El alfabeto en Español (The Spanish Alphabet)

A ah J jota R ere Z zeta

B be K ka rr erre

C ce L ele S ese

D de M eme T te

E e N ene U u

F efe Ñ eñe V uve/ve

G ge O o W uve doble/doble ve

H hache P pe X equis

I i Q cu Y y griega

LAS CONSONANTES (The consonants )

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| bota | vota |
| boot | vote |

B y V a blend of both sounds, a softer “b”

 Bota and vota sound the same

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| casa | cosa | cubo |
| house | thing | cube |

C hard before a/o/u

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| cena | cinco |
| dinner | five |

 soft before e/i

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| Dónde | dedo |
| where | finger |

D softer than English, more like “th”

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| gato | gota | gusto |
| cat | drop | taste |

G hard before a/o/u

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| gente | gigante |
| people | gigant |

 soft before e/i

H is silent

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| julio | ojo |
| July | eye |

J sound like “h”

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| llave | amarillo |
| key | yellow |

Ll sound like “y” in yellow

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| Niño |
| boy |

Ñ sound like “ny” in canyon

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| perro |
| dog |

Rr is trilled, a purring sound

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| México |
| extra |

X sometimes sounds like “h”

 sometimes sounds like “eks”

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| Yo |
| I |
| Y |
| and |

Y like English “y” when beginning a word

 like “ee” when used alone

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| feliz | delgado |
| happy | thin |

Z sound like “s”/”th”

LAS VOCALES The vowels

Spanish vowels usually have only ONE sound each:

A as in “mama”

E as in “pet” (sometimes long A=”day”)

I as in “eeek!”

O as in “oh!” (short and snappy)

U as in “boo!”

Vowel blends:

ai ay baile dance

au ow auto car

ei long a seis six

ia yah media half

ie yeh siete seven

io yoh adiós goodbye

ua wah cuatro four

ue wey bueno good