571	4,404	5,226	21,026	23,337	26,217	28,300
13	3,565	4,107	5,009	5,892	22,362	24,736	27,688	29,819
14	4,075	4,660	5,629	6,571	23,685	26,119	29,141	31,319
15	4,601	5,229	6,262	7,261	24,996	27,488	30,578	32,801
16	5,142	5,812	6,908	7,962	26,296	28,845	32,000	34,267
17	5,697	6,408	7,564	8,672	27,587	30,191	33,409	35,718
18	6,265	7,015	8,231	9,390	28,869	31,526	34,805	37,156
19	6,844	7,633	8,907	10,117	30,144	32,852	36,191	38,582
20	7,434	8,260	9,591	10,851	31,410	34,170	37,566	39,997
21	8,034	8,897	10,283	11,591	32,671	35,479	38,932	41,401
22	8,643	9,542	10,982	12,338	33,924	36,781	40,289	42,796
23	9,260	10,196	11,689	13,091	35,172	38,076	41,638	44,181
24	9,886	10,856	12,401	13,848	36,415	39,364	42,980	45,558
25	10,520	11,524	13,120	14,611	37,652	40,646	44,314	46,928
26	11,160	12,198	13,844	15,379	38,885	41,923	45,642	48,290
27	11,808	12,878	14,573	16,151	40,113	43,195	46,963	49,645
28	12,461	13,565	15,308	16,928	41,337	44,461	48,278	50,994
29	13,121	14,256	16,047	17,708	42,557	45,722	49,588	52,335
30	13,787	14,953	16,791	18,493	43,773	46,979	50,892	53,672

# **ANNEX II**

# **SURVEY**

# **Instructions:**

Dear students: read the questions carefully and select only one alternative you consider the best option to carry out the teaching and learning process efficiently. Marks the answer using  $(\mathbf{x})$ 

1. Do you understand what a cognate is?						
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )				
2. Can you identify an English cognate in a sentence?						
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )				
3. Do cognates help words?	students remember similar Er	nglish and Spanish				
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )				
4. Do you think that cognates help learn a new language quickly?						
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )				
5. Do the cognates help students remember English words or phrases efficiently?						
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )				
6. Do you use a cognate as a guide to elaborate some texts?						
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ()				

7. When you have diffice do you associate it wit	cult to remember a word in Englisch a cognate?	sh or Spanish,
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ()
8. Do you associate Engl	ish Cognate with a Spanish Word	?
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ()
9. Do you think that oprocess?	cognates strengthen the teaching	and learning
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ( )
10. Does you professor p	lan the learning activities by using	cognates?
Always ( )	Sometimes ()	Never ()

# **ANNEX III**

# LIST OF FALSE COGNATES

Spanish Word	<b>English Translation</b>	<b>Confused With</b>	<b>Spanish Translation</b>
actual	Current	actual	verdadero
advertencia	a warning	advertisement	anuncio
agonía	Dyingmoments	agony	dolor fuerte
aguacate	Avocado	lawyer	abogado
base militar	Camp	field	campo en general
biblioteca	Library	bookshop	librería
cacerola	pan	bread	pan
calumniar	to traduce	totranslate	traducir
Carpeta	file folder	carpet	alfombra
Ceder	tocompromise	commitment	compromiso
Cena	dinner	money	dinero
Cortés	gracious	funny	gracioso
Cuerda	rope	clothes	ropa
Cuerdo	sane	healthy	sano
Cuerno	horn	oven	horno
Cuerpo	body	wedding	boda
desviación	diversion	Fun	diversión
Dibujosanimado	s cartoon	cardboard	cartón
diferenciado	discrete	discreet	discreto
discusión	argument	plot	argumento de un libro
disgusto	displeasure	disgust	asco orepugnancia
Ebrio	intoxicated	Foodpoisoning	intoxicado
emocionante	emotionally	emotional	emocional
entusiasta	zealous	jealous	celoso
Éxito	success	event	suceso
ensalada	salad	salty	salado
economía	economics	cheap	económicos

