Portuguese Cognates

Portuguese	English	complementary info
acidente	accident	by extension: acidental/accidental
ácido	acid	
adversário	o dyramaamy	by extension:
adversario	adversary	adversidade/adversity
aeroporto	airport	
agente	agent	by extension: agência/agency
alarme	alarm	by extension: alarmante/alarming
animal	animal	
ar	air	
área	area	
arte	art	by extension: artista/artist
atividade	activity	by extension: ativista/activist
atmosfera	atmosphere	
avenida	avenue	
aventura	adventure	
banana	banana	
bicicleta	bicycle	
blusa	blouse	
cafeteria	cafeteria	
calculadora	calculator	by extension: calcular/calculate
câmera	camera	
carro	car	
centro	center	often used to refer to a city's downtown area
cereal	cereal	
classe	class	applies to "school classes", "elegance", "type"
companhia	company	applies to both "business" and "companionship"
construção	construction	by extension: construir/construct
continente	continent	by extension: continental/continental
controle	control	intangible and tangible (controle remoto = remote control)
costa	coast	WATCH OUT when discussing the anatomy, costas means "back" (dorsal)
debate	debate	

Portuguese desastre	English disaster	complementary info
diretor	director	by extension: direção/direction, direções/directions
distância	distance	by extension: distante/distant
dragão	dragon	
elefante	elephant	
elevador	elevator	by extension: elevar/elevate
erro	error	by extension: errático/erratic
explosão	explosion	by extension: explodir/explode
família	family	by extension: familiar/familiar
fator	factor	
festival	festival	
fotografia	photograph	by extension: foto/photo, fotocópia/photocopy
fruta	fruit	
funeral	funeral	
galáxia	galaxy	by extension: galático/galactic
girafa	giraffe	
gorila	gorilla	
grupo	group	
guitarra	guitar	by extension: guitarrista/guitarist
helicóptero	helicopter	
hipopótamo	hippopotamus	
honorário	honorary	WATCH OUT! the plural "honorários" means "payment for services rendered" – quite the opposite of the unpaid/voluntary connotation of "honorário"
hospital	hospital	
hotel	hotel	
humano	human	by extension: humanitário/humanitarian, humanóide/humanoid
ideia	idea	by extension: ideal/ideal
identidade	identity	by extension: identificação/identification, idêntico/identical
independência	independence	by extension: independente/independent

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informação	information	
inseto	insect	by extension: inseticida/insecticide
inspeção	inspection	by extension: inspetor/inspector
inteligência	intelligence	by extension: inteligente/intelligent
laptop	laptop	tech-related names are often identical
leopardo lista	leopard list	
literatura	literature	
meratara	merature	magia can also be used
mágica	magic	to mean "magic" when referring to the art (magia negra = black magic)
maneira	manner	
mapa	map	
memória	memory	
metal	metal	by extension: metálico/metallic
microfone	microphone	the abbreviation "mic" is not used in Portuguese
militar	military	militar can also mean "soldier" or "military officer"
minuto	minute	
momento	moment	
música	music	música can also mean "song"
objeto	object	by extension: objetivo/objective
observatório	observatory	 -
ocasião	occasion	ocasional and "occasional" are not always equivalent; ocasional can mean "by chance"
oceano	ocean	 -
paciência	patience	by extension: paciente/patient (both a medical patient and a person who has patience)
palácio	palace	
pânico	panic	
parque	park	
parte	part	by extension: parcial/partial
perfume	perfume	
piano	piano	
planeta	planet	by extension: planetário/planetarium

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problema	problem	by extension: problemático/problematic
rádio	radio	by extension: radioativo/radioactive
rancho	ranch	not the sauce!
restaurante	restaurant	
série	series	applies to "a series of things" as well as "TV series"
sofá	sofa	
telefone	telephone	WATCH OUT! you cannot use "fone" to mean "phone"; cell phone = celular
televisão	television	You can also say "TV"
teste	test	for school tests, use prova
turista	tourist	
uniforme	uniform	applies in the sense of "consistent" as well as the identical clothes worn by a group
universo	universe	by extension: universal/universal