

## Decoding Spanish Cognates Using Suffixes and Prefixes

I. Some cognates are spelled the same way in Spanish & in English:

hotel\_\_\_\_\_ original\_\_\_\_\_

hospital\_\_\_\_\_ popular\_\_\_\_\_

animal\_\_\_\_\_ metal\_\_\_\_\_

II. Some cognates are very similar with the English having a double consonant where Spanish does not.

profesión \_\_\_\_\_ diferente\_\_\_\_\_

comercial\_\_\_\_\_ inteligente\_\_\_\_\_

II. There are some suffixes in Spanish which have English equivalents:

**Verbs: Infinitives** -ar,-er,-ir indicates an infinitive. For example:

visitar = to visit                      corresponder = to correspond

preferir = prefer

Can you guess the English for the following verbs?

conversar \_\_\_\_\_ dividir \_\_\_\_\_

producir \_\_\_\_\_ explorar \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Verbal Endings:** -ado, -ido = -ed, -ated

For example: explorado = explored, producido = produced  
\*used as adjectives. i.e: goods produced in the USA

Can you guess the English for the following verbs?

decorado \_\_\_\_\_ preferido \_\_\_\_\_

dividido \_\_\_\_\_ estudiado \_\_\_\_\_

**More Verbal Endings:**

-ando, -iendo = -ing                      For example: decorando = decorating  
dividiendo = dividing  
produciendo = producing

Can you guess the English for the following verbs?

visitando \_\_\_\_\_ insistiendo \_\_\_\_\_

estudiando \_\_\_\_\_ practicando \_\_\_\_\_

conversando \_\_\_\_\_ respondiendo \_\_\_\_\_



