

HDHS #1: El Alfabeto y la Pronunciación

LETTER	NAME	PRONUNCIATION
A	a	(ahh)
B	be, be larga	(bay, bay <i>larh</i> gah)
C	ce	(say)
CH	che	(chay)
D	de	(day)
E	e	(letter "A")
F	efe	(effay)
G	ge	(hey)
H	hache	(<i>ahh</i> chay)
I	i	(Letter "E")
J	jota	(<i>hoe</i> tah)
K	ka	(kah)
L	ele	(<i>L</i> lay)
LL	elle	(A yay)
M	eme	(<i>M</i> may)
N	ene	(<i>N</i> nay)
Ñ	eñe	(<i>N</i> yay)
O	o	(oh)
P	pe	(pay)
Q	cu	(koo)
R	ere	(<i>air</i> ray)
RR	erre	(<i>air</i> rrrray)
S	ese	(<i>S</i> say)
T	te	(tay)
U	u	(ew)
V	ve, uve, ve chica	(bay, <i>ew</i> bay, bay <i>chee</i> kah)
W	doble ve, doble u	(<i>doh</i> blay bay, <i>doh</i> blay <i>ew</i>)
X	equis	(<i>eh</i> keys)
Y	i griega	(E gree A gah)
Z	zeta	(<i>say</i> tah)



Handy Dandy Helper Sheet!

Spanish vowel sounds

- A = AH (yard)
- E = EH (pay)
- I = EE (tea)
- O = OH (dough)
- U = EW (goo)

Diphthongs

- AI = AYE
- AU = OW
- EI = EY
- EU = EHU
- IA = YAH
- IE = YEAY
- IO = YOH
- IU = YOU
- OI = OY
- UA = WHA
- UE = WAY
- UI = EE
- UO = WHOA

Spanish consonant sounds

- **B** and **V** have the same sound in Spanish. There is no vibration.
- **CA, CO** and **CU** = K sound
- **CE** and **CI** = S sound
- **GA, GO** and **GU** = G sound
- **GE** and **GI** = H sound
- **GUE** and **GUI** = GAY, GEE
- **H** = always silent in Spanish!
- **J** = H sound with phlegm!
- **LL** = Y sound
- **Ñ** = NY (canyon)
- **Q** = K sound and is always followed by U
- **R** = if a word begins with R, trill it.
- **RR** = R sound with a trill or roll of the tongue