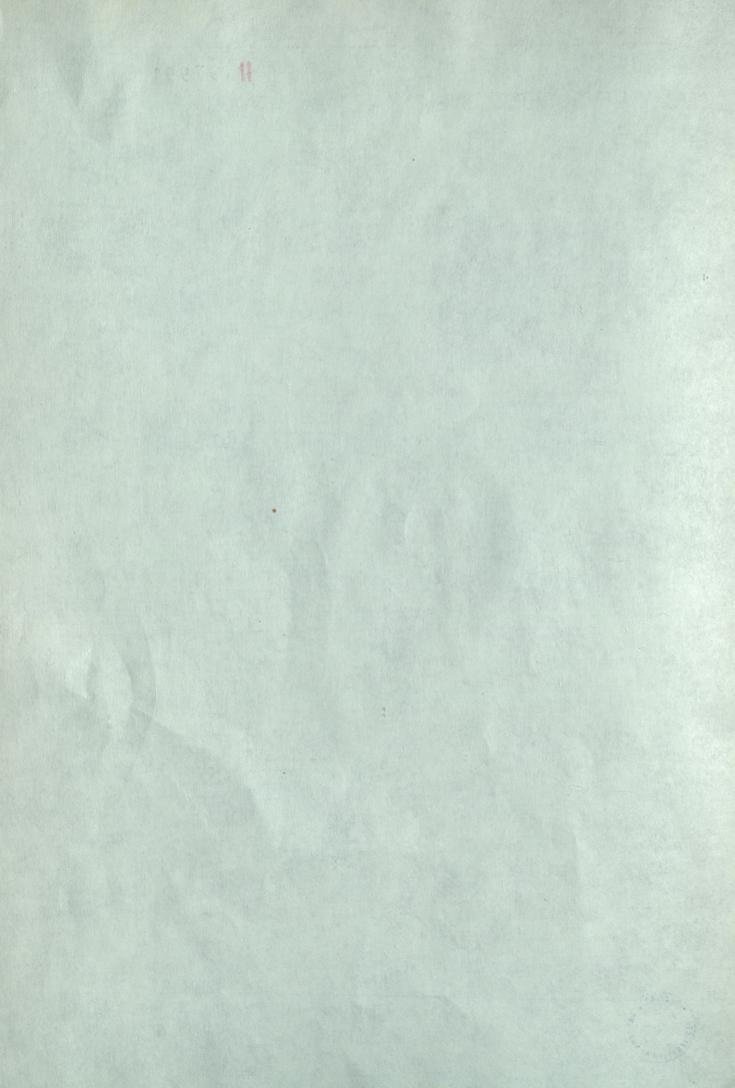
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SLOVENE-ENGLISH FALSE FRIENDS

The present work is divided into two parts. The first, theoretical part gives some insight into the linguistic phenomenon called false friends and the second, more practical part, is a compilation of about 340 false friends. The latter section also provides the correct translation of the Slovene false friends, gives examples and comments on their usage.

Just what exactly are false friends, sometimes also called false pairs, deceptive cognates, or faux amis? This linguistic phenomenon has been defined as "pairs of linguistic (not only lexical) units in two different languages which have something in common, but are not entirely equal." Another author defines false friends as "items which sound and/or look as if they should be equivalent in (a) particular context (or even, in some cases, in all contexts), but which in fact are not." We, however, propose to go a step further and give a more comprehensive definition of false friends as well as attempt to classify they. If we sum up the two above definitions, there are certain similarities and certain differences between false friends. We entirely agree. We propose to establish at this point just what these similarities and differences are, and whether or not they are significant for the translator. Words can be similar or dissimilar at different levels: phonemic, morphologic, etymological, grammatical, semantic, orthographic. The translator, however, should be interested in only one level of words—the semantic level. It is the meaning of the word which tells the translator whether or not he will include it or not in his translation. For this reason, this discussion shall be concerned with only semantic differences and similarities of false friends. Let us, therefore, define false friends in terms of semantic fields is: False friends are words which may sound, look, and are spelled alike, but whose two semantic fields of Slovene "hotel" and English "hotel" coincide exactly, which means that the two words are not false friends. On the other hand, the semantic field of Slovene "dres" is quite different from the semantic field of its English counterpart "dress". They therefore form a false-friend relationship.

In order to shed more light on the complexities of false-friend relationships and provide a more complete definition of false friends, we decided to classify them. The first category is called Absolute False Friends. False friends belonging to this group are those whose semantic fields never coincide, i.e., The Slovene false friend is never translated by its English counterpart, regardless of the context, which may determine the

¹ Ivir Vladimir, <u>Teorija i tehnika prevođenja</u> (*Translation Theory and Technique). The work contains an excellent discussion on the theory of false friends and gives some good examples of Serbo-Croatian-English false friends.

² Limon David, "False Friends and Slovene-English Translation" in <u>Mostovi</u> 1, 1986, pp. 25-26. The article deals with the difficulties of translating false friends and provides a limited glossary of Slovene-English false friends with their correct translations.

³ A semantic field is the sum total of all meanings of a given word.

different shades of meaning. This means that Slovene words "dres", "šef", "ambulanta", "aktualen", "evidenca", "fen", "fotograf", "hazarden", "konkurenca", "kravata", "moda", "reklamacija" would under no circumstances be translated into English by "dress", "chef", "ambulance", "evidence", "fan", "photograph", "hazardous", "concurrence", "cravat", "mode", and "reclamation", respectively.

The category of Contextual False Friends is the most extensive and the most problematic. In one context, the pairs of this category form a false-friend relationship, in another they may not. Slovene "solata", which the context defines as "a type of dish", is translated into English by its counterpart "salad" and therefore does not form a false-friend relationship. However, when the context defines Slovene "solata" as a vegetable plant, it is translated into English by "lettuce" and not "salad". In this context, the Slovene "solata" and English "salad" do indeed form a false-friend relationship. To put it in another way, the semantic fields of Slovene "solata" and English "salad" overlap only to a certain degree. Some other examples from this category are "kultura - culture", "bencin - benzine", "pedagog-pedagogue", "sinhronizacija - synchronization".

A subgroup of Contextual False Friends is called Regional Contextual False Friends. The same object or idea may be referred to by different names in the various parts of the English-speaking world. This is the reason that a given Slovene word may function as a false friend in relation to its English counterpart as it is used in one English language region, but is a "true friend" to its English counterpart, as it is used in another corner of the English-speaking world. Slovene "film" is not a false friend to its English counterpart as it is used in Great Britain. Across the Atlantic, however, they do become false friends, because in North America the terms movie, motion picture and picture are preferred. Some more examples of Regional Contextual False Friends are "kotlet - cutlet", "kino - cinema", biljon - billion", "biljard - billiards", "direktor - director", "pasjansa - patience", "sprint - sprint".

The last category of false friends is called Pseudo-False Friends. Belonging to this group are false friends whose English counterpart does not exist as a single term, but rather as two or more English morphemes. Slovene "avtokamp" has no direct counterpart in the English language, but is made up of two English morphemes "auto" and "camp". Some more pseudo-false friends are "rekonvalescent - re- + convalescent", "termoakumulacijski - thermo- + accumulation", "grafoskop - graph + scope", "raketoplan - rocket + plane".

Finally, false friends may prove to be quite a hard nut to crack. In order to avoid the pitfalls of direct, literal and therefore incorrect translation of false friends, the translator ought to identify false friends by looking up the English counterpart in a good English dictionary and then find the correct translation of the Slovene item of the pair. We hope that this discussion, and the glossary that follows, will be of some service to Slovene translators, and will thus make a contribution, however modest, to the general quality of Slovene-English translations.

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GLOSSARY

Each item of the glossary begins with the Slovene item of the false pair, which may be followed by an explanatory notation in parentheses. After the hyphen comes the correct English translation or translations of its Slovene counterpart, or a Slovene collocation immediately followed by the correct English translation. All Slovene examples are separated from their English translations by a colon. The semi-colon marks the beginning of Slovene examples and their English translations. Then follows a short explanatory statement containing the underlined English item or items of the false pair. Finally, the glossary item may also contain a reference note.

