Guide to Spanish Pronunciation

Tip: Reading in Spanish is pretty easy. If you know how the vowel sound reading and writing won’t be so difficult to learn. The sounds of the vowels are short sounds and they never change.

Las Vocales - this is how they sound:

- **a** like apple or open your mouth and say ahh…
- **e** like egg, met, bet
- **i** like ski or igloo
- **o** like orange
- **u** like do, true

Note: the vowel U is silent in 4 cases. Don’t sound it in: que, qui, gue, gui

Las Consonantes

- **h** always silent except for when you see the letter c next to it. Can you say chocolate?
- **l** sounds like the letter y in the word yes. Practice: I love tortillas!
- **rr** tricky, but fun to practice! make the sound of a fast truck.
- **ñ** sounds like ny.
- **c** there is a soft and a strong sound. It sounds like an s (soft) when next to the letter e and i. Sounds like the letter c next to the vowels a, o, u.
- **v** sound like a b. If you want to perfect your pronunciation try biting your lower lip to pronounced correctly.
- **z** super easy, just like the s sound
- **j** try pronouncing it as an h
- **g** there is a soft and a strong sound. Soft is like a j (say: gente/people) and the strong sound is like a regular g
- **q** this letter is silent if is next to the letter u and sounds like a k next to the letter e and i.