**El alfabeto español**

The Spanish alphabet officially has 27 letters.

Letter Name Sound Spanish Examples

a a ah= like a in father adios, gracias

b be bay= like b in book or boy blanco, bueno

c ce say= like c in cent (when followed ciencias, centavo

 by e or i)

 = like c in come (when followed carpeta, cuaderno

 by a, o, u or consonant)

\*ch che chay= like ch in much chico

d de day= like d in dog cuaderno

e eh ay= like a in ate feo, café

f efe eff-ay= like f in five feo

g ge hay= like h in home (when followed gente, gimnasia

 by e or i)

 = like g in go (when followed by gracias, agosto a, o, u or consonant)

h hache SILENT!! hola

i i ee= like ee in teeth inglés, ciencias

j jota ho-tah= like h in home jugar, rojo

k ka kah= like k in kick karate

l ele ell-ay= like l in laugh libro

\*ll elle ay-yay= like y in yes llegar

m eme eh-may= like m in man mayo

n ene eh-nay= like n in no nunca

Letter Name Sound Spanish Example

ñ eñe ehn-yay= like onion or canyon año

o o oh= like o in so rojo

p pe pay= like p in person perfecto

q cu coo= like c in come (always followed que, quien, pequeño

 by ue or ui but u is silent)

r ere air-ray= like r in rich rojo

\*rr erre air-ray= strongly trilled (rolled) aburrirse

s ese essay= like s in say así así

t te tay= like t in top tarea

u u ooo= like u in rude lunes, único

v ve be= like b in baby vivir

w doble ve doble ve= like w in way Twitter

x equis eh-keys= like s in say extraño

y i-griega yay= like y in yes ay

z zeta say-tah= like c in cent or s in say feliz, zapatos, azul

**Accents**

Which syllable is accented in a word?

* the second to last syllable

\*\*EXCEPT - if there is a written accent mark, accent the syllable with the accent mark

 - accent the **last** syllable if a word ends in **r, l, d,** or **z**

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**Vowels**

**a e i o u** El burro sabe más que tú.