

Words That Look Like Cousins

Name _____

- 1 WRITE IT FIVE WAYS:** The English word is given. Write each word in the other four languages, copying carefully from the board.

ENGLISH	IRISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Cat				
Elephant				
Tiger				

- 2 FIND WHAT THEY SHARE:** Look along each line. Two of the words are closer to each other than the rest. Write which two, and the letters they have in common.

Cat (English) · **Cat** (Irish) · **le chat** (French) · **die Katze** (German) · **el gato** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Elephant (English) · **Eilifint** (Irish) · **l'éléphant** (French) · **der Elefant** (German) · **el elefante** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

Tiger (English) · **Tíogar** (Irish) · **le tigre** (French) · **der Tiger** (German) · **el tigre** (Spanish)

The two that look closest: _____ and _____

Letters they share: _____

- 3 WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:** Tick the ones that feel true. Write one more of your own on the last line.

☐ Notice when animal words look and sound alike across languages

☐ Sort true cousin words from pairs that only pretend to match

☐ Talk about what shared words can tell us about people and history

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