Legend of Notations

art - arts

Am - North American usage

auto — automobilism

Br — British usage

sp - sports
comp - computers
music - music
cloth - clothing
col - colloquial
film - cinematography
el - electricity
expl - expletive
phot - photography

tele - telecommunications

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- ADMINISTRACIJA management; Administration usually refers to the management of a branch of government while in private enterprise the term management is preferred.
- ADMINISTRATOR clerk, office clerk; Administrator is usually a person managing other people's private property.
- ADVOKAT lawyer; An <u>advocate</u> is a person who argues for a cause or supports or pleads on behalf of another; "Zagovornik" in Slovene. Devil's advocate: zagovornik zla or hudičev zastopnik.
- AFIRMIRATI SE establish oneself, gain a reputation, make a name for oneself; Affirm means "potrditi" in Slovene.
- AGILEN enterprising, energetic; <u>Aqile</u> refers to the physical flexibility of the body, although it can also stand for mental alertness. Mlad, agilen direktor: an enterprising young executive.
 - AGILNOST initiative, enterprise, spunk (Am, col); Agility means physical nimbleness.
- AGREGAT(el) generator, electric generator; Aggregate means a group of distinct particulars massed together: The empire is the aggregate of many states. Perhaps "vsota" "skupek" or "združba" in Slovene.
- AGREGATEN(phys) tekoče agregatno stanje: liquid state; <u>Aggregate</u> as an adjective means gathered together into a sum so as to constitute a total; aggregate time (ski): skupni čas (also combined time).
- AKADEMIK academician, fellow of the academy; An <u>academic</u> means a teacher or student of a faculty.
 - AKCIJA drive, effort; delovna akcija: work drive; papirna akcija: paper drive. Action has a too general meaning and is not used in this context.
 - AKT(art) nude; ležeči akt: reclining nude; In English <u>act</u> means a part of a play; "dejanje" in Slovene.
- AKTUALEN topical, current; aktualne novice: current news; aktualna problematika: topical issues; aktualne filmske novice: current news film; aktualni dogodki: current events; Actual describes something that is real, factual, in existence, without any time reference. "Stvaren," "resnicen" in Slovene.
- AKUMULACIJSKI akumulacijsko jezero: reservoir. Accumulative means showing the effects of accumulation: accumulative power. The Slovene equivalent is "kumulativen."
 - AKUMULATOR(auto) battery (Am), car battery (Am); In British English the word accumulator has the same acceptation as the Slovene term.

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- AKVIZITER traveling salesman, door—to—door salesman; the Slovene term corresponds to English morphemes <u>acquis—</u> and <u>—ter</u>, although the composite term does not exist in the English language.
- ALKOTEST Breathalyzer, breath test; "Alkotest" corresponds to English morphemes alcoand test, but the two are never combined to form an English word.
- AMBULANTA outpatient clinic, dispensary; Ambulance is a vehicle for transportation of the sick and wounded, corresponding to Slovene "rešilni avto," "rešilec."
- AMORTIZER(auto) shock absorber; "Amortizer" seems to correspond to English amortize and <u>-er</u>, but the composite word does not exist in the English language. Furthermore, the verb amortize is never used in the automotive context. Also see AMORTIZACIJA.
- AMORTIZACIJA depreciation cost; Amortization may have the same meaning as its Slovene friend but is rarely used.
- ANGAŽIRANOST commitment; angažiranost za mir v svetu: commitment to world peace; Engagement has no political connotations. It is a formal promise to do something.
- ANGAŽIRATI SE commit oneself, become involved; Zelo zgodaj se je angažiral v narodnoosvobodilnem gibanju.: He very early committed himself to the cause of the national liberation movement. To engage in something means to busy oneself with something, but has no political connotations.
- ANORGANSKI inorganic; anorganska kemija: inorganic chemistry; The Slovene term corresponds to English an- and organic, although they are never combined to form a composite English word.
- ANSAMBEL(mus) band; plesni ansambel: big band; Ensemble refers to a theatrical or dance group.
- ANTENA(TV, radio) aerial; Antenna denotes an insect's feeler--"tipalka" in Slovene--but is often also used to mean an aerial.
- APARAT appliance, set, machine; brivski aparat: shaver; fotografski aparat: still camera, camera; TV aparat: TV set; kuhinjski aparat: kitchen appliance; aparat za zobe: braces; aparat Demokratske stranke: Democratic party machine; Apparatus consists of a number of machines put together to accomplish a task, as in "heating apparatus of a building."
- APARTMA suite; Apartment in American English means "stanovanje."
 - ARHIVSKI arhivski posnetek: file footage, file film; Since English is so fond of alliteration it prefers not to use <u>archival</u> in the above collocation. Note: In an Australian film clip the caption "archival film" has been spotted.
 - ARMATURA chassis, framework; Armature(el) is translated into Slovene by "rotor." It can also mean a framework for a clay sculpture.
 - ARMATUREN(auto) armaturna plošča: dashboard (Am), fascia (Br). For armature see
 - ATOMSKI atomski reaktor: nuclear reactor; atomsko zaklonišče: fallout shelter; podmornica na atomski pogon: nuclear submarine. In English, nuclear seems to be more widely used than atomic.

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- ATRAKTIVEN atraktiven sport: spectator sport; attractive usually refers to the physical appearence of a person.
- AUT(sp) out of bounds; Žoga je v autu.: The ball is out of bounds. Except in tennis where "The ball was out," is perfectly correct English.
- AVTOKAMP campsite; The Slovene false friend corresponds to two English terms, auto and camp, although the composite English term does not exist.
- AVTOGRAM autograph; The Slovene term corresponds to English morphemes <u>auto</u> and gram, although they do not form a composite English term.
- AVTOPORTRET self-portrait; Slovene "avtoportret" corresponds to English <u>auto</u> and <u>portrait</u>, although the two morphemes do not combine to form a single English word.
- AVTOBUS bus; Autobus is rarely used in English.
- AVTOBUSEN avtobusno postajališče: bus stop; avtobusna postaja: bus station, bus depot (Am); For <u>autobus</u> see AVTOBUS.
- AVTOSALON car show (Am), motor show (Br); the Slovene term corresponds to two English morphemes, auto and salon, although the composite English term does not exist.
- AVTOŠAMPON car shampoo; The Slovene term corresponds to two English morphemes: auto and shampoo.
- AVTOSTOP hitchhiking, thumbing; "Avtostop" corresponds to English <u>auto</u> and <u>stop</u>, but the two words are never combined in a single term.

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- BANDA ring, gang; banda Kriminalcev: a ring of criminals; voditelj bande: ringleader; <u>Band</u> is defined as a group of persons doing something together, and usually has no derogatory connotations. The term can, however, be used in collocations such as a "band of robbers."
- BANKROTIRATI go bankrupt, go under (col), go belly up (col); Podjetje je bankrotiralo.: The company went bankrupt. the English verb to <u>bankrupt</u> can only be used transitively: High inflation rate and mismanagement bankrupted the company.
- BAR nightclub, nitespot (Am); English <u>bar</u> corresponds to Slovene "bife", "pivnica", "točilnica".
- BARAKA shed, hut, shack; English barracks is translated into Slovene by "Kasarna."
- BAZEN swimming pool; In Slovene, <u>basin</u> means a "lavor," "umivalnik" or , in geography, "Kotlina," "porečje": the Sava basin, the Soča basin, the Ljubljana basin.
- BENCIN gasoline (Am), gas (Am,col), petrol (Br); <u>Benzin</u> or <u>benzine</u> is defined as a mixture of hydrocarbons and is never used to refer to a kind of fuel.

- BILJARD pool (Am); <u>Billiards</u>--used with a singular verb--while quite common in British English, is much less common than pool in North America. The game is played in a pool-hall (Am) or in a billiards-room; "biljardnica" in Slovene.
- BILIJON trillion (Am); In North America, billion is 1 followed by 9 zeros and in the U.K. 1 is followed by 12 zeros. In North America, 1 followed by 12 zeros is called a trillion.
- BLOK apartment block (Am), a block of flats (Br); A <u>block</u> is a rectangular section of a city or town bounded on each side by consecutive streets. The term block is rarely used to denote an apartment block.
- BLOKIRATI blokirati liter mleka (v trgovini): check out a liter of milk; The English verb to block has nothing in common with the its Slovene counterpart.
- BOJLER hot water heater (Am), water heater; the Slovene "bojler" refers to a household appliance while the English <u>boiler</u> is used for commercial or industrial purposes; "Kotel" in Slovene.
- BOKS boxing; Box refers to a single blow or slap with the hand and not to the sport of boxing. Unlike "inzeniring" and "marketing", "boks" has dropped the English suffix "-ing."
- BOMBA(container) cylinder, tank; kisikova bomba: oxygen cylinder, oxygen tank (diving); acetilenska bomba: acetylene cylinder; plinska bomba: gas cylinder; <u>Bomb</u> does mean a container capable of withstanding high internal pressure, but is rarely used in the above collocations.
- BONBON candy; Bonbon is a specific type of chocolate candy with a filling of fruits, nuts, etc.
- BUFFET, BIFE- bar (Am), pub (Br); <u>Buffet</u> refers to a counter where food and drinks are served, mostly found in railway stations or on a train.

