

## Connected languages

Many languages are interconnected because they share words that come originally from the same place or “root”. The more connections you can spot, the easier it is to learn new languages and have a better understanding of your own.

Using an [online translation](#) tool, see if you can find out what these words are in different languages. Can you see the connections between them? Click on the audio button to hear the words being said out loud. When you take into account how the words are pronounced, you’ll see that many of them are very similar. Can you do some research to help you find out where the word originated? Consult an [etymological dictionary](#) to help you.

English	Italian	French	Spanish	Portuguese	Romanian
education					
cathedral					
frequent					
potential					
argument					

English	German	Dutch	Danish	Afrikaans	Norwegian
house					
church					
field					
cow					
king					

English	Arabic	Spanish	Portuguese	French	Italian
zero					
algebra					
sugar					
guitar					
paradise					

English	Greek	French	Spanish	Italian	Portuguese
problem					
anchor					
academy					
icon					
choir					

English	Hindi	French	German	Polish	Italian
pyjama					
shampoo					
jungle					
guru					
curry					