

## El alfabeto español

The Spanish alphabet officially has 27 letters.

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Spanish Examples</u>
a	a	ah= like <u>a</u> in father	adios, gracias
b	be	bay= like <u>b</u> in book or boy	blanco, bueno
c	ce	say= like <u>c</u> in cent (when followed by e or i) = like <u>c</u> in come (when followed by a, o, u or consonant)	ciencias, centavo carpeta, cuaderno
*ch	che	chay= like <u>ch</u> in much	chico
d	de	day= like <u>d</u> in dog	cuaderno
e	eh	ay= like <u>a</u> in ate	feo, café
f	efe	eff-ay= like <u>f</u> in five	feo
g	ge	hay= like <u>h</u> in home (when followed by e or i) = like <u>g</u> in go (when followed by a, o, u or consonant)	gente, gimnasia gracias, agosto
h	hache	SILENT!!	hola
i	i	ee= like <u>ee</u> in teeth	inglés, ciencias
j	jota	ho-tah= like <u>h</u> in home	jugar, rojo
k	ka	kah= like <u>k</u> in kick	karate
l	ele	ell-ay= like <u>l</u> in laugh	libro
*ll	elle	ay-yay= like <u>y</u> in yes	llegar
m	eme	eh-may= like <u>m</u> in man	mayo
n	ene	eh-nay= like <u>n</u> in no	nunca

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ñ	eñe	ehn-yay= like onion or canyon	año
o	o	oh= like <u>o</u> in so	rojo
p	pe	pay= like <u>p</u> in person	perfecto
q	cu	coo= like <u>c</u> in come (always followed by ue or ui but u is silent)	que, quien, pequeño
r	ere	air-ray= like <u>r</u> in rich	rojo
*rr	erre	air-ray= strongly trilled (rolled)	aburrirse
s	ese	essay= like <u>s</u> in say	así así
t	te	tay= like <u>t</u> in top	tarea
u	u	ooo= like <u>u</u> in rude	lunes, único
v	ve	be= like <u>b</u> in baby	vivir
w	doble ve	doble ve= like <u>w</u> in way	Twitter
x	equis	eh-keys= like <u>s</u> in say	extraño
y	i-griega	yay= like <u>y</u> in yes	ay
z	zeta	say-tah= like <u>c</u> in cent or <u>z</u> in say	feliz, zapatos, azul

### Accents

Which syllable is stressed in a word?

- the second to last syllable

**\*\*EXCEPT** - if there is a written accent mark, stress the syllable with the accent mark  
 - stress the **last** syllable if a word ends in **r, l, d,** or **z**

### Vowels

a e i o u

El burro sabe más que tú.