- CAMPING campsite; <u>Camping</u> refers to the activity itself and not to the area where that activity takes place: We spent our vacation camping on the island of Hvar.
- CELULOZA pulp; tovarna papirja and celuloze: a pulp and paper mill. <u>Cellulose</u> is defined as the main constituent of all plant tissues and fibers used in the manufacture of paper, textiles, and explosives. This term is used in technical contexts, while the term pulp has general currency.
- CILINDER(cloth) top hat; The English cylinder has nothing in common with the Slovene word, which got its name from the cylindrical shape of this piece of clothing.
- CIVIL civilian, biti v civilu: wear plain clothes; policaj v civilu: plain-clothesman; A noun in Slovene, an adjective in English, <u>civil</u> means pertaining to citizens or to the citizen as an individual. It can be translated into Slovene by "civilen," "ljudski"; civil defence: civilna zaščita.

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CIPS - potato chips; Chips or French fries (Am) are French "pommes frites." A very popular British dish is called fish'n'chips.

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- DATOTEKA(comp) file; Podatki iz datoteke se lahko prikažejo na zaslonu ali pa izpišejo na papir.: Data can be displayed on the screen or printed on paper. The Slovene term corresponds to English <u>data</u> and suffix <u>-theque</u>.
- DEFEKTEN retarded, mentally retarded, mentally handicapped; defekten otrok: retarded child. The term "retarded" sounds a bit harsh nowadays. The euphemism "special needs persons" has recently been gaining acceptance. <u>Defective</u> is used in connection with faulty products: a defective valve.
 - DEKLAMIRATI recite; Although <u>declaim</u> means exactly the same as its Slovene friend, it does not enjoy the popularity of "recite."
 - DEKLINACIJA declension; <u>Declination</u> means a sloping or bending downward, a decline. In Slovene "pojemanje."
 - DEPANDANSA annex; <u>Dependency</u> or <u>dependence</u> is translated into Slovene as "odvisnost."
- DEVIZA foreign currency; menjati devize: exchange (buy) foreign currency. <u>Devise</u> is a legal term and means the act of giving real property by will. Perhaps "oporoka nepremičnin" in Slovene.
- DEVIZEN devizni tečaji: foreign currency exchange rates; devizna lista: foreign currency list. For devise see DEVIZA.
 - DIAPOZITIV slide; English morphemes <u>dia-</u> and <u>positive</u> correspond to the Slovene term, but the two are never combined to form a composite English word.
 - DIREKCIJA top management, head office, board of directors; <u>Direction</u> is translated into Slovene as "smer" or "vodenie."
 - DIREKTOR executive (Am), head (Am), general manager, senior executive; direktor zunanje trgovine: foreign trade department head, generalni direktor: chief executive; Although the term <u>director</u> is perfectly acceptable in English, "executive" and "head" are more common in North America. Head is used for positions at a lower level, i.e., heads of various departments of a company, while executives deal with the overall policy of a company. Note: the collocation "board of directors" is also very common in North America.

- DISERTACIJA thesis; doktorska disertacija: Doctoral thesis; magistrska disertacija: Master's thesis; <u>Dissertation</u> has exactly the same meaning as its Slovene friend, but is less common.
- DISPECER messenger; <u>Dispatcher</u> is a person who sends out buses, trains, or trucks according to a schedule.
- DIVERZANTSKI diverzantska bomba: booby trap (Am); In all other collocations the term diversionary is used.
- DRES (sp) uniform, leotard (gimnast); English noun <u>dress</u> refers to a type of lady's clothing, but soccer players wear uniforms.
- DŽINS denim (Am); krilo iz džinsa: a denim skirt; <u>Jeans</u> or <u>blue jeans</u> refer to slacks made of denim. "Kavbojke" in Slovene. Jeans, as a type of cloth, is also used, but is not current in American English.

- EKIPA team, party; ekipa alpinistov: a party of alpinists; Košarkarška ekipa: basketball team; Equip is an English verb translated into Slovene by "opremiti."
- EKSPERTIZA expert analysis, expert opinion; Expertise is translated into Slovene by "strokovno znanje."
- EKSPONAT exhibit, exhibited item, exhibited object; Exponent is a mathematical term translated into Slovene as "eksponent."
- EKSTRAVAGANTEN eccentric; Extravagant is translated into Slovene by "razsipen," "pretiran."
- ELEKTRIKA power; Zmanjkalo je elektrike.: There's no power.; izpad električnega toka: power failure; Power refers to electricity used as a means for operation of household and other appliances and machines. The term electricity is used in more technical and scientific contexts.
- ELEKTROENERGETSKI elektroenergetski sistem: the national grid; The Slovene term corresponds to English <u>electro</u> and <u>energetic</u>, while the compound word does not exist in English.
- ELEKTROMAGNET solenoid; <u>Electromagnet</u> has exactly the same meaning as its Slovene counterpart, but "solenoid" is preferred in the electronics jargon.
- ELEMENTAREN elementarna nesreča: natural disaster; While the English plural noun the elements refers to the forces in nature, its adjective elementary has no such connotations. It simply means "fundamental."
- EMANCIPACIJA emancipacija žene: women's lib (col), women's liberation; In this particular collocation <u>emancipation</u> is not used in the West, although it does mean liberation, freedom. The Emancipation Proclamation: osvoboditev sužnjev v ZDA. Note: "emancipation of women" is a term often used in Third-World countries.

- ENERGETSKI power, energy; energetski objekti: power stations, power plants; energetski problemi: energy problems; The noun "energy" can often be used adjectivally in different contexts where Slovene "energetski" appears. Its adjective energetic however, should never be used. It usually refers to a personal trait, i.e., "vigorous;" In Slovene "agilen," "poln energije," "poln moči."
- EVENTUALEN- possible, in the event of , should it happen that; V eventualnem slabem vremenu bo srečanje v zaprtem prostoru.: In the event of bad weather, the meeting will take place indoors. The English term <u>eventual</u> in most cases does not say anything about the possibility of an action. It only informs us that something will occur at some unspecified time in the future. The Slovene equivalent would perhaps be "Končen." Although rarely, <u>eventual</u> may also mean "eventualen." The English phrase "his eventual death" would be best rendered in Slovene by the verbal phrase "Ko je Končno umrl."
- EVENTUALNO possibly, at the most, at the latest; Pridem of sedmih, eventualno of pol osmih.: I'll be there at seven, at seven thirty at the latest. Eventualno je sestanek lahko naslednji petek.: The meeting can possibly be next Friday. Eventually is translated into Slovene by "ščasoma," "končno," "nazadnje."
- EVERGREEN (music) old favorite (Am), oldie but goodie, oldie moldie (Am, col); In North America, the noun <u>evergreen</u> refers to evergreen trees, shrubs and other plants. It can possibly be used in the expression "evergreen melodies."
- EVIDENCA -record; imeti v evidenci: have on record, have on file, keep on record; Vas pa nimamo več v evidenci. We don't have you on file anymore. English evidence can mean either "dokaz" or, in legal terminology, "pričevanje".
- EVIDENČNI evidenčni karton: file card; Evidential simply means pertaining to or having the nature of evidence. Also see EVIDENCA.

- FAKULTATIVEN fakultativni predmet: elective course; The English <u>facultative</u> means capable of occurring or not occurring while the Slovene term means "optional" or "elective."
- FAMOZEN (col) terrific (col), fantastic (col), groovy (Am, col), out of sight (Am, col), far out (Am, col), bad (Am, col); Ima pa res famozen avto.: That's a terrific car he's got there. The Slovene colloquial term can be used to describe the good, positive side of almost anything, while English famous is used to describe well-known things or persons.
- FANTASTIKA znanstvena fantastika: science fiction, SciFi, SF; The English adjective fantastic is not used in this collocation.
- FANTAZIJA imagination; bujna fantazija: wild imagination, vivid imagination; "Fantazija" has two English friends: fantasia is a kind of musical composition and fantasy can be defined as the realm of vivid imagination. The Slovene rather colloquial term on the other hand refers to the capacity of the mind to imagine and invent. Fantasy is translated into Slovene by "svet domišljije."
- FEN hair dryer, blow dryer (Am); English fan corresponds to Slovene "ventilator". See VENTILATOR.

