

Project Description

As you have begun studying *el español*, you have noticed that there are words and phrases that you can already understand; this is because many words are basically the same in both English and in Spanish. We call these words or phrases ‘cognates’. For example, you could easily understand these Spanish words: *la fruta*, *el teléfono*, or *el mapa*. Just be careful -- there are many *amigos falsos* (false friends) that may look the same but have different meanings. An example of this is *una librería* (which in Spanish is a ‘bookstore’; a ‘library is *una biblioteca*).

You will design an alphabet ‘cognate’ poster or ABC book/booklet. Look through a Spanish textbook or dictionary to find one good cognate (not false cognates) that begins with each letter of the Spanish alphabet (that’s 30 letters). Arrange these letters and cognates on a piece of poster board or as a booklet; be creative -- design your poster in a culturally significant shape; *un sombrero* or in the shape of a country! Or something else culturally significant, use your imaginations. Use paint, glitter, pictures, and/or computer graphics! Finally, verify your spellings (along with any Spanish accent marks). You will have some class time over the next 2 weeks to work on this as well as whatever time you choose after class.

Primary Activity Standard: Comparisons: Standard 4.1

Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.

Rubric:	Excellent	Average	Needs Work
Cooperation:	Student stays on task to produce a quality poster; work was not rushed or sloppy. 5	Student is mostly on task when given time to work on project, work completed on time but slightly rushed at the end. 4 3	Student often wastes class time and is often off task; Student does most of work at last minute in a hurry or turns in work late. 2 1 0
Choice of Cognates:	Poster has cognates for 28+ letters of the alphabet; all choices are close enough to qualify as good cognates. No false cognates. 10 9	Poster has cognates for 22 - 27 letters of the alphabet, all choices are close enough to qualify as good cognates. No false cognates. 8 7 6	Poster has cognates for fewer than 22 letters of the alphabet; some choices do not qualify as a cognate or are false cognates. 5 4 3 2 1 0
Poster Design:	Cognate poster is awesome! It is both colorful and has a creative design (materials and form). ¡Magnífico! 10 9	Cognate poster is average. It uses some color, but its design is not very creative (materials and/or form). 8 7 6	Cognate poster is poor in quality (little effort). It uses nothing more than basic materials. ¡Qué lástima! 5 4 3 2 1 0