ejército	army	navy	marina
evaluación	assessment	consultancy	asesoría
eventual	incidental	eventual	definitivo
Fábrica	factory	cloth	tejidoytela
facultad	college	school	colegio
habitante	inhabitant	uninhabited	inhabitado
impuesto	tax	taxi	taxi
Ingenio	ingenuity	naivety	ingenuidad
involucrar	involve	wrap	envolver
Jabón	soap	soup	sopa
Ladrar	bark	boat, ship	barco
Lograr	toattain	totie	atar
Lugar	place	square	plaza
Lujo	luxury	lust	lujuria
maldición	curse	course	curso
maleducado	rude	rough	rudo
padres	parents	relatives	parientes
Pala	spade	sword	espada
pecado	sin	without	sin
quejarse	to complain	to please	complacer
salida	exit	success	éxito
traducir	totranslate	tomove	trasladarse
vapor	fume	smoke	fumar
Vaso	drinkingglass	base	Jarrón

## **ANNEX IV**

# Cognates list:

ENGLISH SPANISH

Abandon Abandonar

Accuse Acusar Abolish Abolir

Acquire Adquirir

Adult (adj.) (n.) Adulto

Abolition Abolición

Acquisition Adquisición

Advance (n.) Avance

Abominable Abominable

Adverbio Adverbio

Absolutely Absolutamente

Active Activo

Adversario Adversario

Absorb Absorber

Activity Actividad

Adversity Adversidad

Abstraction Abstracción

Actress Actriz

Aesthetic Estético

Absurdo Absurdo

Actuality Actualidad

Affable Afable

Abundancia Abundancia

Adapt Adaptar

Affect (v.) Afectar

Abundant Abundante

Addition Adición

Affection Afección

Abundantly Abundantemente

Academy Academia

Administración Administración

Agency Agencia

Accelerate Acelerar

Acceptance Aceptación

Admirably Admirablemente

Aggression Agresión

Access Acceso

Admiration Admiración

Aggressive Agresivo

Accessory Accesorio

Admire Admirar

Aggressor Agresor

Agreeable Agradable

Accusation Acusación

Amber Ámbar

Apostolic Apostólico

Amplify Amplificar

Appetite Apetito

Bravo Bravo

Brigade Brigada

Brilliant Brillante

Bronze Bronce

Brutal Brutal

Brutality Brutalidad

Brutally Brutalmente

Brute Bruto

Cardinal Cardinal

Career Carrera

Carpenter Carpintero

Cartón Cartón

Cadaver Cadáver
Castigate Castigar
Case Caso
Casual Casual

Catholicism Catolicismo
Circulation Circulación
Camel Camello
Cause (n.) Causa

Circumstance Circunstancia
Civilization Civilización
Candidacy Candidatura
Civilize Civilizar
Candidate Candidato
Character Carácter

Characteristic Característico Champion Campeón Characterize Caracterizar Champagne Champaña Charity Caridad Center Centro Classic Clásico Central Central

Ceremony Ceremonia
Clemency Clemencia
Clement Clemente
Client Cliente
Climate Clima
Commissary Comisario

Commissary Comisario
Concept Concepto
Commission Comisión
Conciliate Conciliar

Conciliation Conciliación
Company Compañía
Concourse Concurso
Colleague Colega

Comparable
Concrete
Concrete
Collection
Compare
Compare
Compatriot
Condition
Compariot
Condición

Color (n.) Color

Confident (n.) Confidente
Confine (v) Confinar
Comedy Comedia

Comprehend Comprender
Confirm Confirmar
Congress Congreso
Contagious Contagioso
Cooperative Cooperativa

Conjure Conjurar
Contain Contener
Contaminate Contaminar
Cordial Cordial

Consent (n.) Consentimiento

Contend Contender
Corporation Corporación
Consent (v.) Consentir
Content Contento
Correct (adj.) Correcto

Consequence Consecuencia
Continent Continente

Continuación Continuación

Correspondencia Correspondencia

Consiterable Consiterable
Continue Continuar

Correspondent Correspondiente

Consolation Consolación

Contradiction Contradicción

Count (v.) Contar

Contrarily Contrariamente

Course Curso
Cupola Cúpula
Curiosity Curiosidad

Crear Create Creator Creador Creature Criatura Credit Crédito Crest Cresta Crime Crimen Criminal Criminal Crisis Crisis