- FILOZOFSKI filozofska fakulteta: faculty of arts; Both terms "filozofska" and "arts" encompass a wide scope of disciplines including those which have nothing to do with philosophy or the arts: geography, paleonthology, geology, etc. The English term philosophy is not used in this collocation.
- FILM movie (Am, col), motion picture (Am), picture (Am, col); English <u>film</u> is chiefly used in the U.K. and rarely in colloquial North American English.
- FLOMASTER felt pen; This term is a brand name which gained the status of a common noun in Slovene. It corresponds to English <u>flow</u> --sometimes spelled <u>flo</u> in North American English--and <u>master</u>. The two morphemes are never combined to form an English word.
- FLUKTUACIJA turnover; Fluctuation is never used to mean the number of workers hired to replace those who have left.
- FORMULAR form; Izpolnite formular prosim.: Fill out (or in) the form, please. Formula is an English word that comes closest to the Slovene term and means the same as Slovene "formula."
- FOTOGENIČEN Ta igralka je zelo fotogenična.: This actress takes a very good picture or This actress photographs well.; Photogenic has the acceptation of the Slovene term, but is rarely used in everyday spoken English.
 - FOTOGRAFIJA photograph, photo, snapshot; When fotografija stands for a single image printed on a piece of paper, it qualifies as a false friend, its counterpart being "photograph." It is not a false friend, however, when it refers to the art of taking photographs photography.
 - FOTOGRAF photographer; English photograph designates the object itself and not the person who makes it.
 - FUNKCIJA office, position; imeti funkcijo: hold an office; English <u>function</u> refers to a specific, even temporary role or occupation of an individual and not to his permanent position in the company.
 - FUNKCIONAR official, officer; Functionary means the same as the Slovene term but is much less frequently used.

- GALANTERIJA wares, goods, articles; usnjena galanterija: leather goods or leather articles; Kovinska galanterija: metalware; Kuhinjska galanterija: Kitchenware; Gallantry has absolutely nothing to do with its Slovene friend. It means "courtliness."
- GARNITURA set, kit, team, lot; garnitura posod: set of dishes; garnitura orodja: tool kit; garnitura rezanega lesa: lot of cut wood; garnitura rudarjev: team of miners; English garniture has a totally different meaning. It stands for something that decorates an embellishment: garniture of a birthday cake.
 - GAZIRAN carbonated; gazirana pijača: carbonated beverage; soft drink (Am), pop (Am, col);

 The English verb <u>qasify</u> means to convert into gas and is mainly used in scientific and technologic contexts.

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- GENIALEN ingenious, brilliant, highly gifted; Genial is translated into Slovene by "blag," "prijazen," "družaben."
- GIMNAZIJA high school (Am), grammar school (Br); English gymnasium means "telovadnica." Note: When referring to institutions in Continental Europe, English "gymnasium" can mean the same as Slovene "gimnazija."
- GRAFIK graphic artist; Graphic is always an adjective meaning pertaining to graphic arts.
- GRAFIKA graphic art, work of graphic art, print; The plural noun <u>graphics</u> is not used in an arts context. It means the making of architectural drawings in accordance with mathematical rules.
- GRAFOSKOP overhead projector; English morphemes <u>graph</u> and <u>scope</u> correspond to the Slovene term, but the two are never combined to form a single English word.
- GRAMOFON record player, turntable; <u>Gramophone</u> is obsolete today. It is used to refer to record players manufactured soon after its invention.
- GUMA tire; Gum refers to the substance derived from the rubber tree.

- HAPPY END happy ending; For some obscure reason this Slovene colloquial term did not retain the "-ing" of the English original.cf. BOKS, CAMPING.
- HARMONIKA accordion; Harmonica is a "mouth organ", in Slovene, "orglice." However, Slovene "harmonika" can infrequently also be used to mean "mouth organ."
- HAZARDEN hazardna igra: aleatory game; Hazardous simply means "dangerous."
- HAZARDIRATI gamble; Vso noč je hazardiral. He spent the whole night gambling. The verb to hazard means "to dare," or "to run the risk of."
- HIMNA državna himna: national anthem; A <u>hymn</u> is a song of praise or thanksgiving to God or any song of praise or joy in general. "Anthem" has a much similar meaning, but in this collocation it is preferred to hymn.
- HIPERPRODUKCIJA overproduction; The Slovene term corresponds to English <u>hyper-</u> and production, although the two are never combined to form a single English term.
- HIPERPOPULACIJA overpopulation; See HIPERPRODUKCIJA.
- HIPNOTIZER hypnotist; Hypnotiser means exactly the same as "hypnotist", but the latter term is much more common in English.
- HIPOTEKA mortgage; Hypothec means exactly the same but is limited to legal contexts, while "mortgage" is the everyday term.

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- IDEJEN conceptual, mental, spiritual, of the mind, ideologic; idejna skica: conceptual outline; idejni projekt: conceptual project; idejnopolitičen: ideological and political; <u>Ideal</u> simply means "idealen."
- IMPULZ(comp) pulse; Although <u>impulse</u> can be and is used in scientific contexts, it has not gained acceptance in computer technology.
- INDIGO carbon paper; <u>Indigo</u> is a blue dye used in the manufacture of carbon paper, although today most types of carbon paper are black and are called in Slovene "Karbonski papir."
- INFARKT stroke, heart attack; <u>Infarct</u> is the tissue resulting from failure of local blood supply.
- ILEGALA underground, resistance; iti v ilegalo: go underground; Slovene word "ilegala" is associated with the National Liberation Movement. The English term <u>illegal</u> is an adjective and cannot be used in this sense also because it carries negative connotations.
- ILEGALEC underground activist, resistance activist; See ILEGALA.
- INŠTRUIRATI give private lessons, tutor; To <u>instruct</u> simply means to teach or educate and does not say anything about the form of this method of teaching. Slovene "inštruirati", on the other hand, refers to intensive teaching process on a one-to-one basis.
- INŠTRUKCIJE private lessons; inštrukcije iz matematike: private lessons in math; In English, instruction is a general term meaning the act of imparting knowledge.
- INSTRUKTOR tutor, private instructor; English instructor is another general term for teacher.
- INSTALATER vodni instalater: plumber; električni instalater: electrician; The term installer is not used in the above two collocations.
- INŠTALACIJA električna instalacija: wiring; vodna inštalacija: plumbing; Although English installation means the same as its Slovene friend, it is not used in the above expressions.
- INTEGRALEN integralna moka: whole wheat flour; In this collocation "whole" is
 preferred to integral.
- INTENZIVEN intenzivni tečaj angleščine: English immersion course; The term <u>intensive</u> is not used in this collocation.
- INTERESENT the person interested; interesenti: those interested; interesenti naj se prijavijo na spodnji naslov: those interested should apply to the address below; biti interesent za: be interested in; Interested is an adjective in English while its Slovene

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- counterpart is a noun. Thus the correct English translation requires "a person" or "those."
- INTERNA(teleph) extension; <u>Intern</u> refers to a student, e.g., medical student, undergoing supervised practical training. "Stazist" in Slovene.
- INTERNIST boarder; English <u>intern</u> has a narrower meaning than the Slovene "internist." See INTERNA.
- INTERPUNKCIJA punctuation; English morphemes <u>inter-</u> and <u>punctuation</u> correspond to the Slovene term, but they are never combined in a composite English term.
- INVALID handicapped person, disabled person, special needs person (euph); invalid: the handicapped; <u>Invalid</u> means exactly the same as its Slovene friend, but is used much less frequently than "handicapped."
- INVALIDNINA disability benefits; <u>Invalidity</u> has a completely different meaning: the condition or quality of being void or unjustifiable. "Neveljavnost" in Slovene.
- INVALIDSKI invalidska pokojnina: handicap pension; invalidski voziček: wheelchair. For invalid see INVALIDNINA and INVALID.
- INVENTURA stock-taking; In North America inventory is used while the British prefer "stock-taking."
- IZOLACIJA insulation; <u>Isolation</u>, which means "solitude", should not be confused with
 "insulation."
- IZ OLACIJSKI izolacijski material: insulation material; for isolation see IZOLACIJA.

JUBILEJ - anniversary; Although the English equivalent <u>jubilee</u> does have the same basic meaning, it usually refers to an informal, joyful celebration of an anniversary. Its Slovene counterpart, on the other hand, is used for more formal or solemn circumstances.

- KANAL(TV, radio) channel; <u>Canal</u> is a man-made waterway used by ships. Channel can also be used to mean a natural passage between two land masses: the English Channel.
- KADER personnel, management (personnel); V Jugoslaviji so delavci in kader člani istega sindikata. In Yugoslavia, workers and management are members of the same trade union.

