

Exploración del lenguaje Cognates

Words that look alike and have similar meanings in English and Spanish are called **cognates** (*cognados*). Here are examples from this chapter:

Spanish	English
popular	popular
usar	to use
guitarra	guitar
computadora	computer

Strategy

Recognizing cognates

Becoming skilled at recognizing cognates will help you understand what you read and will increase your vocabulary.

Try it out! Look at pp. 26–29 and make a list of seven cognates from the vocabulary on those pages.

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Jaime Antonio González Colson (1901–1975) was an artist from the Dominican Republic. His works usually focused on the people and culture of his homeland.

The *merengue*, the dance shown in this painting, originated in the Dominican Republic in the nineteenth century. One of the instruments used to accompany it is the *güiro* (shown at the top right), made from a gourd and played by scraping it with a stick.



Las maracas, el güiro, la cabassa y las claves son instrumentos típicos de la música del Caribe.

Pre-AP Integration: Visual and Performing Arts What details of the local culture does the artist include in his painting?



“Merengue” (1937), Jaime Antonio González Colson