

Falsos Amigos — 6 Claves para Aprender Inglés

En inglés hay un número importante de “falsos amigos”--palabras que se parecen entre inglés y español, pero que significan cosas muy distintas.

Para que evites confusiones, aquí pongo una lista de unos de los más comunes. Para mucho más inglés, visita mi web aprendemasingles.com o suscríbete para mis lecciones por correo.

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actually = realmente — **Ejemplo:** I thought she was Italian, but actually, she's French.

currently = actualmente — **Ejemplo:** I used to work in a shop, but currently, I work in an office.

invite = pedir que me acompañes (en inglés no significa que voy a pagar) — **Ejemplo:** Why don't we invite Tom to dinner tomorrow?

career = trayectoria profesional — **Ejemplo:** My grandfather had a long career as an engineer. He worked for nearly 40 years.

degree = carrera universitaria — **Ejemplo:** She got a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Alabama.

excited = emocionado — **Ejemplo:** I'm really excited about the concert on Friday.

library = biblioteca — **Ejemplo:** I have to return these two books to the library.

bookstore, bookshop = librería — **Ejemplo:** I bought this book in a little bookshop in London.

discuss = hablar seriamente de algo, analizar — **Ejemplo:** I'm going to discuss the new projections with my boss.

argue = discutir — **Ejemplo:** Mary and her sister don't get along. They always argue about everything.

argument = discusión — **Ejemplo:** Bill's in a bad mood. He had an argument with his wife last night.

plot = argumento (de un libro o una película) — **Ejemplo:** The plot of that film is very confusing. I didn't know what was happening.

carpet = moqueta — **Ejemplo:** Oops! Sorry, I just spilled wine on the carpet.

folder = carpeta — **Ejemplo:** I put all the documents in a folder. Now, where did I put the folder?

cafeteria = normalmente el comedor de una escuela u oficina — **Ejemplo:** Do you want to go to the cafeteria for lunch, or should we go to a restaurant?

café, coffeeshop = cafetería — **Ejemplo:** I'll meet you in the café on the corner in half an hour.

control = dirigir, gobernar, regular — **Ejemplo:** That party has been in control of the government for more than 20 years.

check = controlar — **Ejemplo:** They're going to check your passport at the airport.

direction = dirección (izquierda, derecha, etc) — **Ejemplo:** Which direction should I go: left or right?

address = dirección (calle y número) — **Ejemplo:** Okay, I'll be there in a couple of hours. What's your address?

support = apoyar, apoyo — **Ejemplo:** Her parents support her in whatever she wants to do.

stand, put up with = soportar — **Ejemplo:** I can't stand Pedro! He's so annoying!

eventually = al final, finalmente — **Ejemplo:** I originally wanted to study business, but I eventually decided to study psychology.

occasionally = eventualmente — **Ejemplo:** I occasionally go out for dinner, but I usually cook something at home.

embarrassed = avergonzado — **Ejemplo:** I was so embarrassed about what happened that I left the party and went home.

pregnant = embarazada — **Ejemplo:** Did you hear that Lorena is pregnant? She's going to have her baby in August!

introduce = presentar — **Ejemplo:** I'd like to introduce you to my friend Maria.

put in, insert = introducir — **Ejemplo:** Please insert your credit card and type your PIN.

record = grabar, récord — **Ejemplo:** He broke the world record at the last Olympic Games.

remember = recordar, acordarse — **Ejemplo:** Remember to turn off the lights before you leave.