 <u>Cadre</u> has the same meaning as the Slovene term, but is rarely used. It usually refers to military personnel.
- KANALIZACIJA sewer, sewage, waste disposal system; <u>Canalization</u> refers to a system of above-ground channels used for water transport, while the Slovene friend denotes a system of underground canals designed for waste disposal.

- KARTON cardboard; card; škatla iz Kartona: cardboard box; evidenčni Karton: file card; <u>Carton</u> is the object, the "cardboard box" itself, and not the material it is made of. e.g., a carton of milk.
- KARTOTEKA card index, files, records, card register; The Slovene word corresponds to English card and theque, although the two are never combined to form a composite English word.
- KASETOFON cassette deck, cassette player; The Slovene term corresponds to two English words cassette and phone, although they are never combined to form a single English word.
- KASKADER stunt man; The Slovene term corresponds to two English morphemes <u>cascade</u> and <u>- er</u>, but the two morphemes do not form a composite English word.
- KAVCIJA bail; deposit; Za izpustitev obtoženca se mora vložiti Kavcija.: Bail must be posted for the release of the accused. Za to steklenico se ne plača Kavcija.: There is no deposit on this bottle. <u>Caution</u> has a completely different meaning from its Slovene counterpart: a warning.
- KAVBOJKE jeans, blue jeans; This Slovene colloquial barbarism comes from the universally adopted English term cowboy.
- KEKS biscuit (Br), cookie (Am); English <u>cake</u> is a much larger, usually round and soft piece of pastry, usually translated into Slovene by "torta."
- KEMIČNI kemični svinčnik: ball point pen; In this specific collocation the term chemical is not used.
- KI NO movie theater (Am), theater (Am); "Kino" is a shortened version of <u>cinema</u>, common in British but not in North American English. To avoid confusion between a dramatic performance and theater in the meaning of "cinema," the term "live theater" is used in North America.
- KI NOOPERATER projectionist; The Slovene word corresponds to English <u>cine</u> and <u>operator</u>, although the two morphemes do not form a composite English word.
- KIOSK newsstand (Am); <u>Kiosk</u> is a cylindrical structure bearing advertisements and is usually found in Europe, also known as "advertisement pillar." It also means "newsstand", particularly in British English.
- KLIMATIZACIJA air conditioning; The Slovene term corresponds to English morphemes climate, - ize and - ation, although the two morphemes are never combined to form an English word.
- KLIMATIZIRANO air conditioned; For climatized see KLIMATIZACIJA.
- KOLEGA(col) fellow, chum, chap, guy (Am), buddy (Am); Colleague is translated into Slovene by "sodelavec."
- KOLEKTIV workers' organization; Collective is an adjective and is used in such collocations as collective farm: zadruga; collective bargaining: skupna pogajanja.
- KOLONA (auto) back-up, traffic jam; Kolona seže prav do tunela.: The back-up stretches right to the tunnel, or better, Traffic is backed up right to the tunnel. <u>Colon</u> means "dvopičje."

- KOMANDIRATI order around, boss around; The English term <u>commandeer</u> means "to confiscate" or "to force into military service."
- KOMERCIALIST sales agent, broker; <u>Commercialist</u> is a more general term designating a person engaged in commerce.
- KOMISIJA committee; "Komisija" is a common term denoting a group of people whose task is to make decisions or pass judgement usually on a permanent basis. English commission has a much narrower sense, referring to a group of people lawfully authorized to perform a certain function as a government agency, usually on a temporary basis.
- KOMPLET set; Kit; Komplet orodja: tool Kit; hlačni Komplet: pant suit; <u>Complete</u> never occurs in English as a noun. It is always an adjective or a verb.
- KONDICIJA physical fitness, shape (Am, col); imeti Kondicijo: be physically fit or be in good shape (Am, col); In English, condition means the same as its Slovene counterpart, but is less frequently used.
- KONKRETNO in fact, in actual fact, actually; Predlog je bil konkretno sprejet šele po triurni razpravi.: The proposal was actually adopted only after three hours of deliberations. The adverb concretely is not as common in everyday English as Slovene "Konkretno". The adjective "concrete", however, is as common and has the same meaning as its Slovene counterpart "Konkreten;" Konkreten primer: a concrete example.
 - KONKURENCA competition; močna Konkurenca: stiff (or serious) competition; Concurrence is very seldom used to mean "competition." It is usually used in the meaning of "accordance," "coincidence," "agreement" or "cooperation," in Slovene "soglasje," "naključje," "sporazum" or "sodelovanje."
- KONSIGNACIJA consignment; konsignacija hladilnikov: consignment of refrigerators; Although it means the same as the Slovene term, consignation is rarely used.
 - KONSTRUKTOR designer; Constructor is "graditel," in Slovene.
- KONTROLA check, checking, verification, supervision, inspection; Kontrola proizvodnje: production supervision; Kontrola podatkov: data check; Kontrola hitrosti: speed check; Exception seems to be "Kontrola kvalitete", which is translated by "quality control." English control is an awkward and tricky term to render in Slovene. It is usually translated as "vodenje" or "upravljanje", and in computer terminology as "Krmiljenje."
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- KONTROLOR supervisor, inspector, checker; Kontrolor is a widely used term denoting a person who performs various supervising or inspecting activities: Kontrolor voznih Kart, Kontrolor proizvodnje. In English, controller or comptroller has a very specialized meaning: controller is an officer who audits accounts and supervises the financial affairs of a corporation.

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- KULTUREN kulturna prireditev: artistic event; Kulturni dom: arts center; Kulturni delavec: worker in the arts; Bodi no Kulturen.: Mind your manners. But Kulturna dediščina: cultural heritage; Kulturni spomenik: cultural monument. For cultural see KULTURA.
- KURIR messenger; while "messenger" is the common term, <u>courier</u> is used for a diplomatic messenger on official or urgent business.
- KURZ kurz menjave: exchange rate; English course has nothing to do with its Slovene counterpart in this collocation.
- KVALIFICIRANI kvalificirani delavec: skilled worker; nekvalificirani delavec: unskilled worker; polkvalificirani delavec: semi-skilled worker, visokokvalificirani delavec: highly skilled worker; <u>Qualified</u> is a reference to a person who has specific qualifications for a certain job and does not refer to a general category of workers as it is the case in Slovene.
- KVALITETEN quality, good-quality; Since "Kvaliteten" is an adjective, its false friend is the English adjective <u>qualitative</u>, which is never used to denote a relative degree of quality; kvalitetno blago: good-quality (or quality) material, nekvalitetno blago: low-quality paper; zelo kvalitetni izdelek: superior-quality product.

- LASERSKI laserski gramofon: compact disc player, CD player; Although a <u>laser</u> is used in sound reproduction of the compact disc player, the term itself is not used in the English name of the device.
- LEKTORIRATI revise; Lecture carries the meaning of "predavati" or "pridigati" (col).
- LEKTOR foreign lecturer; language editor; Lecturer is "predavatel," in Slovene.
- LEVKOPLAST Band-Aid, adhesive bandage; "Levkoplast" corresponds to English morphemes <u>leuko-</u> and <u>plast</u>, but the term combining the two morphemes is never used in English.
- LICITACIJA bidding, auction; javna licitacija: public auction. The Slovene term corresponds to English <u>licitation</u>, which has the same meaning, but is rarely used.
- LIKER liqueur; "Liker" should not be confused with <u>liquor</u> which means "alkohol" (col); zquane pijace: hard liquor.
- LIKVIDIRATI do in, do away with, waste (Am, col); Švabi so ga likvidirali.: The Krauts did him in. Liquidate can also be used in the sense "to kill," but it does not carry the colloquial flavor of the Slovene friend.
- LIMIT credit line; Limit is never used in this context.
- LOKAL premises; Kartanje in petje v lokalu ni dovoljeno.: Card playing and singing are not allowed on the premises. Local as a substantive refers to a public conveyance which makes many stops.
- LUSTER chandelier; <u>Luster</u> denotes a decorative glass pendant which is part of a chandelier, although it very rarely also refers to the entire lighting fixture itself.

