

False friends - ajectives and adverbs

→ABSOLUTELY - The word is much the same as Spanish, but notice that the meaning is positive and is frequently used as an alternative to 'yes': 'Did you enjoy the film?' 'Absolutely.' The Spanish phrase "En absoluto" translates as 'Absolutely not'.

→ ACTUALLY - Nothing to do with time. This word is overused in British English and has many functions. The best translation is "de hecho", "a decir verdad", "en realidad"

➡ EVENTUALLY - translates as "finalmente".
If you want to translate eventualmente" into English, 'temporary' is a good choice.

→CONFIDENT = seguro de sí mismo ("un confidente" is an informer)

→ CONVENIENT = cómodo, práctico, útil, oportuno.

'It is very convenient to live in the cenfre of town.' 'We could meet tomorrow morning if that's convenient for you.'

- →CONSTIPATED = estreñido ('constipation' = "estreñimiento")
- → DETERMINED always refers to people, not things: resuelto, decidido
- ⇒ DISGUSTING = asqueroso, repugnante.
- ⇒ EDUCATED = culto, instruído (not 'well-mannered', 'polite')
- ⇒ EMBARRASSED = violento, azorado, avergonzado.

An *embarrassing* situation makes you feel *embarrassed*.

- ⇒ EXTRAVAGANT = derrochador, despilfarrador (the opposite is "parsimonious")
- → HONEST may mean "honrado", but most frequently translates as "sincero"
- →INCONVENIENT = incómodo, poco práctico, inoportuno. 'That time is inconvenient for me.'
- →INDIGNANT = indignado, airado (not "indignante" = infuriating, outrageous)
- →INHABITED = habitado (the opposite is 'uninhabited'); inhabitants = "habitantes"
- →INTOXICATED = refers only to "intoxicación etílica"
- ⇒LARGE = grande, much the same as 'big'.
- →QUIET = callado, silencioso, tranquilo, discreto.
- ⇒ **REGULAR** = constante, habitual...

'a regular customer', 'a man of regular habits', 'the regular staff'

- ⇒ RICH (of food...) = pesado, fuerte, empalagoso
- ⇒SANE = cuerdo; the opposite is 'insane' (= loco)
- ⇒SENSIBLE = sensato.

The English translation of Spanish "sensible" is 'sensitive'.

→ SYMPATHETIC = compasivo, comprensivo.

- ➡TERRIFIC = estupendo, maravilloso
 'We had a terrific time at the party.'
- →VICIOUS = despiadado, malintencionado, maligno, sañudo, malvado, atroz...