

Word Bridge Hunt Answer Key

1. altar → C (*cognate*)
2. familia → B (*cognate*)
3. fotografía → A (*cognate*)
4. decoración → D (*cognate*)

All four words are **cognates** because they look and sound similar in both Spanish and English and share the same meaning.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Cross-linguistic awareness and vocabulary recognition.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger students or English learners, pronounce each Spanish word aloud and display a picture to connect meaning and sound.
 - For older or more advanced students, include one **false cognate** (e.g., "ropa" for clothes-not "rope") to deepen critical thinking.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Play "Cognate Catch" - call out a Spanish word, and students quickly name or draw its English match.
 - Add a mini "language detective" activity where students hunt for more Spanish-English cognates in a short Day of the Dead text.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to write a sentence using both the Spanish and English versions of each word.
 - Create a class "Cognate Wall" with illustrations and labels to celebrate bilingual connections during cultural lessons.