- MADONA (expl) Jesus, Christ, gees (Am); Madona, si nor!: Jesus, you're crazy! Madonna usually preceded by "the" and capitalized means the Virgin Mary and is never used as an expletive in English.
- MAGNETOSKOP video; The Slovene term corresponds to two English morphemes <u>magneto-</u> and <u>scope</u>, although the two morphemes are never combined in English to form a single word. Note: In recent times Slovene "magnetoskop" seems to be losing ground to the internationally adopted "video."
- MAGNETOSKOPSKI magnetoskopski posnetek: video recording; For <u>magneto-</u> and <u>scope</u> see MAGNETOSKOP.
- MANIFESTACIJA event, peaceful demonstration; Manifestacija Koroških Slovencev: peaceful demonstration of Carinthian Slovenes; Kulturna manifestacija: artistic event. Manifestation has the same meaning as the Slovene term, but is used very infrequently. (Also see KULTURA and KULTUREN.)
- MARMELADA jam; Marmelade has a much narrower meaning than its Slovene friend, usually referring to a type of jam made from citrus fruits, namely oranges.
- MASA plastična masa: plastic; Mass is not used in the English collocation. (cf. PLASTIKA)
- MEDICINSKI medicinska šola: medical school; <u>Medicinal</u> is translated into Slovene by "zdravilen" and is not used in this collocation.
- MEDUZA jelly fish; Medusa is a type of jelly fish and the term is usually used in scientific contexts, while jelly fish is the generic name.
- MILICA police; ljudska milica: people's police; Militia has a narrower meaning than police and means a body of non-professional soldiers made up of ordinary citizens. The English term is perhaps incorrectly translated into Slovene by "milica." A better solution is possibly "izredne sile."
- MILLIARDA billion (Am); Milliard has nine zeros in Great Britain, the same as in Slovenia.
- MITING rally, mass rally; English meeting is translated into Slovene by "sestanek" or "srečanje."
- MODA fashion; biti v modi: be in fashion; priti iz mode: go out of fashion; oblačiti se po modi: be a follower of fashion, or, dress fashionably; Mode very rarely does have the meaning of Slovene "moda", but is usually translated into Slovene by "način."
- MODEN modna revija: fashion show; modni kreator: fashion designer; modni kroj: fashionable cut; The meaning of modal has nothing to do with Slovene "moden." The English term is usually rendered into Slovene by "modalen" or "načinski."
- MONTAŽA assembly, installation; montaža avtomobilov: car assembly. Montage has a much more specific meaning and is used in the arts and film industry.
- MONTAZEN montazna hiša: prefabricated house or prefab house; In this collocation montage is never used.
- MORTALITETA death rate; Mortality has exactly the same meaning, but is perhaps less common than "death rate."

- NAFTALIN moth repellent, moth balls; <u>Naphthalene</u> is a scientific term referring to the substance from which moth repellent and other substances are made. It is also called "tar camphor."
- NAFTA- oil; Naphtha has a more specific meaning referring to a flammable liquid obtained from oil.
- NARKOMAN drug addict, drug abuser, junkie (Am, col); This Slovene term corresponds to English narcomaniac, which is rarely used.
- NARKOMANIJA drug addiction, drug abuse, drug dependence (form); The Slovene term corresponds to English narcomania, rarely used in everyday English.
- NATALITETA birth rate; Natality has the same meaning, but is much less frequent.
- NON-STOP odprto non-stop od 9 do 20h: open 9 a.m. through 8 p.m.; Nonstop is primarily used in connection with transportation, e.g., a nonstop flight from Zagreb to New York.
- NORMA quota; izpolniti dnevno normo: fulfill the daily quota; The meaning of <u>norm</u> does not come close to the meaning of its Slovene counterpart.
- NORMALNO(col) naturally, of course, absolutely (Am,col); Greš z mano v kino? Normalno.: Are you going to the movies with me? -Absolutely. Normally, used in everyday speech would be translated into Slovene as "ponavadi" or "običajno."
- NOTA note (na papirju): sheet music; Brez not ne morem igrati Klavirja.: I can't play the piano without sheet music. Individual notations of music are called <u>notes</u>, but the entire musical composition in written form is referred to as "sheet music."
- NOVELA short story; English <u>novel</u> is Slovene "roman." <u>Novelette</u> is a short novel, which does not have the literary characteristics of a short story. <u>Novella</u> is a literary form developed by Boccaccio and is not the same as short story.

- OBJEKT facility, installation, building, piece of civil engineering, structure; Slovene "objekt" is a general term encompassing a large number of diverse "constructional formations." It is translated into English by different specific terms dictated by the context. Consequently "objekt" can never perhaps be translated into English by object; sportni objekt: sports facility; vojaški objekt; military installation; cestni objekt: road structure; stanovanjski objekt: residential building; javni objekt: public facility.
- OBJEKTIV lens; širokokotni objektiv: wide angle lens; Objective has the very same meaning as its Slovene counterpart, but is much less frequently used than "lens" particularly in the above collocations.
- OKUPATOR invader, conqueror, occupying forces; Occupier has the same meaning as Slovene "okupator," but is very rarely used.
- ONDULACIJA trajna ondulacija; permanent wave, perm; <u>Undulation</u> is never used in reference to hair and is, therefore, not used in this collocation. It simply means "valovanje."

ORGAN - body, agent, authority, council; izvršni organ: executive body or executive authority; organ ljudske milice: people's police agent or perhaps law enforcement agent; upravni organ: administrative council; Note: English organ--a musical instrument--is translated into Slovene by "orgle."

- PAPRIKA green pepper (plant); Paprika is the substance--dry powder--made from peppers.
- PARABOLIČEN parabolična antena: satellite antenna, satellite dish, dish antenna; <u>Parabolic</u>, which describes the shape of the antenna, is not used in the English expression, perhaps because "dish" and "satellite" are more "consumer-friendly" than "parabolic." Note: "Skleda" has also been detected in Slovene texts, usually appearing in quotation marks.
- PARCELA lot, plot of land; zazidljiva parcela: building lot; <u>Parcel</u> actually means the same, but is very rarely used in this context. It is more commonly used to refer to a package sent by mail; "poštni paket" in Slovene.
- PARKING parking lot, parkade (Am); <u>Parking</u> alone is never used to mean a "parking lot" as it is the case in Slovene.
- PARTICIPACIJA contribution, financial contribution; Participation simply means "sodelovanie."
- PAROLA slogan; mirovne parole: peace slogans; "To be on <u>parole</u> is a legal term which means "biti pogojno na prostosti." In military jargon, however, the English term does stand for "parola" or "geslo."
- PASAŽA passageway, shopping mall; If a "pasaža" is lined with shops, restaurants, and other public places, it can be translated by "shopping mall." <u>Passage</u> is infrequently used to denote a corridor.
- PASJANSA solitaire (Am); In British English, patience means exactly the same as the Slovene term.
- PASTA polish, wax; awtopasta: car wax; pasta za tla: floor wax or floor polish; Pasta most likely came into English from Italian and means "testenine" in Slovene. Another possibility is paste, which is often used in the meaning of a type of adhesive, but very rarely in the meaning of its Slovene friend.
- PATRON (firearms) cartridge; Patron simply means "regular customer" or "supporter," in Slovene "stalna stranka" or "mecen."
- PEDAGOG educator, teacher, education worker; Although <u>pedagoque</u> may be used in its neutral sense, it has acquired negative and derogatory connotations, referring to a teacher who instructs in a pedantic and dogmatic manner.

- PEDAGOŠKI educational, education; pedagoška fakulteta: faculty of education; pedagoška ustanova: educational institution; <u>Pedagogic</u> is rarely used, usually with derogatory connotations (cf. PEDAGOG).
- PARTIJA (chess) partija šaha: a chess game; English party has many meanings, none of which comes close to the meaning of the term in the above Slovene collocation.
- PENZION full room and board (Am); In British English <u>pension</u> has the same meaning while it is rare in American English. "Pension" in English also means a small hotel or boarding house in Europe.
- PERFEKTEN (col) great, super; In its rather colloquial usuage, <u>perfect</u> occurs for example in the collocation "perfect stranger" and means "complete" or "total." It is not, however, used in the same contexts as its Slovene counterpart.
- PLASTIKA (arts) sculpture; <u>Plastic</u>, as an adjective, is used in the meaning of Slovene "plastika" in collocations such as "the plastic arts," but it is not used to mean the product of this artistic activity.
- PERSPEKTIVEN promising; mlad, perspektiven nogometas: a promising young soccer player; The noun <u>perspective</u>, which is also an adjective, corresponds to Slovene "perspektiva" in the meaning of "representing three-dimensional objects on a two-dimensional surface."
- PERSPEKTIVA prospect; Perspektive za njegovo okrevanje so slabe.: The prospects for his recovery are slim; English <u>perspective</u> is rarely used in the meaning of its Slovene friend.
- PLAKAT poster, placard; <u>Placate</u> is an English verb which means "to appease" or "to allay the anger of." The true friend is "placard", much rarely used than the more popular "poster."
- PRETENZIJA claim; pretenzija področja: territorial claim; <u>Pretension</u> has exactly the same meaning in English but is rarely used. It is usually used in the meaning of "izgovor."
- PROJEKT design, project documentation; In the comprehensive sense, e.g., IDV koncipira, planira in zvaja gradbene projekte. : IDV conceives, plans and executes construction projects., the Slovene term corresponds to English project. In the meaning of "all documentation, blueprints and drawings required to execute the project", "projekt" is usually translated by design.
- PROJEKTANT designer, developer, planner; The Slovene false friend corresponds to the English morphemes <u>project</u> and <u>- ant</u>, although the composite word does not exist in English.
- PROJEKTIRATI plan, design; the Slovene "projektirati" derives from the English verb to project, which is rarely used in the sense of its Slovene friend.
- PROMOCIJA graduation ceremony, presentation of awards ceremony; English <u>promotion</u> is translated into Slovene as "napredovanje" or "povišanje" and also as "reklama," "ekonomska propaganda."
- PROPAGANDEN propagandna oddaja: advertising program, commercial messages (Am);

 <u>Propaganda</u> usually has derogatory and political connotations, e.g., political propaganda.
- PROTEKCIJA favoritism; English protection corresponds to Slovene "zaščita".

