

Words which look similar – English & Portuguese

Words which look similar in English and Portuguese may create problems, because the pronunciations may be different, particularly with the position of the stressed syllable. Here are some examples:

1. abdomen
2. abundance
3. adjective
4. adversary
5. agriculture
6. allergy
7. antibiotic (anti-BAI-otic)
8. athlete
9. cathedral
10. catholic
11. colleague
12. crisis (CRAI-sis)
13. criteria
14. decisive / indecisive
15. descendant
16. detective
17. dialogue (DAI-alog)
18. documentary
19. elevator
20. embarrassment
21. emergency
22. hereditary
23. history
24. hygiene (HAI-jeen)
25. independent
26. finite / infinite (FAI-NAIT / INFINIT)
27. insomnia
28. itinerary (AI-TIN-ereri)
29. mania (MEI-nia)
30. laboratory
31. literature
32. microwave (MAI-crowaiv)
33. monopoly
34. offensive
35. orchestra
36. ordinary
37. paragraph
38. phobia
39. pneumonia
40. primary (PRAI-meri)
41. protein
42. pseudonym
43. salary
44. satellite (SA-te-LAIT)
45. sinusitis (SAI-nu-SAI-tis)
46. syllable (SI-label)
47. synonym (SI-no-NIM)
48. vocabulary