

Y ahora, ¡a leer!

Antes de empezar

Palabras afines. As you begin to study Spanish, you will be glad to learn that you already know or can guess the meaning of many Spanish words. To prove this to yourself, answer the following questions, working in groups of three or four. Remember that although you may be able to recognize these words in reading them, the Spanish pronunciation may be quite different from the English.

1. How many of the following English words have been borrowed from Spanish?

rodeo	chocolate	corral
tomato	ranch	potato
lasso	tobacco	patio

2. The following Spanish words were borrowed from English. What do they mean?

rosbif	pudding	tenis
jersey	hamburguesa	jonrón
teléfono	sweater	béisbol

3. Write the English equivalent of the following Spanish words.

aire	profesor	problema
centro	conversación	nacional

Verifiquemos

Look at the words in the box on the next page. Then answer the following questions.

1. In your opinion, how many of the words in the box are Spanish words? How many are English words?
2. Are there any words you don't understand? Which ones?

¿Inglés o español?

televisión

PROBLEMA

hotel

actor

computadora

formal

hospital

música

plástico

Director

piano

profesor

artificial

animal

error

cristal

universidad

color

similar

ideal

doctor

principal