- PROVIZIJA commission, brokerage; <u>Provision</u> is translated into Slovene by "oskrba," "zaloga," or "Klavzula."
- PROVIZORIČEN provizoričen oder; makeshift stage; provizorična zgradba: temporary building; Provisional is not often used in connection with concrete objects. It is, however, used in the meaning of "temporary," e.g., provisional government: začasna vlada.
- POLIGRAF lie detector; Polygraph is a less commonly used technical term for a "lie detector."
- POLITIKA zunanja politika: foreign policy; notranja politika: domestic policy; English politics is usually a false friend when referring to the national level. At an international level it ceases to be a false friend world politics: svetovna politika. In addition, when referring to the science or the profession of politics, Slovene "politika" and English politics are synonymous. He is in politics: Ukvarja se s politiko.
- PORCIJA helping, serving; porcija sladoleda: a serving of ice cream; <u>Portion</u> has the same meaning as its Slovene counterpart, but is not current in spoken English.
- PUDING mousse; English <u>pudding</u> differs markedly from its Slovene counterpart. The dish that comes closest to Slovene "puding" is "mousse." English "pudding" can perhaps be rendered into Slovene by "kipnik" or "narastek:" rice pudding: rižev narastek.
- PROFESOR high school teacher (Am); <u>Professor</u> is reserved in English to university-level instructors.
- RACIONALIZACIJA streamlining (Am); Racionalizacija postopka je neobhodno potrebna.

 Procedure streamlining is absolutely necessary; <u>Rationalization</u> is used in British English in the meaning as its Slovene friend.
- RACIONALIZIRATI streamline (Am); racionalizirati proizvodnjo: streamline production; Rationalize very often means to devise self-satisfying but incorrect reasons for one's behavior. "Rationalize" is used with the same meaning in British English while "streamline" is more popular in North America.
- RAKETOPLAN space shuttle; Two English morphemes, <u>rocket</u> and <u>plane</u> correspond to the Slovene term, although the English word combining the two morphemes does not exist.
- RAPORT (mil) report; Rapport means in Slovene "stik," "pozitiven odnos" as in "The teacher must establish a rapport with his students.
- REAKCIJSKI reakcijski pogon: jet propulsion; reakcijski motor: jet engine; <u>Reaction</u> is used in physics and has the same meaning as the Slovene friend, e.g., atomska reakcija: nuclear rection. In the field of aircraft construction, however, "jet" is preferred.
- REALEN realistic; realna pričakovanja: realistic expectations; Real is best translated into Slovene by "stvaren," "pravi" or "pravcati," e.g., real gold: pravo zlato.
- REALIZACIJA fulfilment, execution, performance, carrying out, implementation; English realization can mean the same as its Slovene counterpart, but is used by English native speakers much less often than by Slovene practitioners of the English language. It is most often used in banking. e.g., to realize a profit of 5000 dollars.

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- REALIZIRATI fulfill, execute, perform, carry out, implement; realizirati načrt: carry out a plan; For realize see REALIZACIJA.
- RECEPT recipe, prescription; recept za torto: cake recipe; zdravniški recept: doctor's prescription; <u>Receipt</u> is a written acknowledgement that something has been received. "Prejemnica" in Slovene.
- REDUKCIJA power cut; In Slovene, "redukcija" is used in specific reference to power supply, while in English, reduction is a much more general term.
- REFERENT secretary; referent za zunanjo trgovino: foreign trade secretary; Referent is a linguistic term meaning a linguistic item in its capacity of referring to a meaning.
- REKONVALESCENT convalescent; The Slovene term corresponds to English morpheme reand convalescent, although the two are never combined to form a single English term.
- REVAKCINACIJA booster shot, booster; The Slovene term corresponds to three English morphemes, re-, vaccin and -ation, which are not combined to form a single English word.
- REKREIRATI SE- exercise, get some exercise, work out; The English verb to recreate means the same as its Slovene friend, but is not widely used.
- REFLEKTOR spotlight, floodlight; English <u>reflector</u> is anything--a surface for example--that reflects light sound or heat in a required direction. It is a term used mostly in physics.
- REGENERATOR regenerator za lase: hair conditioner; <u>Regenerator</u> is defined as one that regenerates. In the above collocation "conditioner" is prefered.
- REGRES bonus, vacation bonus; The meaning of the English noun <u>regress</u> has nothing in common with the meaning of its Slovene counterpart: It means "return" or "withdrawal."
- REKLAMACIJA reklamacije: complaints, complaints department (sign); Reclamation is very often used in the collocation "land reclamation" and can perhaps be translated as "izboljšava tal."
- REKLAMIRATI complain about; advertise; Stranka je prišla reklamirati naš izdelek.: The customer came to complain about our product; Fructal zelo uspešno reklamira svoje izdelke.: Fructal is very successful in advertising its products.; Reclaim has different acceptations, none of which comes close to the two Slovene acceptations: to make suitable for cultivation; to procure from waste products, to turn a person from error or evil.
- RENTABILEN profitable; Samo racionalizacija proizvodnje vodi v rentabilno poslovanje:
 Only the streamlining of production leads to profitable operation. Rentable in English
 means "suitable to be rented out."
- RENTGEN X-ray; Si že bil na rentgenu?: Have you had your X-rays taken? Roentgen in English is an obsolete unit of radiation dosage. This word appears as a morpheme in other English words such as "roentgenology" and "roentgenoscope." It is chiefly used in scientific contexts, while "X-ray" is the common person's term.
- RENTGENSKI rentgenska slika: X-ray photograph; For roentgen see RENTGEN.

- REPREZENTANCA (sp) državna reprezentanca: national team; English representation is just not used in this context.
- RELACIJA route, run; avtobusna relacija: bus route; Avtobus ne vozi več na tej relaciji.:
 The bus doesn't make this run anymore. Relation simply means "odnos."
- REPROMATERIAL production materials; The Slovene composite word roughly corresponds to English <u>repro-</u> and <u>material</u>, although the English composite word does not exist in English. Note that "raw materials" are translated as "surovine."
- RESTAVRACIJA restaurant; If the Slovene suffix "-acija" is construed as the translation of English "-ation", then "restavracija" has its English false friend restoration, which can be translated as "restavriranje." The English false friend has nothing to do with an eating establishment.
- REVANS (sp) return game (soccer), rematch (tennis); Revenge does not belong to sports terminology. It simply means "masčevanje."
- REVIJA magazine, journal; "Journal" is used for formal, scientific or technical periodicals, while "magazine" refers to more popular, illustrated periodic publications.

 Review refers to a specialized periodical containing critical essays or reports of a literary work or artistic performance.
- REZERVEN rezervni deli: spare parts; The English adjective <u>reserve</u> is not used in this collocation; rezervni igralec (sp, soccer): substitute; <u>Reserve</u> is just not used in English in these two contexts.
- REZULTAT (sp) score; Kakšen je rezultat?: What's the score?; Končni rezultat: final score; Note: "score" is used primarily in team sports, tennis, badminton, etc., while <u>result</u> is used in track and field events.
- ROTOR (el) armature; Rotor is synonymous with "armature," but is perhaps more widely used in electricity.