Cylinder Cilindro
Cypress Ciprés
Curious Curioso
Descend Descender

Defective Defectuoso
Describe Describir
Defend Defender
Description Descripción

Defense Defensa

Desert (n.) Desierto

Delicate Delicado

Delicious Delicioso
Destiny Destino

Delinquent Delincuente
Destroy Destrozar
Debate Debate
Detail Detalle

Debut Debut

Democrático

Democrático

Determine Determinar

Decade Década

Demolish Demoler

Detestable Devoción

Decide Decidir

Denounce Denunciar
Devout Devoto

Denotar

Denote

Decision Decisión
Dialogue Dialogo
Density Densidad

Discussion Discusión
Divulge Divulgar
Dignity Dignidad

Dispense Dispensar

Diligence Diligencia

Disperse Dispersar

Dissolve Disolver

Directly Directamente

Distance Distancia

Dimension Dimensión

Disposition Disposición

Disciple Discípulo
Discipline Disciplina
Distribute Distribuir
Disconcert Desconcertar
Divine (v.) Adivinar
Dragon Dragón

Dissolution Disolución
Duration Duración
Dynasty Dinastía
Ebullition Ebullición
Eccentric Excéntrico

Eccentricity Excentricidad
Ecclesiastical Eclesiástico

Evacuar Efficacy Eficacia

Energetically Energéticamente

Evade **Evadir** Effusion Efusión Energy Energía Evaluate Evaluar Egoism Egoísmo Eventual **Eventual** Enter Entrar Evoke Evocar Elector Elector Element Elemento

Episode Episodio
Exaltation Exaltación
Elevate Elevar

Examination Examen
Elevation Elevación

Excess Exceso

Embark Embarcar

Essence Esencia

Excessive Excesivo

Emblem Emblema

Essential Esencial

Excessively Excesivamente

Emigrant Emigrante

Essentially Esencialmente

cuse (n.) Excusa

Excuse (v.) Excusar

Express (v.) Expresar

Expression Expresión

False Falso

Fidelity Fidelidad
Falsify Falsificar
Falsity Falsedad
Fame Fama

Familiarity Familiaridad
Fantastic Fantástico
Fantasy Fantasía
Fascinate Fascinar
Fatality Fatalidad
Felicitation Felicitación
Fecund

Felicity Felicidad
Firmament Firmamento
Foment Fomentar

Force (v.) Forzar

Form (v.) Formar

Formation Formación

Formality Formalidad
Formula Fórmula
Fresh Fresco
Form (n.) Forma

Generation Generación
Generosity Generosidad

Generous Generoso
Genius Genio
Genteel Gentil

Gentility Gentileza
Genuine Genuino
Geometrical Geométrico

Geranium Geranio
Germ Germen
Gracious Gracioso
Grain Grano

Grammar Gramática
Grandeur Grandeza
Gratis Gratis

Guitar guitarra
Gusto Gusto
Fugitive Fugitivo

Hemisphere Hemisferio Heretic Herético

Hereditary Hereditario

Hero Héroe Heroic Heroico

Homogeneous Homogéneo

Honest Honesto
Honesty Honestidad

Honor Honor

Horizontal Horizontal
Imitation Imitación
Immediate Inmediato

Immediately Inmediatamente

Immense Inmenso

ImmensityInmensidadImminentInminenteImmobilityInmovilidadImaginaryImaginario

Impossibility Imposibilidad
Imagination Imaginación

Impossible Imposible Imaginative Imaginativo

Ingratitude Ingratitud
Inoffensive Inofensivo

Incomplete Incompleto
Incorporate Incorporar

Infamous Infame
Insist Insistir

Incredible Increfble
Infamy Infamia
Insistence Insistencia

Incurable Incurable

Inspiration Inspiración

Independent Independiente

Inspire Inspirar
Ironical Irónico
Interrogate Interrogar
Irony Ironía

International Internacional Involuntary Involuntario

Intelligence Inteligente
Invasion Invasión
Intellectual Intelectual
Invariable Invariable
Intonation Entonación
Insular Insular

