Cognates

**Cognates** are words that are similar in Spanish and English. There are four

types of cognates:

1. The words are spelled exactly the same. Example: animal

2. The words are spelled similarly. Example: conversación = conversation

3. The words are less similar but have the same base. Example: familia = family

4. The words are spelled differently but sound the same. Example: igual = equal

Cognates are our friends and help us learn a new language. Beware of false friends – amigos falsos!

Embarazada (pregnant) is not the same as embarrassed (avergonzado).

Sopa is not soap - it’s soup!

Carpeta means folder in English. What does the English word “carpet”mean?

Ción SPANISH tion ENGLISH

acción action

concentración concentration

descripción description

dirección direction

(address) (not defined as address)

estación station

(also means “season”)

fundación foundation

identificación identification

nación nation

pronunciación pronunciation

recepción reception

situación situation

transportación transportation

vacación vacation