

El alfabeto en español

The alphabet in Spanish has more letters than in English. The English alphabet has 26 and the Spanish alphabet has 30. In learning the correct pronunciation of each letter, you will find that you can read anything in Spanish, since it follows very definite rules. This, however, does not mean that you will understand what you read but you can sound like a native speaker.

Letters	Sounds of Letters	English Sound	Spanish Name
a	ah	<u>c</u> ot	a
b	b	<u>b</u> at	be
c	k or s	<u>c</u> at, <u>c</u> ity	ce (say)
ch	ch	<u>ch</u> in	che
d	d	<u>d</u> og	de
e	eh	<u>p</u> et	e
f	f, ph	<u>f</u> oot	efe
g	g, h	go	ge
h	silent	silent	hache
i	ee	<u>f</u> ee <u>t</u>	i
j	breathy h	<u>h</u> ot	jota
k	k	<u>c</u> ake	ka
l	l	<u>l</u> emon	ele
ll	y	<u>y</u> elow	elle
m	m	<u>m</u> ind	eme
n	n	<u>n</u> o	ene
ñ	n	<u>o</u> nion	eñe
o	o	<u>c</u> oat	o
p	p	<u>p</u> ot	pe
q	ku	<u>c</u> ool	cu
r	r	<u>r</u> obe	ere
rr	trilled r	not in English	erre
s	s	<u>s</u> o	ese
t	t	<u>t</u> oe	te
u	oo	<u>c</u> ool	u
v	v	<u>v</u> ie	ve
w	w	<u>w</u> e	doble ve / u
x	ks	<u>e</u> xit	equis
y	y	<u>y</u> ellow	i griega
z	s	<u>s</u> uit	zeta

"t" and "d" are pronounced with the tongue slightly between the teeth and not behind the teeth.