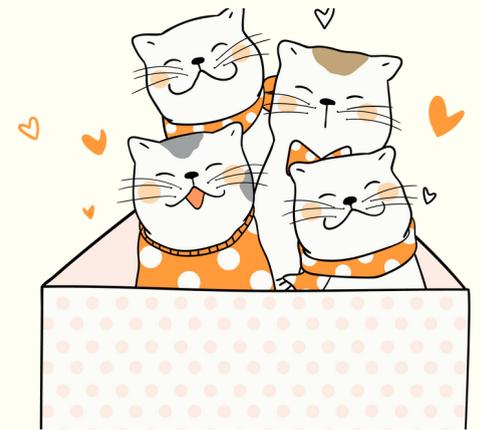




SPANISH
DIMINUTIVE GUIDE:
SPANISH -ITA & -ITO WORDS



FORMING DIMINUTIVES IN SPANISH

DIMINUTIVE ENDINGS

Masculine

-ito

-illo

-ico

Feminine

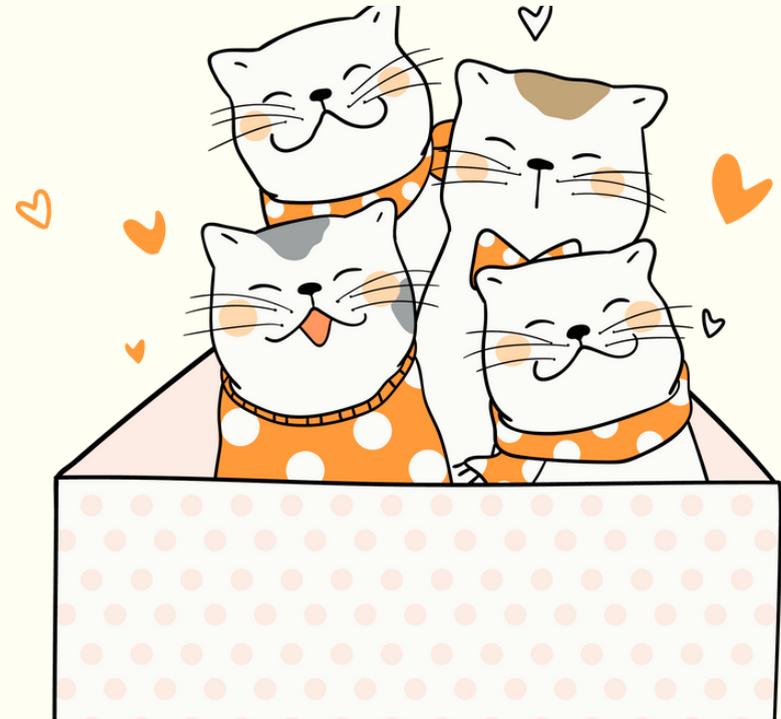
-ita

-illa

-ica

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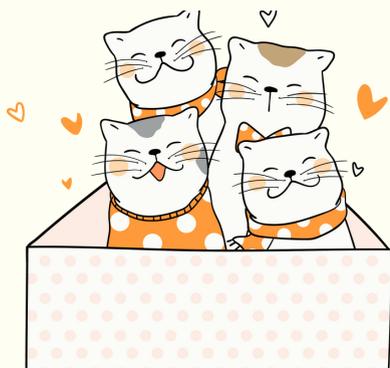
Words ending with -ca, -co, -ga., go, among others are subject to spell changes.



Mi hermano tiene cuatro gatitos.
My brother has four kitties.

HOW TO USE DIMINUTIVES IN SPANISH

EXPRESS AFFECTION



Me gustan esos **gatitos**.
I like those **kitties**.

EXPRESS URGENCY



Ven aquí, **rapidito**.
Come here **now**.

MAKE SOMETHING SMALLER



Tengo una **casita** en la playa.
I have a **small house** in the beach.

SPELLING CHANGES WITH DIMINUTIVES

-CO/A -> -QUITO/A

Barco: Barquito

Blanco: Blanquito

Muñeca: Muñequita

-GO/A -> -GUITO/A

Jugo: Juguito

Mango: Manguito

Tortuga: Tortuguita

CONSONANT -> -ECITO/A

Single syllable words only.

Pann: Panecito

Trenn: Trenecito

Pezz: Pececito

*Replace the letter 'z' with 'c' when the following letter is 'e'.

-R/-N -> -CITO/A

Avión: Avioncito

Camiónn: Camioncito

Doctor: Doctorcito

-E/-É -> -CITO/A

Café: Cafecito

Llavee: Llavecita

Té: Tecito

KEY POINTS: DIMINUTIVES IN SPANISH

- In Spanish, -ito and -ita (and their plural forms -itos and -itas) are the **most common** diminutive endings.
- A diminutive is formed by **adding** -ito and -ita to a word in Spanish.
- **Spelling changes** are made to maintain or ease the pronunciation.
- The endings **-ico** and **-ica** are also diminutive forms in certain types of Spanish.
- A diminutive word is used **to express** urgency, love, and affection or to **reduce** the size or importance of something.
- **Nouns, adjectives,** and certain **adverbs** can be transformed into diminutives.

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