

# EL alfabeto español

THE SPANISH LETTER	NAME OF THE LETTER	PRONUNCIATION IN ENGLISH	REMARKS
A	a	ah	
B	be grande	beh	
C	ce	seh	The letter C sounds like a "K" when it is followed by the vowels a, o, and u: casa, cosa, cuchara. It is pronounced as an "S" when it is followed by vowels i and e: ciudad, cebra. This occurs in English as well: carrot, cold and cucumber, but celery and city.
D	de	deh	When D is between two vowels as in the word nada (nothing), or when it occurs at the end of a word, like verdad (truth), D is pronounced like the "th" in the English word "they": NAH-that, ver-DATH
E	e	eh	
F	efe	ef-eh	
G	ge	heh	The letter G is hard (like the English G in "gate") when it is followed by the vowels a, o and u: gato, gordo, gusto. It is soft (like the English 'H') when it is followed by the vowels i and e: gimnasio, general. This occurs in English as well although with different "g" sounds: game, gone, and gulp, but gentle and giraffe.
H	hache	ach-eh	The H is always silent.
I	i	ee	
J	jota	hota	
K	ka	kah	
L	ele	el-eh	
M	eme	em-eh	
N	ene	en-eh	
Ñ	eñe	en-yeh	
O	o	oh	
P	pe	peh	
Q	cu	cuh	Q never occurs without u, so think of Qu as one letter. Qu is always pronounced like a 'K'. It never makes the 'kw' sound as it does in English. Try to visualize a K every time you see Qu.
R	ere	er-eh	
S	ese	es-eh	
T	te	teh	
U	u	uuh	
V	ve chica	veh	V is pronounced the same as B. Do not pronounce this letter like the English letter 'v'. Both V and B are pronounced like a softened version of the English letter 'b'.
W	doble u	dob-leh-uuh	
X	equis	eh-kis	
Y	i griega	ee-gri-eh-gah	
Z	zeta	se-tah	The letter Z sounds like an "S", as in 'socks'.