Intolerable Intolerable
Insufficiency Insuficiencia

Jar Jarra
Jargon Jerga
Jubilance Júbilo
Judicial Judicial
Lance Lanza

Language Lengua, lenguaje

Interpellation Interpelación

Languid Lánguido Lassitude Lasitud Latitude Latitud Legal Legal Logical Lógico Longitude Longitud Locality Localidad Locomotive Locomotora

alignant Maligno

Mapa Mapa

Methodic Metódico

Meticulous Meticuloso

Militarily Militarmente

Million Millón
Miner Minero

Moderación Moderación

Motor Motor Mountain Montaña Movable Movible Monopoly Monopolio Monster Monstruo Municipal Municipal Mysterious Misterioso Mystery Misterio Navegable Navigable Navigation Navegación Necessarily Necesariamente Negligence Negligencia Negligent Negligente Necessary Necesario Necessitate Necesitar Necessity Necesidad Note (n.) Nota Notorious Notorio Novel (n.) Novela Novelist Novelista Nucleus Núcleo Obstruct Obstruir Objective Objetivo Operation Operación Opportunity Oportunidad Opposition Oposición Ordinary Ordinario Occupation Ocupación Orgánico Organic Origin Origen

Original

Original

Palace Palacio
Pallid Pálido
Palm Palma
Palpitate Palpitar
Pavement Pavimento

Personally Personalmente
Perversity Perversidad

Pedestal Pedestal
Pendulum Péndulo
Petal Pétalo
Penetrate Penetrar

Permanent Permanente
Permission Permiso
Perpetual Perpetuo

Pine Pino

Photograph Fotografía
Photography Fotografía

Physical Físico
Poetical Poético
Poetry Poesía
Poet Poeta
Polar Polar
Pole Polo

Polemic Polémica
Police Policía
Political Político

Presentation Presentación
Preserve Preservar
Precursor Predecessor Predecesor
Prologue Prologo

Propaganda Propaganda

Prophet Profeta
Propitious Propicio
Prudence Prudencia
Prudent Prudente
Public Público
Publicity Publicidad

Rationale Racional
Recruit (v.) Reclutar
Rectangle Rectángulo

**Publicar** 

Publish

Rectify Rectificar
Rectitude Rectitud
Reality Realidad
Refine Refinar

Realization Realización

Refinement Refinamiento

Reason (n.)

Reflect

Reflejar

Reform (v.)

Reformar

Rebellion

Refractory

Receive

Recibir

Refuge

Refugio

Recently Recientemente

Regale Regalar

Recommendation Recomendación
Regularly Regularmente

Romance Romance
Romantic Romántico

Rose Rosa

Rude Rudo Ruffian Rufián Ruin (n.) Ruina

Security Seguridad
Sentiment Sentimiento

Secret (n.) Secreto Escándalo Scandal Space Espacio Special Especial Spiral **Espiral** Situate Situar Situación Situation Sign Signo

Signification Significación
Signify Significar
Solidly Solidamente
Solitary Solitario
Soluble Soluble
Solution Solución
Somber Sombrío

Superiority Superioridad Supernatural Sobrenatural

Sonoro

Suave Suave

Sonorous

Superstition Superstición
Supplementary Suplementario

Sublime Sublime
Supposition Suposición
Susceptible Susceptible

Subject (n.) Sujeto
Syndicate Sindicato

Tension Tensión

Theoretically Teóricamente

Theory Teoría
Tribune Tribuna
Tricolor Tricolor
Triple Triple
Tube Tubo

Turbulent Turbulento

Tunnel Túnel
Usury Usura
Utility Utilidad

Utilization Utilización
Vacation Vacaciones

Vacillate Vacilar

Vacillation Vacilación
Vagabond Vagabundo
Veteran Veterano
Violence Violencia
Violent Violento
Viscount Vizconde
Visible Visible

Visibility Visiblemente

Vision Visión Visit (v.) Visitar Vital Vital Vicious Vicioso Victory Victoria Vocation Vocación Voltio Volt Volumen Volume

Vomitar

Vomit

#### **GLOSSARY**

#### Accent

This can mean word stress - control has the accent on the second syllable but we use it to mean the pronunciation used by some speakers - a regional or class accent.

