

Spanish Pronunciation Guide

Spanish Alphabet

Aa	"ah"	Pronounced like the 'a' in 'father'
Bb	"bey"	Pronounced like the 'b' in 'bat'
Cc	"say"	Pronounced like the 'c' in 'cat' before "strong" vowels ('a'/'o'/'u') and the 's' in 'sat' before "weak" vowels ('e'/'i')
Ch ch	"chey"	Pronounced like the 'ch' in 'church'
Dd	"dey"	Pronounced like the 'd' in 'dog,' but against the teeth
Ee	"eh"	Pronounced like the 'e' in 'wet'
Ff	"efey"	Pronounced like the 'f' in 'feather'
Gg	"hey"*	Pronounced like the 'g' in 'good' before "strong" vowels ('a'/'o'/'u') and the 'ch' in the German word 'Bach' before "weak" vowels ('e'/'i')
Hh	"achey"	Letter is silent at all times (is never pronounced)
Ii	"ee"	Pronounced like the 'ee' in 'meet'
Jj	"hota"*	Pronounced like the 'ch' in the German word 'Bach'
Kk	"kah"	Pronounced like the 'k' in 'kite'
Ll	"eley"	Pronounced like the 'l' in 'lion'
Ll ll	"eyey"	Pronounced like the 'y' in 'yellow'
Mm	"emey"	Pronounced like the 'm' in 'moon'
Nn	"eney"	Pronounced like the 'n' in 'nurse'
Ññ	"enyey"	Pronounced like the 'ni' in 'onion'
Oo	"oh"	Pronounced like the 'o' in 'open'
Pp	"pey"	Pronounced like the 'p' in 'posture'
Qq	"coo"	Pronounced like the 'k' in 'kettle.' Always accompanied by a silent letter 'u.' (eg. "que" → Pronounced "kay")
Rr	"erey"*	Pronounced as a mixture between an English 'd' and 'r.' It is known as a "flap" because one taps their tongue against the roof of one's mouth in the same place one pronounces the 'd' in 'day' while still maintaining an 'r'-like sound.
Rr rr	"errey"*	The rolled 'r' one might hear in a Scottish accent.
Ss	"esey"	Pronounced like the 's' in 'save'
Tt	"tey"	Pronounced like the 't' in 'taste,' but against the teeth
Uu	"oo"	Pronounced like the 'oo' in 'loot'
Vv	"bey"	Pronounced like the 'b' in 'boy'
Ww	"doblely bey"	Pronounced like the 'w' in 'wait' – Only used in foreign words
Xx	"ekees"	Pronounced like the 'x' in 'Max'
Yy	"ee gree-eyga"	Pronounced like the 'y' in 'yo-yo' – May also be pronounced like the 'j' in 'justice' or the 'si' in 'precision'
Zz	"seyta"	Pronounced like the 's' in 'sat' – May also be pronounced like the 'th' in 'this' or 'that' (predominately in Spain)

*Sound does not have an English equivalent.