






## los sonidos del abecedario

Unlike English vowels, Spanish vowels ALWAYS make the same sound.

				
car	cake	feet	motor	boot

Some Spanish consonants sound different than they do in English.

<b>B</b>	B and V make a <u>vibrating</u> sound a bit softer than the 'b' in the word <u>maybe</u> . B and V sound the <u>same</u> .	<b>V</b>
The C carries 2 sounds.		
<b>C</b>	C in front of: A O U makes a <u>K</u> sound as in kite / coat.	C in front of: E I makes an <u>S</u> sound as in sail / cereal.
<b>D</b>	Sounds like <u>th</u> as in the word <u>father</u> .	
The G carries 2 sounds.		
<b>G</b>	G in front of: A O U makes a <u>hard</u> G sound as in goat.	G in front of: E I makes an <u>H</u> sound as in hay.
<b>H</b>	Does <u>not</u> produce a <u>sound</u> . It is <u>silent</u> !	

<b>J</b>	Sounds like <u>H</u> as in the word hat.	
<b>K</b>	K and W were not originally apart of the Spanish alphabet, but due to <u>"borrowed"</u> words they were included. Examples: Kodak, Kyle, Walter	<b>W</b>
<b>LL</b>	A single L sounds similar to English L as in the word listen. LL makes a <u>y</u> sound like in the word yo-yo.	
<b>Ñ</b>	An N with a <u>tilde</u> is a separate letter in the Spanish alphabet. It sounds like <u>ny</u> as in the word canyon.	
<b>R</b>	A single R sounds like <u>dd</u> as in the word ladder. At the <u>beginning</u> of a word R is rolled. (see RR below)	
<b>RR</b>	RR is rolled or trilled, a sound made by rapidly tapping the tip of the tongue against the roof of your mouth. (Think of a cat purring.)	
<b>X</b>	X has several sounds, depending on the surrounding letters. (1) Between 2 vowels as in <u>México</u> , X sounds like <u>H</u> . (2) Other times X sounds like <u>KS</u> as in the English word <u>socks</u> .	
<b>Y</b>	Y sounds like <u>y</u> as in the word yolk. When it is all alone it sounds like <u>ee</u> (bee/ski), and it means "and".	
<b>Z</b>	Does not "buzz". It always sounds like <u>S</u> as in the word sit.	