

El Abecedario

There are 27 letters in the Spanish alphabet:
 vowels: a e i o u
 consonantes: b c d f g h j k l m n ñ p q r s t v w x y z

a	"ah"	n	"ene"
b	"be"	ñ	"eñe"
c	"ce" *ch "che"	o	"o"
d	"de"	p	"pe"
e	"e"	q	"cu"
f	"fe"	r	"ere" *rr - erre
g	"ge"	s	"ese"
h	"hache"	t	"te"
i	"i"	u	"u"
j	"jota"	v	"ve"
k	"ka"	w	"doble ve"
l	"le" *ll "elle"	x	"equis"
m	"eme"	y	"yriega"
n		z	"zeta"

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 for the language is very phonetic and follows very definite rules. This, however, does not mean that you will understand what you read but you can sound like a native speaker.

The Alphabet in Spanish

Letters	Sounds of Letters	English Sound	Spanish Word
a	ah	cat hgt	a
b	b	bat	ba
c	ch or s	cat, city	ce (say)
ch	ch	chin	che
d	d	dog	de
e	eh	pat	e
f	f, ph	foot	fe
g	g, h	gent	ge
h	h	gent	hache
i	i	egg	i
j	j	not	jota
k	k	cake	ka
l	l	lemon	le
ll	ll	yellow	lla
m	m	mind	me
n	n	no	ne
ñ	ñ	option	ñe
o	o	not	o
p	p	not	pe
q	qu	Yobe	que
r	r	trilled r	re
s	s	so	se
t	t	toe	te
u	u	cool	u
v	v	ye	ve
w	w	ye	ve
x	ks	exit	xe
y	y	yellow	ye
z	z	suit	ze

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

* The letters c and g are pronounced differently, depending on the vowel that follows. A c followed by a, o, or u would be pronounced "k." A g followed by an i or e is pronounced like "s." Similarly, a g followed by an e, o, or u would be pronounced like the g in "goat." A g followed by an i or e is pronounced like the h in "hill."
 * The letter combination ch and ll are traditionally considered unique letters in the Spanish alphabet.
 * * The letter combination rr is not always considered a separate letter, but it is a unique sound in Spanish.

Una palabra	agua
	bebé
	capullo or coco
	chocolate
	dedo
	elavante
	fuego
	gato or gata
	hacha
	hija
	hita
	kaola
	limón
	llama
	mazano
	numero
	ni
	odio
	popote
	queso
	tena
	perro
	rale
	figa
	uvas
	violin
	walle (no native Spanish words)
	milfomo
	yate
	zorro