- SALON razstavni salon exhibition hall, show room (Am); frizerski salon: hairdresser's, beauty parlor; Salon is a less common term and means an establishment offering a product or service related to fashion, e.g., beauty salon, but "beauty parlor" is more common.
- SELEKTOR (sp) head coach; <u>Selector</u> simply means one that selects and has no specific acceptation in the world of sports.
- SKLEROZEN (col) senile; Sclerotic is a medical term not used in colloquial English.
- SIFON (plumbing) U-bend, trap; Syphon is a technical term meaning the same as its Slovene counterpart and is not used in plumbing terminology.
- SIMPATICEN nice, amiable, likable; Sicer ni ravno lepotica, je pa zelo simpatična.: She may not be exactly a beauty, but she is very nice. The adjective <u>sympathetic</u> comes from the noun "sympathy", which means "sharing the feelings of others."

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- SINDIKAT trade union, union; Syndicate has rather negative connotations and is often synonymous with "the mafia." It is, however, used to denote an agency that sells articles for publication in a number of newspapers simultaneously.
- SINDIKALIZEM trade unionism; <u>Syndicalism</u> is much less used; It usually has negative connotations: a radical movement advocating direct action such as general strikes and sabotage.
- SI NHRONIZACIJA (film, TV) dubbing; lip-synching; Synchronization means causing sound or dialogue to coincide with an action. "Dubbing" or "lip-synching" means the insertion of a new soundtrack, a synchronized translation of the original dialogue into a film. The verbs are to "dub" and to "lip-synch." The latter is used in reference to the dialogue and the former in reference to the entire soundtrack.
- SINHRONIZIRAN (film, TV) sinhroniziran film: dubbed film, lip-synched film; For synchronized see SINHRONIZACIJA.
- SMOKING dinner jacket (Br), DJ (Br), tuxedo (Am), tux (Am), English <u>smoking</u> jacket is usually worn at home and is elaborately trimmed.
- SODA ali <u>SODA BIKARBONA</u> baking soda, sodium bicarbonate; English <u>soda</u> refers to a carbonated drink.
- SOLATA (plant) lettuce; English term <u>salad</u> always means a prepared dish and never a plant; zelena solata: green salad
- SOLIDAREN supportive, showing solidarity; Ves svet je solidaren z borbo južnoafriških črncev proti aparthaidu. The whole world is supportive of South Africa's blacks' struggle against apartheid. Solidary in English is much less frequently used. It is the intensification of "united."
- SOLIDARNOST support; Solidarity has the same meaning, but is quite infrequently used in English.
- SOLIDARNOSTEN solidarnostni sklad: mutual assistance fund; for <u>solidary</u> see
- SOLIDEN (col) dependable, reliable, quite good; soliden fant: dependable chap; soliden rezultat: quite a good result; This is a tricky word. In a number of collocations solid has the same meaning as its Slovene equivalent: solidna igra sportnika: solid performance of an athlete; solidno znanje: solid knowledge, (more common) sound knowledge.
- SPIKER announcer, radio announcer; <u>Speaker</u> is a very broad term meaning anyone who speaks. In its narrower meaning, it refers to a person delivering a public speech.
- SPRINT dash (Am); sprint na 100 m: a 100-m dash; In British English sprint is quite common.
- STABILIZACIJA economic recovery; Stabilization is a general term meaning the state of being stable.
- STABILIZACIJSKI stabilizacijski ukrepi: economic recovery measures; for <u>stabilization</u> see STABILIZACIJA

- STRIP comic strip, comics (Am), funnies (Am); <u>Strip</u> alone without being preceded by "comic" is never used in English in the sense of its Slovene friend.
- SUBVENCIJA subsidy, <u>Subvention</u> means exactly the same as its Slovene friend, but is much less frequently used than "subsidy." The verb "subvencionizati" is translated into English by "subsidize."
- SUSPENZORIJ (sp) športni suspenzorij, athletic supporter, jock strap (Am, col); Suspensory is synonymous with "athletic supporter", but is much less frequently used.

- SAL scarf; Shawl is best translated into Slovene by "plet."
- SOK šok soba: intensive care; Se vedno je v šok sobi.: He is still in intensive care. Shock is not used in this collocation.
- ŠEF boss, manager; šef oddelka: department manager; In English, chef means "chief cook," or "glavni kuhar" in Slovene.
- STIPENDIJA scholarship, bursary; Stipend is a more general term and means a fixed amount of money paid for services rendered or an allowance. It does not carry the meaning of a grant for a student in particular.

- TAKSIST taxi driver, cab driver (Am), cabbie (Am, col); "Taksist" corresponds to English taxi and <u>-ist</u>, but the combined term does not exist in English.
- TAKT (mus) beat; igrati po taktu: play by the beat; In English, tact means "discreetness."
- TAMPONSKI tamponska država: buffer state; Tampon is not used in this collocation.
- TANKATI fill up, fill it up, gas up (Am, col), get some gasoline; Najprej moram še tankati: I have to get some gasoline first. The verb to <u>tank</u> simply means to store or place in a tank and is not used in automotive contexts.
- TELEOBJEKTIV telephoto lens; "Teleobjektiv" corresponds to English tele and objective, although the composite term does not exist in English.
- TEMA topic, subject; tema razprave: subject of the discussion; tema referata: topic of the paper; Theme has exactly the same meaning as its Slovene friend, but is much less often used in the above collocations. It is much more common in literary and art criticism: theme of a novel, a painting. It is also used to refer to the main song or melody of the score of a film: The themes of James Bond movies usually become radio hits.
- TEMPO (sp) pace; narekovati tempo: set the pace (of a race); narekovalec tempa: pace setter. Tempo is not used in the above sports contexts.
- TEREN On je na terenu.: He is doing field work. Terrain is not used in this context. It refers to the physical characteristics of the ground.
- TERENSKI terensko vozilo: four-wheel drive or 4WD; For terrain see TEREN.

- TERMOAKUMULACIJSKA termoakumulacijska peč: electric heater, storage heater; The Slovene friend corresponds to English thermo and accumulative, although the two morphemes are not combined to form a composite English word.
- TETRAPAK carton; mleko v tetrapaku: a carton of milk; The Slovene friend corresponds to English morphemes tetra and pack, but the composite term does not exist in English.
- TIP(col) chap (Br), guy (Am); Type is not used in this sense in colloquial English.
- TOALETA gown, dress; vecerna toaleta: evening gown; plesna toaleta: dance dress; Toilet and toilette mean the same as their Slovene friend, but are much less frequently used than the proposed terms.
- TOBOGAN slide; Toboggan is the vehicle used for coasting down snow- or ice-covered slopes. In Slovene, "sani," "sanke."
- TOTALKA (auto, col) write-off; Ta avto je totalka.: This car is a write-off. Total is simply not used in this context.
- TRAFIKA tobacconists; Traffic, of course means "promet," "cestni promet."
- TRAJEKT ferry, ferry boat; In English, traject is only used as a verb in the meaning of "to transmit" or "to throw across."
- TRAMVAJ tram, trolley bus, streetcar (Am); <u>Tramway</u> is the street tracks or railway used by trams.
- TRANSPARENT sign, slogan; Transparent is an adjective and means "prozoren."
- TRENER coach (Am); <u>Trainer</u> is much more frequently used in Great Britain than in North America.
- TRENING practice; "Practice" refers to a specific period: Jutri imamo dve uri treninga.:

 Tomorrow we have a two-hour practice. The term training, however, refers to the process of being trained: He's been in training for the past 6 months.: Trenira že 6 mesecev.
- TRENIRATI trenirati nekoga: coach somebody; trenirati 2 uri dnevno: practice 2 hours daily. In both cases the verb to <u>train</u> is quite acceptable, but is less frequently used in North America.
- TREZOR vault, safe, treasury; nočni trezor: night safe. <u>Treasure</u> meaning "zaklad" is the false friend here, while "treasury" may mean the same as Slovene "trezor."

- VAGON railway car, živinski vagon: boxcar, jedilni vagon: dining car or diner. Wagon, with its much narrower meaning, refers to an open type of freight railway car usually used for transporting coal.
- VARIANTA option, alternative, choice, possibility; <u>Variant</u> means something that differs only slightly from another: the American variant of "colour" is "color."
- VEGETATIVEN vegetativno živčevje: autonomic nervous system; <u>Vegetative</u> is not used in the above collocation.

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- VENTILATOR fan; Ventilator has the same acceptation, but is much less frequent than "fan."
- VIKEND vikend hišica: cottage, summer house, holiday home; Weekend is not used in English in this collocation.
- VISKI scotch, scotch whisky; Scotch is whisky made in Scotland, rye or bourbon is whisky made in North America. Just whisky or whiskey is less common, especially in spoken English.

ŽIRIJA - pannel of judges; strokovna žirija: pannel of experts; <u>Jury</u> is a legal term and means "porota."

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