# Acquisition

A term used to describe language being absorbed without conscious effort; i.e. the way children pick up their mother tongue. Language acquisition is often contrasted with language learning.

### **Active Vocabulary**

The words and phrases which a learner is able to use in speech and writing. Contrasted with Passive Vocabulary.

### **Advanced**

A level of attainment where the learner has mastered most of the structures and functions of the language and is able to move freely through several registers - there may be a working vocabulary of in excess of 3000 words.

## **Applied Linguistics**

The study of the relationship between theory and practice. The main emphasis is usually on language teaching, but can also be applied to translation, lexicology etc.

## **Behaviorism**

A psychological theory developed by B F Skinner; became the basis for the audio-lingual approach, which viewed language learning in terms of habit formation.

# Bilingualism

Being able to communicate effectively in two or more languages, with more or less the same degree of proficiency.

## Cognate

Cognates are words from different languages which are related historically.

#### **Contents Words**

Words with a full meaning of their own; nouns, main verbs (not auxiliary your modal verbs), adjectives and many adverbs. Contrasted with structure words.

### Contextualization

Placing the target language in a realistic setting, so as to be meaningful to the student.

#### **Dialect**

The regional variety of a language, differing from the standard language, in grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation or idiomatic usage.

### **Direct Method**

The most common approach in TEFL, where language is taught through listening and speaking. There may be little or no explicit explanation of grammatical rules, nor translation into the mother tongue of the student - inductive learning rather than deductive.

#### **Discourse**

A unit of language greater than a sentence.

## **ESOL**

English to/for Speakers of Other Languages.

# **ESP**

English for Special Purposes; eg for business, science and technology, medicine etc.

## **False Friends**

Cognate words, or words accidentally similar in form, whose meaning is rather different in the two languages, eg English gentle - French gentil.

#### **Function Words**

See Structure Words

## First Language

The mother tongue.

# **Second Language**

A language other than the mother tongue.

#### **Phoneme**

The smallest unit of sound which causes a change of meaning: cattle - kettle /kætl/ - /ketl/; sleep - sleeve, /sli:p/ - /sli:v/.

Phonemic sounds are written in sloping brackets / /. There are usually considered to be 24 consonant and 20 vowel phonemes in RP.

#### **Phonetics**

The study of sounds by the manner or place of articulation.

## **Phonology**

The study of the sound system of a language, its phonemes, stress and intonation.

#### **Semantics**

The study of the meaning of words and the study of context, - how meaning is expressed through language and in individual languages.

### **Stress**

Normally refers to word stress: English words have one syllable which is invariably stressed, the others being weak or unstressed: below, normally, photographer. Words of three or more syllables may have secondary stress on one of the remaining syllables: photograph, responsibility. It may also refer to the greater emphasis of some syllables or words over others in speech.

#### **Structure**

The complex set of rules underlying a language, generally the grammar of a structure language.

#### **Structure Words**

Words with no lexical contents, with a grammatical role in the phrase or sentence; eg 'articles, pronouns, prepositions, modal and auxiliary verbs'. These are sometimes called function words.

## **Syllabus**

A plan of what is to be taught. Most syllabuses now attempt to combine structural and functional approaches. This is reflected in many modern course books.

## **Syntax**

The branch of grammar concerned with word order as an element in a clause or sentence and the rules governing word order and sentence structure.

### **TOEFL**

Test of English as a Foreign Language. An American examination to test language proficiency; usually necessary in order to gain entry to university in the United States. A related exam is TOEIC, Test of English for International Communication.

## Transfer

The influence of a mother tongue habit on the language being learned; can being pronunciation, word order or use of tenses etc.

#### Utterance

A stretch of speech or written language, which may be a single word or a string of sentences. This is generally marked in speech by silence before and after. Also refers to a word or expression that conveys meaning.